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On Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 12:45 PM, Karen Capuder  
<[karen.capuder@colvilletribes.com](mailto:karen.capuder@colvilletribes.com)> wrote:

Hi Shannon - thank you!! Let me start by saying that we have a good relationship with Douglas PUD, certainly with their cultural resources lead, Scott Kreiter, with whom I have personally worked for 8 years. Really, the main comments that I had are that are that: 1) nowhere in the application do they mention that half of the project is located on the Colville Indian Reservation and has adversely impacted our lands and resources (the tribe does get settlement money); 2) they fail to mention that lands were also taken from tribal allottees on the Columbia Reserve for dam construction and operations. Sure, complying with the terms of their FERC license in relation to cultural resources is fantastic. The missing sociocultural context, however, glosses over the very real impacts of the project on tribal lands. and, of course adversely impacted by dam construction and inundation. I would like to see more consideration of these facts and of how the impacts of dispossession and ongoing operations that adversely affect our lands are being addressed.

Currently on the road - i hope this is helpful to your review. They are decent partners, i was just a bit shocked by the absence of any mention of how the project continues to affect the tribe on a daily basis.

thanks again!!

Karen