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RE: City of Albany
Emergency Authorization **APP0062164**
T11S R03W 06 – Benton County

Dear Carrie,

I have recently reviewed an Emergency Authorization Application for the City of Albany referenced above. The project proposes to remove a gravel bar blocking the boat launch at Takena Park to allow emergency vehicles to access the river. Potential lifesaving operation cannot be performed from the Takena landing site at present. Because this emergency project will involve a fair amount of in water ground disturbing activities, SHPO's archaeological sites & survey database was consulted. SHPO's database revealed that there have been only few cultural surveys in the project area but not the projects APE (area of potential effect). The most recent survey was in 2010, SHPO Biblio No. #23294 (*US 20: Corvallis Albany Project, Linn and Benton Counties, Exploratory Survey*). All of the surveys that were close to the projects APE were negative for cultural resources. There have been no sites or isolates identified in the APE. In the absence of sufficient knowledge to predict the specific location of cultural resources within the project area itself, **Extreme Caution** is recommended during all phases of this project.

Areas in and around the Willamette River are considered **High Probability** areas for encountering archaeological sites &/or buried human remains. ****If** during the construction phase of this project any historic or prehistoric objects are located or exposed (old bottles, broken plates, flakes, arrowheads, shell, bone), all work should **stop immediately** until a qualified archaeologist can come out and assess the significance of the discovery.

Cultural resource laws **ORS 358.905** and **ORS 97.740** protect archaeological sites and objects and human remains on state, public and private lands in Oregon. If you have any questions about the comments or information submitted in this review, please feel free to contact me anytime by phone: (541) 388-6204 or by email: Gary.Curtis@state.or.us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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