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Ms. Ann Beier
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RE: SHPO Case No. 20-0555

Crook County SB 2329 Project 217-20-000320-PLNG, West Prineville Solar Farm LLC, Ron Raasch

Add additional acreage to approved solar project

15S 15E 28, 33 TL1228, Crook County

Dear Ms. Beier:

Our office recently received a request to review an application for the project referenced above. In checking our statewide archaeological database, it appears that there have been a few small previous archaeological surveys completed near the proposed project area, and archaeological sites having been identified near the proposed location. Outside of the general area of the project, many archaeological sites exist and given that the project area is located on a landform generally perceived to have a high probability for possessing archaeological sites and buried human remains, and in the absence of sufficient knowledge to pinpoint the exact location of cultural resources within your proposed project area, our office recommends that the applicant contact a professional archaeologist to conduct a archaeological survey of the project area. In reading through the project application, we have noted that the project has a federal nexus due to the proposed hookup with the BPA network and it is important that the applicant contact BPA regarding any additional concerns they may have. A list of archaeological consultants can be found on at the Association of Oregon Archaeologists' website at the following link (<https://www.oregonarchaeologists.com/contractor-directory>) . If you have not already done so, be sure to consult with all appropriate Indian tribes regarding your proposed project. If you have any questions about the above comments or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. In order to help us track your project accurately, please be sure to reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

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