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Report Overview

This report is to comply with stipulation XIV of the Programmatic Agreement Among the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6); The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation Regarding Cultural Resource Management of The National Historic Preservation Act for Undertakings on National Forest System Lands in the State of Washington (2020).

1) Narrative information summarizing highlights and major efforts provided for the Heritage Program Annual Report submitted to the Forest Service Federal Preservation Officer;

The Regional Office does not complete the Heritage Program Managed to Standards (HPMS) Annual Report. Forest Data entered into the Forest Service Natural Resource Manager (NRM) database produces the HPMS Annual Report. However, HPMS reporting for each forest is found in item 4 below.

2a) Project reports submitted to Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (WA DAHP) during the previous reporting year for those projects that fall into Appendix A-C.

Forest	Project	Appendix A-C?
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	R2023062200012- Catherine Creek Orienteering Event	A
	R2023062200012- Catherine Creek Photo Shoot-Daub	A
	R2023062200012- Coyote Wall Drone Photo Shoot-Columbia Sportswear	A
	R2023062200012- Coyote Wall Filming- VI Arts	A
	R2023062200012- Coyote Wall Photo Shoot- Ericson	A
	R2023062200012- Outfitter Guide Permit- Trails Diverged LLC.	A
	R2023062200010- Catherine Creek Trail Bridge Phase I	B
	R2023062200020-Catherine Creek Trail Bridge Phase II	B
	R2023062200021- Cape Horn Trail Reroute	C
Colville National Forest	R2023062109005 Peony Seed Orchard	B
	R2023062109004 FSR 3300100 Road Rehab	B
	R2023062109003 3 Corners Corral	B
	R2023062109002 Frank Trough	B
	R2023062109001 Goathead Corral	B
	R2023062104006 O'Brien Creek Machine and Handpile Rx	B
	R2023062104002 BP/DHS Danville Comm Tower SUP	B

	R2023062104001 Shovel Creek Water Development	B
	R2023062100003 CNF Annual Livestock Grazing	B
	R2023062100002 West Zone Fire Comms Antenna Replacement	C
Gifford Pinchot National Forest	R2023060303002 Mt. Adams Livestock Watering Facility	B
	R2023060303008 GMS Cabin 56 Deck Replacement	B
	R2023060303011 Sunset Falls CG Security and waterline Updates	B
	R2023060303009 Big Hollow Reforestation CE	B
	R2023060303013 Gotchen Creek GS Propane Installation	B
	R2023060303012 Beaver Campground Flood Plain Fish Work	B
	R2023060303021 Red Mountain Lookout USGS	B
	R2023060303014 GMS Cabin #24 Wood Shed	B & C
	R2023060301004 MSH Backcountry Hiking Huts	C
	R2023060303017 MTA Building #1014 mowing and seeding	B
	R2023060303023 Fee Tubes at Lower Falls Creek Falls and Crest Camp Trailheads	B
	R2023060301002 Pine Creek Trail Extension	B
	Three Fingers Lookout Repairs and Maintenance	C
Olympic National Forest	Plant Collection Buckhorn Wilderness: R2023060900005	B
	Lake Quinault Lodge Utility Emergency Projects: R2023060900007	B
	FY2023 Roof Replacements: F2023060900009	C
	Heating Conversion with Electric Panel Upgrades	C
	Lot 141 Hazard Tree Removal: R2023060900011	B
	Radio Tower Replacements: R2023060900017	B
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	R2023061702004 Chelan PCT Trail Bridge Replacements (Swamp Ck, Pass Ck)	B
	R2023061702006 Bear Mtn RX Burn Plan	A
	R2023061702007 Echo Ridge Rx Burn Plan	A

	R2023061703001 FY23 Taneum Large Woody Debris Placement	B
	R2023061703002 Bull Trout Task Force Recreation Dam Removals	A
	R2023061703009 Cle Elum Blowdown Firewood Sale	B
	R2023061703010 Swauk Pine Lion Gulch Dispersed Campground Reduction	B
	R2023061703013 Lake Keechelus Seasonal Closure Gate FY23 Commercial Mushroom Harvest	A
	R2023061704001 Cub Allotment Vence	A
	R2023061704002 Wolf Creek CXT Replacement	A
	R2023061704007 Methow Valley Commercial Mushroom Permit	A
	R2023061704008 North 20 Mile Lookout Restoration	C
	R2023061704010 Early Winters Guard Station Residence #1003 Repairs	C
	R2023061704012 Goat Creek Headgate Reconstruction	B
	R2023061704014 Wolf Creek RNA Fence Repairs	A
	R2023061705001 Potato Creek Beaver Dam Analogs	A
	R2023061705002 Mad River Trail Bridge Replacements	B
	R2023061707002 Nason-Kahler Creek Thermal Refuge	B
	R2023061707006 Ski Hill Trail Run SUP	A
	R2023061707008 Blewett Comm Site Improvements	A
	R2023061707013 South Fork Beaver Creek Aquatic Restoration	B
	R2023061707016 Tumwater Site Protection Closure	A
	R2023061707022 Tumwater Groundwater Monitoring Well	A
	R2023061708005 Soup Creek Bike Trail	B
	R2023061799004 Commercial Mushroom Harvest	A
Umatilla National Forest	R2023061400006 Abels Ridge NCT	B
	R2023061400007 Cottonwood Silene Fence	B
	R2023061400010 Jakeh Roberts Cabin Maintenance Phase II	B
	R2023061400013 WWRD Trail Repairs	B

2b) Project reports pending submission to Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (WA DAHP) including anticipated completion dates (such as those projects using phased identification (Appendix E).

Forest	Project	Anticipated Completion Date
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	Dog Mtn. Trailhead and Parking Lot	
	FLAP Sign Project	
	Sams Walker Phase II	
Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Wind River Conveyance 2	
	Wind River Instream	
	Clover Site Tree Planting Encroachment	
Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest	R2022060501010 Puget Sound Hydro Communications Site	
	R2024060501003 Baker River ERFO 11-23.9 Negative Results	
Olympic National Forest	Green Crow (Nuveen Natural Capital) Easement Exchange	
	Humptulips AOPs & Road Repairs – FSRs 2200, 2203, 2206: R2023060900015	
	Rainforest Trailhead Comfort Station Replacement	
	Lot 151 WoodShed: R2023060900008	
	Louella Water and Sewer: R2023060900018	
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project, App E	2024
	Mad Roaring Mills Restoration	2024
	Danger Tree Felling and Removal	2024
Umatilla National Forest	R2023061400001 Wenatchee-Grouse	2024
	R2023061400003 PRD BIL Rec Rental Cabin Repairs	2024

2c) Project where previous survey of a current project APE was deemed adequate in accordance with the Previous Survey Protocol (Stip. 3162 IV.B.3).

Forest	Project
Umatilla National Forest	R2023061400006 Abels Ridge NCT
	R2023061400007 Cottonwood Silene Fence
	R2023061400010 Jakeh Roberts Cabin Maintenance Phase II
	R2023061400013 WWRD Trail Repairs

2d) Projects deemed to be exempted from field survey/project specific consultation in accordance with the provisions in this Agreement (Stips IV), summary report format.

Forest	Project
N/A	

3) An updated list of all Forest heritage employees who utilize this agreement.

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4) A narrative for the Heritage Program Managed to Standards accomplishments.

The measure for forests 110 programs is the Heritage Program Managed to Standard (HPMS). For details on the Forests HPMS, please see individual forest reports.

Forest	Program Plan	Sec 110 Survey	Eligibility & Nominations	PHA Condition Assessment	PHA Stewardship	Resource Study & Use	Volunteers	Total Points	HPMS Met
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	10	0	0	3.48	5	10	0	28	N
Colville National Forest	10	10	0	1.11	2.5	10	10	44	N
Gifford Pinchot NF	10	0	0	3.56	0	2	6	22	N
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	10	7.5	0	7.06	7.5	4	10	46	Y

Olympic National Forest	10	0	0	8.5	0	0	0	19	N
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	7	0	10	6	5	2	2	32	N
Umatilla	5	0	0	5.45	0	10	4	24	N

The Heritage Program Managed to Standard was developed to measure the health of a forest heritage program. A forest needs to score 45 points out of 70 to meet standards.

- Program Plan measures the comprehensive and scientifically based plan for resources on the forest. This plan should include a Cultural Resource Overview, Predictive Model, Monitoring Plan, NAGPRA Protocol, Looting and Vandalism Protocol, and an Emergency Response Protocol. All these sections are collectively known as a Heritage Program Plan and are worth a maximum of 10 points.
- Section 110 Survey measures this activity by assigning 0.05 points per acre surveyed, a total of 10 points reached at 200 acres.
- Eligibility & Nominations counts the number of cultural resources evaluated or listed to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) each year. Forest receives 0.5 points for each cultural resource evaluated for the NRHP or full 10 points for one cultural resource listed on the NRHP.
- PHA Condition Assessment measures monitoring of PHAs, otherwise known as Priority Heritage Assets. PHAs are Cultural Resources identified as having distinct public value and should be actively maintained. Monitoring occurs once every five years. Points are assigned based on percentage monitored with the last five years for a maximum of 10 points.
- PHA Stewardship Stewardship is an action on a PHA to reduce or eliminate natural or human damage to a cultural resource identified as a PHA. Each PHA protected earns 2.5 points.
- The Resource Study & Use category captures cultural resources or heritage projects contributing to scientific knowledge or public education. Each project receives 2 points.
- The volunteers category counts points for how many volunteer hours contributed to heritage projects. 0.025 points per volunteer hour, 400 volunteer hours earns 10 points.

5) Trainings

The Regional Office has a contract with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to train staff in all aspects of Section 106, the National Historic Preservation Act. Except the WA PA and Data Sharing trainings, all training were developed and conducted by ACHP staff. This year's training included:

- *Meeting Reasonable and Good Faith Effort*
- *Innovative Mitigation*

6) Partnership Projects/Regional Office

- The Regional Office has contracted for a region wide effort to digitize all cultural resource records and reports and enter them into the NRM data base, ensuring that all PNW forests will have up to date heritage information readily available. In addition to the heritage data updates, pre-contact predictive models will be created for each of the forests. This effort will ensure a more efficient process for pre-field research, identification of field survey needs, and enable forests to respond more efficiently in the event of natural disasters and emergencies, to include wildfires.

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

FY 2023¹

FOREST: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

	Programmatic Agreement Reporting Stipulation VIII	
	Programmatic Review (Stipulation IV.B.1.a-c)	
	Total of all actions for each consultation stipulation.	
	<u>APPENDIX A: Please provide each project name and brief description of undertaking</u>	Appendix No. Used
	R2023062200012- Catherine Creek Orienteering Event	IV
	R2023062200012- Catherine Creek Photo Shoot-Daub	IV
	R2023062200012- Coyote Wall Drone Photo Shoot- Columbia Sportswear	IV
	R2023062200012- Coyote Wall Filming- VI Arts	IV
	R2023062200012- Coyote Wall Photo Shoot- Ericson	IV
	R2023062200012- Outfitter Guide Permit- Trails Diverged LLC.	IV
	<u>APPENDIX B: Please provide each project name and brief description of undertaking</u>	Appendix No. Used
	R2023062200010- Catherine Creek Trail Bridge Phase I	I B
	R2023062200020-Catherine Creek Trail Bridge Phase II	I B
	R2023062200021- Cape Horn Trail Reroute	VIII.C and IX.G
	<u>APPENDIX C: Please provide each project name and brief description of undertaking</u>	Appendix No. Used
	No projects for FY2023	
DAHP Proj. #	STANDARD CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW: Please provide undertaking name, SHPO Case number if assigned, finding of effect, and other comments related to consultation (i.e., no SHPO response, SHPO concur/does not concur etc.)	Notes
2021-01-00401	GAOA St Cloud Day Use Area – “No historic properties affected”. DAHP concurrence on 6/2/2023	30 day review period ended 7/2/2023
2023-09-05578	KPUD Veenker – DAHP concurrence with APE on 9/11/2023. No DAHP concurrence on assessment of “No historic properties affected”.	30 day review period ended 10/2/2023

¹ *Reporting time frame is by FY, so include activities that occurred from October 1- September 30, 2023.

2022-01-0404	Woodard Creek AOP I	30 day review period ended 3/3/2023
2022-01-00403	GAOA Coyote Wall Trail Realignment and Decommissioning	30 day review period ended 3/3/2023
DAHP Proj. #	Project Reports Pending Submission	
2022-01-00405	Dog Mtn. Trailhead and Parking Lot	
2022-06-04002	FLAP Sign Project	
2023-02-01231	Sams Walker Phase II	
	Projects where previous survey of a current project APE was deemed adequate in accordance with the Previous Survey Protocol (Stip. IV.B.3)	
	N/A for FY2023	

Narrative of Accomplishments

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (CRGNSA) is a unique United States Forest Service (USFS) unit, with many responsibilities that do not exist on any other USFS unit in the country. This is specific to ensuring consistency with the CRGNSA Management Plan (MP; revised and adopted by the Gorge Commission in 2020) for projects on non-Federal lands that are not Federal undertakings and are permitted through the local governments. This report includes Section 106 undertakings, both those excluded from case-by-case review, as well as Standard review projects (all listed and summarized in the Table above) and Section 110/Heritage Program Managed to Standard (HPMtS) accomplishment discussed below. This section will summarize the non-106, technical support provided to the 3 county planning departments in Washington within the NSA.

The CRGNSA Heritage Program provides technical support to Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties, and the Gorge Commission, to ensure consistency with the Management Plan. This includes a review of all development applications received by the local governments, and making a determination whether a reconnaissance or historic survey is required. Required survey work is often conducted by the CRGNSA Heritage Program, but can also be conducted by a contractor hired by the applicant, or by the applicant themselves, if they have professional archaeologists on staff (ie. WSDot). The local governments, per the Management Plan, Part I, Chapter 2, are required to conduct the consultation on proposed developments with DAHP and the Tribes.

During FY23, the CRGNSA Heritage Program completed review, and any required surveys, of a total of 119 development applications were received by all 6 counties in the NSA, with 65 of those from the 3 Washington counties. 10 of the WA-side applications required a historic survey, and 19 required a reconnaissance survey.

In addition to the technical support provided to the local government and the Gorge Commission, numerous other federal and state agencies conduct projects within the CRGNSA that have a federal nexus. These agencies are the lead agency, but NSA staff may be involved in the planning process. The NSA Heritage Program reviews all draft Areas of Potential Effect (APE) and final survey reports to ensure consistency with the MP. Issuance of an Archaeological Resources Protection Act permit is occasionally required for these projects if the Lead Agency has contracted the archaeological survey work and if any portions of the APE are on USFS lands within the CRGNSA. During FY2023, the Bonneville Power Administration consulted with the NSA for two proposed undertakings on the WA side, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service consulted on one proposed project, and the United States Coast Guard continued consultation and coordination on a project to mitigate mercury-contaminated soil on Miller Island, although no soil removal work was conducted during FY2023.

Section 110 Highlights

Please provide photos (if available) and a brief description of any Section 110 work completed on your forest that you would like to share in more detail.

Living New Deal - OPB YouTube Channel Video – HPMtS Indicator VI

Video on the OPB YouTube channel featuring the Eagle Creek Recreation Area with interviews given by CRGNSA staff Lily Carey (Recreation) and Chris Donnermeyer (Heritage).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JP88y4RzP48>

Northwest Anthropological Conference Poster Presentation - HPMtS Indicator VI

Poster presented by Luciano Legnini at the 2023 Northwest Anthropological Conference entitled, "The Bridal Veil Lumbering Co.: Indications of Advancing Technologies and Improved Residential Conditions at Camp A." Presentation given on April 13, 2023, in Spokane Washington. Approximate number of attendees = 100+. Regional Anthropology students and professionals from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Society for American Archaeology Conference Poster Presentation - HPMtS Indicator VI

Poster presented by Brittney Cardarella and Chris Donnermeyer at the 2023 Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. Title of the poster was, "The Bridal Veil Lumbering Co.; Indications of Advancing Technologies and Improved Residential Conditions at Camp A". Presentation given on March 30, 2023. Approximate number of attendees = 100+. Anthropology students and professionals from across America.

Oregon Society of Soil Scientists - HPMtS Indicator VI

Presentation by Chris Donnermeyer and Bobby Saunters, East Zone Archaeologist on the Mt. Hood NF, to the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists during their annual conference held in Hood River, Oregon. The topic was on cultural resource identification in the field and included sharing artifacts and materials from the teaching collection for both the Mt. Hood NF and CRGNSA. Presentation given on March 3, 2023. Approximate number of attendees = 80. Professional Soil Scientists throughout Oregon.

Oregon Archaeological Society Presentation - HPMtS Indicator VI

Recorded presentation by Chris Donnermeyer used for the Annual Oregon Archaeological Society (OAS) training, with a Q&A session held virtually on February 18, 2023. The topic of the presentation is the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company Archaeological District and on-going archaeological investigations. Approximately 20 people attended the virtual Q&A. Professional Archaeologists throughout Oregon.

Crown Point Country Historical Society - HPMtS Indicator V

Field day with Crown Point Historical Society members (n=5) to visit Bridal Veil Lumbering Company New Palmer site.

Site Condition Monitoring of Priority Heritage Assets (PHA) – HPMtS Indicator V

A total of five PHAs on the WA side of the NSA were monitored in FY2023.

Interpretation:

Forest Service has interpretive centers at Multnomah Falls Lodge and at the Gorge Discovery Center. Cultural resources are part of the interpretive message. Interpretive rangers present to a variety of groups throughout the spring and summer season and receive training by NSA Heritage staff as part of the development of interpretive materials. Interpretive staff interact with members of the public daily, in both formal and informal capacities.

Tribal Consultation

Project level consultation for all Federal undertakings were sent to interested and affected Tribes for review and comment. Additionally, the Heritage Program Manager meets regularly with numerous tribal partners to discuss program of work, staffing updates, and co-stewardship, and to discuss other topics of interest and concern regarding the management and preservation of cultural resources within the NSA, including natural resources of cultural significance.

The Heritage Program Manager is a member of the Wana-pa-koot-koot (WPKK) cooperating group regarding the operation and maintenance of the three lower Columbia River dams. The group meets monthly.

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Conference and Summit Attendance

Society for American Archaeology – Heritage Program Manager Chris Donnermeyer

Northwest Anthropological Conference – Archaeologist Luciano Legnini

Cultural Resource Protection Summit – Heritage Program Manager Chris Donnermeyer

Colville National Forest

Colville National Forest Annual Report

January - December 2023

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1. Program Staffing Update

The Colville National Forest (CNF) has five fulltime heritage positions (1 – Heritage Program Manager, 2 – Zone Archaeologists, and 2 – Zone Crew Chief/Archaeological Technicians). One position is currently vacant; but will be filled starting June 2024 with an SCA intern. Formal Heritage Notification Process (Stip. II.C)

2. Tribal Consultation

The CNF Heritage Program meets regularly with the three interested tribal parties (Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR), Kalispel Tribe of Indians (KTI), and the Spokane Tribe of Indians (STI)) to discuss Section 106 and Section 110 related projects. Typically, we meet in person, occasionally weather issues have made it necessary for us to do meetings via conference call. These meetings provide documentation and discussion of numerous forest projects. It also provides the tribal partners and opportunity to determine which project they would prefer to hear more about, thus maximizing our time at the next meeting on those items of most importance.

The Colville National Forest has robust tribal relations program which encourages line and staff officers to frequently reach out to the interested tribes. Other resource area specialists are also encouraged to reach out to their tribal counterparts to find and work on areas of shared interest. The forest has collaborated with the CTCR and KTI Natural Resources staff on Tribal Forest Protection Act projects as well as other wildlife and cultural plant projects. The forest is working with the tribes to include indigenous ecological knowledge into our project designs.

3. Formal Heritage Notification Process (Stip. II.C)

The CNF submits the following processes that meet the terms of the stipulation II.C:

The Heritage Resources Program and associated personnel will be made aware of all forest related projects via three avenues of information (listed below).

- The Board of Directors for Vegetation Management meet typically every month to discuss the pace, scale, and status of forest vegetation management projects. As a result of this meeting, a schedule of projects is issued for a 5-year period. The heritage program is included in the meeting as needed and received emails regarding pertinent decisions.
- The Environmental Coordinator's require resource personnel to complete the Project Input Request Form for all proposed projects. This form is then distributed to all resource personnel for the purposes of project notification and solicitation of project effects input.
- Additional project notification occurs via the Forest's Program of Work, which is provided to the public on our public facing website.

4. Forest Inventory Plan (Stip.II.D)

The CNF Heritage Program completed the Forest Inventory Plan (FIP) revision in 2020 which included review and concurrence by the tribes and SHPO. The Tonasket Amendment was approved by the Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation and is now in use. The Tonasket Amendment follows the same design criteria as the 2020 revision for the rest of the forest. Differences in data standards for the Tonasket versus the rest of the Forest make some methodology elements slightly different and will be further refined as data for the Tonasket Ranger District becomes more comprehensive.

5. Heritage Preservation Plan (Stip XI)

▪ Lupin Mine Passport in Time Project

The Heritage Program completed a Passport in Time Project in June at the Lupin Mine Site. The Lupin Mine site is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria D. In 2021, the Lupin Mine site was burned over in the Walker Fire. The Heritage staff with the assistance of PIT volunteers collected data to determine if the fire effected the eligibility of Lupin Mine. The area around the site was surveyed, mapping new features, and extending the site boundary, excavating two 1m x 1m test units, and five shovel test probes.



Photo 1: 2023 Lupin Mine PIT Volunteers and Heritage Staff



Photo 2: Overview of western half of site.

▪ **Gypsy Passport in Time Project**

The CNF completed a Passport in Time project this past summer, which continued its preservation work at Gypsy Copper Cabin. There was one, week-long session that utilized two volunteers working in conjunction with Heritage staff. Work on the cabin included the raising of the final logs for the walls and returning some of the original details of the building to their original locations, including the windows and some chinking. All the work is being completed in an in-kind manner using hand tools and techniques similar to the time period. All logs have been harvested from the surrounding area and included reutilization of felled hazard trees that threatened the structure. Future work will include the installation of beams and a roof for the cabin, again using traditional tools and techniques.



Photo 3: 2023 Raising a log into position at Gypsy Copper Cabin.



Photo 4: Overview of Gypsy Copper Cabin on the last day of the PIT.

- **Section 110 non-project Survey**

Power Peak Ethnography and TCP project

April Miller and Rebecca Gordon (archaeologist with the Colville Confederated Tribe) completed 32 acres of non-project related cultural resources survey. The surveys have resulted in new questions for both the forest service and the tribe. Eight pre-contact sites and Traditional Cultural Properties were revisited during the survey. The geographic area is south of Flowery Trail Road and is acknowledged as a shared area for multiples tribes. There is the potential that this area may need to be considered as a cultural landscape. At minimum, the area is expected to contribute to Upland land use knowledge. Final report is pending.

West Zone Continuing Section 110 Survey Project

Stuart Chilvers and the heritage crew completed approximately 187 acres of survey on Murphy Hill, which is located approximately 10 miles to the east of Republic, Washington. The survey revealed several large precontact sites, which consisted of lithic quarries where a high-quality chert was extracted. In addition to the quarries, a stemmed point and a ground stone fragment was also observed. The sites are unusual in that good quality chert is rare in the region. The sites were relatively undisturbed due their location. Survey in the area will continue to see if there are more tool stone locations nearby. Final report is pending.



Photo 5: Stemmed projectile point from Murphy Hill vicinity.

- **Kalispel Heritage Trail at Pioneer Park Campground.**

Alicia Beat was nominated for and was awarded the 2023 Gifford Pinchot Award for Excellence in Interpretation and Community Education for the work completed in collaboration with the Kalispel Language School. Ms. Beat was also nominated for the USDA Office of Tribal Relations Nation to Nation Tribal Value award for this same work. In addition to the awards listed above, Ms. Beat gave a presentation on the Kalispel Heritage Trail collaborative work at the Society for American Archaeology and the Northwest Anthropological Conference.

The Kalispel Heritage Trail has been a catalyst for change in how interpretation is occurring on the forest and lands adjacent to the forest. Seattle City Light (SCL) and the Pend Oreille Public Utilities District (PO PUD) have incorporated the interpretive design style and the tribal collaboration into several of their adjacent interpretive locations and trails. Neighboring Priest Lake Historical Museum in Priest Lake, ID has used the design and collaboration on their ethnobotanical garden with plans to use interp panels to connect their landscape into Washington while discussing the Kalispel tribal connection to the lands.



Photo 6: Alicia Beat and Toby Bloom, National Program Manager Travel, Tourism, and Interpretation at award ceremony.

- **Browns Lake Campground Heritage Interp Trail**

The Heritage Interp Trail at Browns Lake is the newest collaboration with the Kalispel Language School and Jack Nesbit. This project is early in the design process with estimated completion in the Fall 2024. A portion of the trail will become ADA accessible with access to an honored cedar grove and a native fish viewing platform.

- **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation West Zone Interp Trails**

The CTCR have proposed two Heritage Interp Trail projects for the West side of the forest formerly the North Half of the Colville Reservation. The CTCR and CNF Heritage Program have successfully competed for ~\$150K in funding from the AINATA/USFS NATIVE Act (funding tribal tourism) and will begin project design and content development this winter.

- **Spokane Tribe of Indians and 49 North Children's Area Interp Project**

The ski hill located on the forest (49 Degrees North) are collaborating with the STI to combine Salish Language and Tribal Connections in the renovations of the Children's area and at the new Bistro. There is also a preliminary plan to work with Spokane Cultural Plants in designing interp along the newly proposed bike trails.

The importance of this work is being of value to and connecting our communities to the lands the forest manages on their behalf. These trails provide outdoor education opportunities to local schools. They also assist the Salish School and tribal elders preserving their language and cultural heritage.

- **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) Traditional Cultural Property Study**

The CNF Heritage Program and the CTCR Department of History and Archaeology (CTCR-DHA) have a five-year agreement in place for the identification and documentation of traditional cultural properties located on the forest. This project includes interviewing elders and conducting literary reviews, as well as, reviewing past oral histories. The project has identified 6 phases which correlate to vegetation management project proposed on the west side of the forest. We are in year four (phase four) of the project. The intent is to establish a new five-year agreement to complete the remaining phases which will include areas outside of the historic North Half of the Colville Reservation. These areas are location in which tribes of the CTCR have traditionally lived and used.

- **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) Cultural Plants Group**

The CNF Heritage and Botany Programs have been meeting every other month with the Okanagan Wenatchee Heritage Program and CTCR Natural Resources Botany and CTCR - DHA Programs to work on processes to better encompass the identification of cultural plants and incorporate indigenous knowledge into the vegetation management planning and implementation process.

- **Spokane Tribe of Indians (STI) Cultural Plants Group**

The CNF Heritage Program is pursuing an agreement with the STI Cultural Plants Group to fund two indigenous students to assist with seed-gathering of fire-resistant plants and other duties yet to be determined. STI Cultural Plants has an interest in returning fire resiliency to the landscape. We are still negotiating what this project/agreement will look like.

6. Training (Stip. XII)

All line officers and heritage staff received training on the 2020 WA SHPO Programmatic Agreement in 2021. There are no new rangers or staff officers who will be require PA training.

7. Project Reporting

a. Appendix A

None

b. Appendix B

R2023062109005 Peony Seed Orchard

R2023062109004 FSR 3300100 Road Rehab

R2023062109003 3 Corners Corral

R2023062109002 Frank Trough

R2023062109001 Goathead Corral

R2023062104006 O'Brien Creek Machine and Handpile Rx

R2023062104002 BP/DHS Danville Comm Tower SUP

R2023062104001 Shovel Creek Water Development

R2023062100003 CNF Annual Livestock Grazing Actions

c. Appendix C

R2023062100002 West Zone Fire Comms Antenna Replacement

d. Appendix D

Heritage Implementation Plan for the **Trail Vegetation Management Project**, in collaboration with Kevin Lyons (Kalispel Tribe), DNR, and BIA. Due to time constraints and other issues, this agreement has been vacated and the remaining surveys and reports will be completed and prepared by InContext, a cultural resource contracting firm.

e. Heritage Export (Import) Tool Testing-

The Sweet Ione Veg Management project (DAHP Project # 2019-06-04358) is being submitted as a test subject for the new HET tool. Currently they are working through the issues and this report is in progress as the team works to resolve the performance issues. The initial export test failed as the package was too large. A 64-bit upgrade and removing the attached pdf site forms allowed the Natural Resource Manager (NRM) – Heritage to export the Sweet-Ione package. A test to import the Sweet-Ione package to DAHP was performed and caused the system to crash. The Heritage program has not received any updates on the Heritage Export Tool since the system crashed with the import attempt.

f. Case-by-Case

R2023062112002 Chewelah A-Z – Report submitted; contractor working out issues with site forms.

R2023062105002 – Slate Vegetation Management –

The CNF Heritage staff completed approximately 785 acres of survey in the APE of the Slate Vegetation Management project area in the northeast corner of the Forest. Heritage staff will complete the remaining 80 acres, 4 site monitoring, and 3 Determination of Eligibilities in early 2024 spring. The completed report is expected in the Fall 2024.

R2023062105001 – SCL FERC Eastside Trails – completed by SCL/HRA in accordance with FERC relicensing. Surveys and reports are complete.

R2023062104004 – Tonata Trout Vegetation Management –

The CNF Heritage staff completed approximately 5,017 acres of survey in the APE of the Tonata Trout Vegetation Management project area along the western edge of Ferry County (all acres within forest). During this archaeological survey, 13 new sites (4 precontact, 9 historic) were found in the project area. There were 38 previously recorded sites within the project boundary of which 18 required revisitations to be buffered out of the units, and/or to be rerecorded, updated, and or evaluated depending on need. All eligible or potentially eligible sites were excluded from the proposed action. The Heritage Program is consulting heavily with the Confederated Tribe of Colville Reservation (CTCR) on the precontact sites located during the field inventory. CTCR Department of Archaeology and History will be closely involved in developing design criteria for site protection measures. As such, additional testing may be required prior to the final report submission. The completed report is expected in the late Spring 2024.

8. Heritage Staff Authorized to use PA:

- a. Alicia Beat – Heritage Program Manager
- b. Stuart Chilvers – West Zone Archaeologist
- c. April Miller – East Zone Archaeologist
- d. Garrett Toombs – West Zone Crew Chief/ Archaeological Technician
- e. Kalispel Tribe of Indians Cultural Resources Staff on the Trail Project under Phased Identification: Kevin Lyons and Kendra Maroney

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

GIFFORD PINCHOT NF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Gifford Pinchot NF Heritage Program had a productive year. This was the first year with an archaeologist on both the South and North Zones. Because of the additional zone archaeologist, we were able to begin data clean up in our digital and physical files. We were able to keep seasonal staff on longer to assist with the clean up and begin the organization of the forest collection.

We completed the restoration of Burley Mtn Lookout with the help of National Forest Foundation and Filson. We initiated the restoration of Big Creek Guard Station and North Fork Guard Station. These are the last two Guard Stations that are not restored and on the rental program.

The forest worked on meeting the stipulations in the 2021 MOA regarding the adverse effect to Lawetlatla. The worked included the designation of a campsite on the monument and the compiling of ethnographic work for Spirit Lake. We are currently working with the Cowlitz and Yakama to finalize that document.

The High Rock Lookout restoration continues in partnership with the White Pass Historical Society and Sand Mountain Society. All prep work of materials was completed to include restoration of all windows.

The partnership with Wind River Trust has seen the Rangers Residence in the Wind River Historic District restored and utilized as a public information office. The Trust is also working with Skamania County to maintain the grounds and work on restoration of other buildings. The Trusts permitted management of the Wind River Training Center has allowed the public to utilize the building and has led to more deferred maintenance being completed.

PA Appendix Projects

FS Report Number	Report Name	Findings (Appendix A, B, C, No Properties, No effects)	Author	Date
R2020060303001	MTA Watersystem	B	Mawhirter	11/18/2020
R2023060303002	Mt. Adams Livestock Watering Facility	B	Cardarella	10/25/2022
R2023060303008	GMS Cabin 56 Deck Replacement	B	Cardarella	11/15/2022

R2023060303011	Sunset Falls CG Security and waterline Updates	B	Cardarella	12/6/2022
R2023060303009	Big Hollow Reforestation CE	B	Cardarella	1/12/2023
R2023060303013	Gotchen Creek GS Propane Installation	B	Cardarella	2/2/2023
R2023060303012 R2023060303021	Beaver Campground Flood Plain Fish Work Red Mountain Lookout USGS	B	Cardarella	
R2023060303014	GMS Cabin #24 Wood Shed	B & C	Cardarella	3/30/2023
R2023060303016	GMS Cabin #64 Crawl Space Skirting	C	Cardarella	2/6/2023
R2023060301004	MSH Backcountry Hiking Huts	B	Cardarella	
R2023060303017	MTA Building #1014 mowing and seeding	B	Cardarella	4/26/2023
R2023060303023	Fee Tubes at Lower Falls Creek Falls and Crest Camp Trailheads	B	Cardarella	
R2023060301002	Pine Creek Trail Extention	B	Cardarella	
	Osborne Mtn Trail Bridge	B	Kruse	9/12/23

Pending Reports

Wind River Conveyance 2

Wind River Instream

Clover Site Tree Planting Encroachment - 2023060303018

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Annual Report- Calendar Year 2023

Section 106 Submissions CY2023

FS Project Number	DAHP Number	Project Name	Letter Date
R202306050100 1	2023-02-00985	Mt Baker Ski Area- White Salmon Parking Lot Expansion	3/27/2023
R202306050100 1	2023-02-01127	Mt Baker Ski Area- Heather Meadow Water Tank and Line	3/27/2023
R202206050100 2	2022-07-04740	Bagley Lake Dam Removal HPI Update and Consultation	4/4/2023
R202206050100 9	2023-04-02370	Baker Lake Road Foreclosure Reporting	4/11/2023
R202306050600 1	2023-05-03241	Bolt Powerline Salvage Sale	5/23/2023
R202406050100 1	2023-11-06961	Kaaland Property Restoration- Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	11/14/2023
R202406050500 1	2023-12-08353	North Bend Ranger Station Building 2231 Egress Door	12/20/2023
R202406050200 2	2023-12-08457	Marten Creek Emergency Slide Repair USFS	12/28/2023

1. Narrative- Highlights and Major Efforts:

Accomplishments of 2023 were essentially a continuation of the previous year. Coming out of Covid and facing fires, 2022 marked a slow start. 2023 was a year of regaining lost momentum.

Suiattle Guard Station:



The Suiattle Guard Station was constructed in 1913 by the Assistant District Ranger of the Suiattle-Finney Ranger District. It served as a Forest Service guard station and recreation staff housing over the years until offered up for public rental. In 2003, floods washed out the Suiattle River Road leaving the cabin inaccessible and left to decay.

In 2023, the Darrington Historical Society continued to rehabilitate the cabin. Despite the access problems due to wildfire closures, they were able to accomplish quite a bit this past year. With assistance from Recreation and Timber staff on the Darrington Ranger District, they were able to obtain quality cedar logs to fulfill the goal of making enough hand split shakes to re-roof the Guard Station (in 2024.) The window and frame that was damaged by vandals was replaced by a local

craftsman that could replicate the damaged frame and re-glaze the window. Volunteers continued to make improvements and maintain the grounds, and began work on the interior of the cabin, including removing all drawers from the kitchen area, cleaning, sanding and re-finishing them, stopping up holes that allow rodents to enter the cabin and general cleaning.

Wing Luke Museum/Outdoor Asian Interpretive Hike- Wellington

Public Affairs and the Heritage Program teamed up again with the Wing Luke Museum for a guided historical hike at the Wellington Townsite near Stevens Pass. Having lost momentum through COVID quarantines and a poorly-timed wildfire, the 2023 event marks a rekindling (no pun intended) of the relationship, and an expansion of the partners involved. This year was a joint effort between the museum and Outdoor Asian. The event is a way to engage the public with a multi-faceted view of history and archaeology, delving into personal connections to the past and reviving voices otherwise lost to most historical narratives.



2023 Wellington-Tye Teacher Training

Expanding on the relationship with the Wing Luke Museum, the Museum received a grant for a teacher training and asked the MBS Heritage Staff to provide assistance. The museum staff wished to engage teachers at the Wellington townsite to show how archaeology is used to provide a voice to marginalized people and supplement unwritten histories. Two groups of teachers were brought to the site in June and July 2023.

Suntop Lookout ADA Access



The Suntop Lookout was constructed in 1933 per the L-4 (modified 1932) building plan but was altered by the time of its listing in 1987. The original shiplap siding was covered with cedar board-and-batten around 1966 and its shutters were removed ca. 1978. Snow and vandalism further damaged the site in 1987 and 1988. In 1989, the building was dismantled and completely

rehabilitated, with HABS documentation completed in 1990.

As one of the few lookouts built on the ground and accessible by a well-maintained road, it was a prime candidate for conversion to ADA accessibility. The project for ADA (wheelchair) accessibility began in July 2022. 2023 saw the completion of the deck and most of the work for the ramp landing was completed. Next year should see the completion of the ramp and alteration of the door.

Three Fingers Lookout

The Three Fingers Lookout is a listed building constructed at the craggy peak of Three Fingers Mountain. It was built according to the original L-4 design over three years, beginning in 1929. It is currently being repaired and maintained by the volunteer group, Friends of Three Fingers. Work this year included the painting of 3 shutters and cleaning the trash and excrement left on site from numerous visitors. After a condition assessment, the representative of the group provided estimates for replacement siding, allowing the heritage program to secure funding. Funds have been allocated for the purchased of in-kind siding that can be milled and potentially installed in 2024.

Universities

In 2023, the MBS Forest Archaeologist was invited to be part of a panel of various practitioners (state, private, and federal) providing a multi-faceted CRM perspective to grad students.

2. Project Lists:

- a. Projects accomplished through Appendices A-C:
 - i. Appendix A: none
 - ii. Appendix B: none
 - iii. Appendix C: none

b. Project reports pending submission to WA DAHP

FS Project Number	Project Name

R202206050101 0	Puget Sound Hydro Communications Site
R202406050100 3	Baker River ERFO 11-23.9 Negative Results

c. Project where previous survey of a current project APE was deemed adequate in accordance with the Previous Survey Protocol.

None

d. Projects deemed to be exempted from field survey/project specific consultation in accordance with the provisions in this Agreement.

None

3. MBS Forest Heritage staff:

Paul Alford -Heritage Program Lead

Renate Beyer- Assistant Forest Archaeologist

Heritage Program Managed to Standard

Suntop Lookout (DAHP Property ID 700260) –installation of the ADA deck was done as described above.

Three Fingers Lookout (DAHP Property ID 700265) – maintenance and repairs were accomplished as described above.

Suiattle Guard Station (DAHP Property ID 700094)- maintenance and repairs as described above.

Ongoing work that likely occurred but was not reported includes annual tending and maintenance of the Miner’s Ridge lookout, and maintenance and repairs to the Park Butte, Winchester, Hidden Lake lookouts.

Priority Heritage Assets are up to date but remain underreported in the Heritage Database (a persistent calculation error).

4. The Forest Inventory Plan was submitted to SHPO on January 15, 2021.

Olympic National Forest

Olympic National Forest
Heritage Program
Programmatic Agreement (WA PA 2020) – Annual Report
January 2023

1) Highlights/major efforts Narrative

The heritage program continues to support a variety of projects across the Forest. In 2023, the District Archaeologist continued work on documenting sites found in campgrounds at Lake Quinault and culvert replacement projects across the Forest. The adverse effect to these cultural sites has led to significant positive engagement between a wide variety of Forest staff and Quinault Indian Nation staff.

The Heritage Program Lead continued working with DAHP staff on the Export/Import Tools that will allow the data to be entered in USFS NRM Heritage Database and transferred to DAHP WISAARD. This work was accomplished this year and training was offered last spring, and a recorded version is under development. The Heritage Program Lead participated in this process as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in both the WISAARD and NRM Heritage databases.

The Heritage Program Lead also completed a draft appendix for the Facilities Master Plan which is anticipated to be finalized in the FY2024 year. The appendix verifies eligibility status of all admin buildings over 45 years of age as well as detailing the NHPA Section 106 process and opportunities for alternative uses.

The Forest Heritage Program also hosted an intern who successfully completed project in support of HPMTS.

2) Cleared Projects and Report Status in WISAARD

SHPO Report #	Report Name	Author	Finding of Effect (App A, B, C, Abbrev. Survey)	Status
2023-09-05867	Plant Collection Buckhorn Wilderness: R2023060900005	Hauge	B	In process
2023-09-05869	Lake Quinault Lodge Utility Emergency Projects: R2023060900007	Hauge	B	In process
2023-09-05870	FY2023 Roof Replacements: F2023060900009	Hauge	C	In process
2023-09-05825	Rainforest Trailhead Comfort Station Replacement	Berryoung	Abbreviated Survey	In process

SHPO Report #	Report Name	Author	Finding of Effect (App A, B, C, Abbrev. Survey)	Status
2023-09-05866	Heating Conversion with Electric Panel Upgrades	Hauge	C	In process
2022-11-07710	Green Crow (Nuveen Natural Capital) Easement Exchange	Berryoung	Abbreviated survey	In Process
	Humptulips AOPs & Road Repairs – FSRs 2200, 2203, 2206: R2023060900015	Hauge	Abbreviated Survey	In process
	Lot 141 Hazard Tree Removal: R2023060900011	Hauge	B	In Process
	Lot 151 WoodShed: R2023060900008	Hauge	Abbreviated Survey	Pending 2/15
	Radio Tower Replacements: R2023060900017	Hauge	B	Pending 2/15
	Louella Water and Sewer: R2023060900018	Hauge	Abbreviated survey, C	Pending 2/15

Totals

- Appendix B: 4
- Appendix C: 2
- Abbreviated Surveys: 4

3) **Previous Survey Adequate (Stip. IV. B. 3): none**

4) **Olympic National Forest Heritage Staff**

- Kristen Hauge, Heritage Program Lead
- Megan Berryoung, District Archaeologist
- Abigail Gray, Intern (2 months)

5) **HPMTS narrative**

As part of the support for Facilities Master Planning, the Forest Archaeologist and Facilities Engineer conducted condition assessments of three historic recreation rentals including the listed Interrorem Cabin, and the eligible Hamma Hamma and Louella Cabins. This joint assessment allows for better coordination and planning of maintenance projects for these cabins. This also

helped to meet the HPMTS requirement to monitor Priority Heritage Assets (PHAs) and multiple-use assets (MUA). These cabins are both PHAs and MUAs. PHAs need to be monitored at least every 5 years and in future years we hope to continue coordinating these condition assessments with the FMP efforts.

The Heritage Program also had an intern who went through the assemblages including numerous records and administrative artifacts (maps, Osbornes, field equipment) and provided a catalogue for the material as well as verifying that the previously catalogued materials are accounted for. This supports the condition assessment requirement for our assemblages. Condition assessments for PHAs and assemblages are required every 5 years.

The Heritage Strategy was updated for the period of 2023-2028 and now includes Historic Property Risk Assessments for 2 cabins and a pre-contact site in addition to the other required elements.

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
2023 Annual Report
Prepared by Karina Bryan
January 19, 2024

1. Narrative information summarizing highlights and major efforts provided for the Heritage Program Annual Report submitted to the FS Federal Preservation Officer.

In 2023, the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) continued its focus on large-scale restoration and treatment projects aimed to meaningfully change the trajectory of wildfire risk to communities and resources. The OWNF's effort is called the Central Washington Initiative (CWI) and is one of 21 wildfire crisis strategy priority landscapes across the Forest Service. CWI aims to restore fire-adapted ecosystems on a landscape scale with a goal of treating 350,000 acres over a 10-year period. The OWNF was also funded for an overlapping 10-year effort under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) focused on science-based ecosystem restoration and multi-party monitoring of project successes. CWI and CFLRP are major forest-wide efforts with intensive NHPA Section 106 components. In 2023, OWNF awarded \$1.4M in large-scale cultural resources inventory contracts covering 8 projects. Fieldwork began in 2023 and is ongoing with reports expected in 2024.

To support meaningful Tribal engagement for CWI planning efforts, the OWNF established regular coordination meetings with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (YN). In 2023, the OWNF developed innovative cultural resources co-stewardship agreements with both the CTCR and YN that will bring greater participation and control to Tribes throughout project lifecycles, and incorporation of traditional knowledges into CWI and CFLRP project planning and monitoring. Supplemental project agreements are in process with both Tribes for heritage program support and forest-wide Traditional Cultural Property/ethnographic studies. In addition, the OWNF is supporting Tribal-led restoration efforts on the forest through Tribal Forest Protection Act agreements, 638 contracts, and Challenge Cost Share agreements.

In 2023, the OWNF completed two closure orders that protect cultural resources. The Tumwater Canyon Pictograph Site area closure protects a sensitive rock art site near the town of Leavenworth from damage by recreational climbing and illegal camping. The Lake Keechelus Seasonal Closure prohibits motorized vehicles below the high-water level and closes a boat launch and access road when the reservoir is drawn down to an elevation of 2,480 feet or below. The closure protects critical bull trout habitat as well as numerous

cultural resources from continued damage caused by illegal off-road driving. A road closure gate was installed to enforce the boat launch seasonal closure.

2. A list of:

- a. Project reports submitted to WA DAHP during the previous reporting year for those projects that fall into Appendix A-C.

NRM Report #	Project Title	Review Type
R2023061702004	Chelan PCT Trail Bridge Replacements (Swamp Ck, Pass Ck)	Appendix B
R2023061702006	Bear Mtn RX Burn Plan	Appendix A
R2023061702007	Echo Ridge Rx Burn Plan	Appendix A
R2023061703001	Taneum Large Woody Debris Placement	Appendix B
R2023061703002	FY23 Bull Trout Task Force Recreation Dam Removals	Appendix A
R2023061703009	Cle Elum Blowdown Firewood Sale	Appendix B
R2023061703010	Swauk Pine Lion Gulch Dispersed Campground Reduction	Appendix B
R2023061703013	Lake Keechelus Seasonal Closure Gate	Appendix A
R2023061704001	Cub Allotment Vence	Appendix A
R2023061704002	Wolf Creek CXT Replacement	Appendix A
R2023061704007	Methow Valley Commercial Mushroom Permit	Appendix A
R2023061704008	North 20 Mile Lookout Restoration	Appendix C
R2023061704010	Early Winters Guard Station Residence #1003 Repairs	Appendix C
R2023061704012	Goat Creek Headgate Reconstruction	Appendix B

R2023061704014	Wolf Creek RNA Fence Repairs	Appendix A
R2023061705001	Potato Creek Beaver Dam Analogs	Appendix A
R2023061705002	Mad River Trail Bridge Replacements	Appendix B
R2023061707002	Nason-Kahler Creek Thermal Refuge	Appendix B
R2023061707006	Ski Hill Trail Run SUP	Appendix A
R2023061707008	Blewett Comm Site Improvements	Appendix A
R2023061707013	South Fork Beaver Creek Aquatic Restoration	Appendix B
R2023061707016	Tumwater Site Protection Closure	Appendix A
R2023061707022	Tumwater Groundwater Monitoring Well	Appendix A
R2023061708005	Soup Creek Bike Trail	Appendix B
R2023061799004	FY23 Commercial Mushroom Harvest	Appendix A

- b. Project reports pending submission to the WA DAHP, including anticipated completion dates such as those projects using phased identification (Appendix E).

No new phased undertakings were initiated in 2023. Review for phased activities under four existing phased undertakings are ongoing:

- Twisp Restoration: Section 106 compliance for this project was largely completed in July of 2022 with no further actions proposed at this time.
- Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project: Contracted cultural resources inventories are ongoing for a large portion of the UWPP, including the Brushy Draw DXP Timber Sale and FRB Fuels and Forest Heath Treatment units. Reports are expected in mid-2024.
- Mad-Roaring-Mills Restoration: Cultural inventory fieldwork for one phase, the Mad River 1.1 to 4.3 Habitat Restoration Project, was completed in 2023 with a report expected in early 2024.
- Danger Tree Felling and Removal: No activities under this project were proposed in 2023. The Methow Valley Ranger District is developing a proposal for 2024

consideration, which is largely expected to qualify for limited review under Appendix A or B. Project designs entail mechanized tree removal from existing road prisms and hand thinning.

- c. Projects where the previous survey of a current Area of Potential Effect was deemed adequate in accordance with the Previous Survey Protocol (Stip. IV.B.3).

NRM Report #	Project Title	Review Type
R2023061704006	Loup-Loup Ski Area Permit Renewal	Previous adequate inventory
R2023061704011	Davany-Twisp Restoration	Previous adequate inventory
R2023061707003	Big Meadow Creek Bridge Installation	Previous adequate inventory
R2023061708001	Little Crow Hand Thinning and Pile Burning	Previous adequate inventory

Note: Where appropriate, monitoring of ground disturbing activities was required, generating a monitoring report for the undertaking.

- d. Projects deemed to be exempt from field survey/project-specific consultation in accordance with the provisions in the PA (Stip. IV), summary report format.

None.

3. An updated list of all Forest heritage employees who utilize this agreement.

The OWNF is at a low point for heritage staffing. Both south zone archaeologists left their positions in 2023 and the north zone archaeologist is planning to retire in March 2024. Due to increasing workloads associated with CWI, the OWNF has approved 4 positions to fill the 3 vacancies and is working through the hiring process. Current heritage staff include:

- Heritage Program Manager: Karina Bryan
- Central Washington Initiative Archaeologist: Aaron Naumann
- North Zone Archaeologist: Francoise Sweeney
- Assistant North Zone Archaeologist: Amanda Cervantes
- Cle Elum RD Archaeologist: vacant
- Naches RD Archaeologist: vacant
- Methow Valley RD Archaeologist (new): vacant

4. A narrative for the Heritage Program Managed to Standard accomplishments along with photos, if possible.

HPMS Indicators:

Program Plan	S110 Survey	Eligibility & Nominations	PHA Condition Assessment	PHA Stewardship	Resource Study & Use	Volunteers	Total Points
7	0	10	6	5	2	2	32

In 2023, the OWNF evaluated NRHP eligibility for well over 20 sites, mainly through large-scale inventories associated with CWI projects. OWNF seasonal archaeology crews targeted re-examination of unevaluated sites within upcoming CWI project areas, particularly Upper Swauk and Teanaway, to allow for better project planning as the treatment methods for those projects are refined. In addition, the OWNF monitored 41% of its PHAs in 2023, bringing its 5-year rate of PHA monitoring to 60%.

The OWNF took actions to protect and restore two PHAs in 2023. As mentioned above, a closure order was completed to protect the Tumwater Canyon Pictograph Site (45CH228). In cooperation with the Methow Valley Forest Fire Lookout Association (MVFFLA), the OWNF completed repairs and repainting of the North 20 Mile Lookout D-6 Cupola in June 2023 in celebration of the lookout’s 100th anniversary. Loose boards and shutters were repaired, and all but the upper east facing shutters received a fresh coat of paint from the 3 gallons hiked up to 7,437 feet by dedicated volunteers. The upper shutters could not be safely reached with the ladders available on-site.

The OWNF is continuing its strong partnership with MVFFLA and plans to focus volunteer efforts over the next several years on restoration of the North 20 Mile Lookout L-4 Cab Tower, Slate Peak Lookout, and the Mebee Pass Lookout. Volunteers have built new shutters for the Mebee Pass Lookout in the Pasayten Wilderness according to the original specifications and are eager to install them in 2024. The L-5 Lookout at Mebee Pass is thought to be the last such example in Region 6 of the Forest Service. In 2023, the OWNF was able to support the MVFFLA to purchase much-needed materials and supplies to carry out future lookout repairs.



Figure 1. North 20 Mile D-6 Cupola (south side) before and after repairs and repainting



Figure 2. North 20 Mile D-6 Cupola (east side) before and after repairs and repainting

5. Status of modernizing the Forest Inventory Plan (FIP) strategy.

The OWNF revised its Forest Inventory Plan in 2021 to ensure consistency with the 2020 R6 Programmatic Agreement and received DAHP concurrence with the plan adequacy in July of 2021. The OWNF is considering updating the FIP to provide greater consistency among in-house cultural resource inventories, consultants hired by project proponents, and contracted inventories. Of particular interest is updating the shovel test probe guidance to ensure consistent minimum subsurface testing of inventory areas as well as minimum shovel testing for evaluating site eligibility. The forest is also learning through the large-scale CWI inventory contracts that inventory and testing needs on high slopes (i.e., low probability areas) need refinement in the FIP to provide clarity and increase efficiency for Section 106 compliance efforts.

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1. Narrative

In FY2023 the archaeologists working at the Umatilla National Forest (UMF) focused on keeping up with Sec. 106 work in the wake of the 2021 fires and the Forest Service’s 3 and 1 strategy, while also managing to maintain status as a Heritage Program Managed to Standard (HPMtS); noted below. The UMF has also been working towards making some aspects of the heritage program more robust. Some of these attempts include:

- creating more regularly scheduled tribal consultation opportunities,
- creating more regularly scheduled internal heritage meetings,
- focusing more on legacy site disturbances and stewardship (ex. fencing and water trough relocation in sensitive areas),
- and continuing to pursue consideration of ethnographic sites in project consultation and incorporating ethnographic information in archaeological survey methods.

2. Lists

a. Appendix A-C

Project	Appendix
R2023061400006 Abels Ridge NCT	B
R2023061400007 Cottonwood Silene Fence	B
R2023061400010 Jakeh Roberts Cabin Maintenance Phase II	B
R2023061400013 WWRD Trail Repairs	B

b. Projects Pending

Project	Note	Anticipated date.
R2023061400001 Wenatchee-Grouse	Appendices undetermined.	FY 2024?
R2023061400003 PRD BIL Rec Rental Cabin Repairs	Appendices undetermined.	FY 2024?

c. Previous Adequate Survey (Stip IV.B.3)

R2023061400006 Abels Ridge NCT
R2023061400007 Cottonwood Silene Fence
R2023061400010 Jakeh Roberts Cabin Maintenance Phase II
R2023061400013 WWRD Trail Repairs

d. Exempt from survey/consultation (Stip IV)

None

3. Heritage Staff

Name	Title
Morgan Isaacs	Heritage Program Manager/Tribal Liaison
Michelle Hannum	South Zone Archeologist
Will Marquardt	North Zone Archeologist

4. HPMtS

At the conclusion of FY2023 the Umatilla National Forest should have had approximately 50 points, signifying achieving the Heritage Program Managed to Standard goals. Unfortunately, some quirks of the database seem to prevent them from being displayed by our national reporting tool. Actions taken in FY2023 that contributed to meeting HPMtS include:

- Participation and presentation by Will Marquardt and Meghan Caves at the Society for American Archaeology Conference and the Northwest Anthropological Conference.
- Archaeology Presentation by Will Marquardt to sixth graders at Camp Wooten.
- Meghan Caves' thesis defense (based on Resource Study & Use).
- Utilization of YCC volunteers to assist in completing heritage work including site survey and stewardship activities.
- Stewardship of Priority Heritage Assets at the Fremont Powerhouse Historic District.
- 159 acres of Sec. 110 survey.
- Legacy site evaluations.