

**This document Contains written determinations -- from the Colville Historical Preservation Officer, the U.S. Fish and wildlife service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service/Environmental Protection Agency -- stating that our Rodeo Trail HMA Plant and Stone Quarrying and Crushing Operations are not likely to have negative impacts upon ESA listed Fish and Wildlife Species and Historical Properties.**

1. Historical Properties

The following provides a written correspondence between Granite Construction -- James Essig, Resource Manager -- and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer representing the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

**From:** Guy Moura [<mailto:Guy.Moura@colvilletribes.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 22, 2015 9:22 AM  
**To:** Essig, James  
**Cc:** Holtrop, Bryan ([Holtrop.Bryan@epa.gov](mailto:Holtrop.Bryan@epa.gov)); Jon Meyer  
**Subject:** RE: Granite Construction - Rodeo Trail Asphalt Plant

James, we have no objection to operations continuing in the footprint of the current mining operations. Please contact us should operations expand to previously undisturbed land. We do not consider previous agricultural activities as sufficient to necessarily qualify as "disturbed".

Thank you for consulting with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

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Guy Moura  
Program Manager, History/Archaeology  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation  
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**From:** Essig, James [<mailto:James.Essig@gcinc.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 3:02 PM  
**To:** [john.meyer@colvilletribes.com](mailto:john.meyer@colvilletribes.com); Guy Moura  
**Cc:** Holtrop, Bryan ([Holtrop.Bryan@epa.gov](mailto:Holtrop.Bryan@epa.gov))  
**Subject:** Granite Construction - Rodeo Trail Asphalt Plant

Guy,  
Please find the attached letter requesting information in regards to a Historic Property Screening for an application to the EPA for a General Air Quality Permit for Asphalt Plant.  
Also see the attached site map of the existing plant location near Omak, WA.

Thank You  
James

*JAMES ESSIG*  
Resource Manager  
Washington Region Construction Material

## 2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Long -119.5446

Thanks

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*JAMES ESSIG*

Resource Manager

Washington Region Construction Materials

### 3. National Marine Fisheries Service

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Please let me know if there any questions.

Thanks, Bryan.

**Bryan Holtrop**

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**Bryan Holtrop**

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**From:** Samuelson, Keven  
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**To:** 'Justin Yeager - NOAA Federal' <[justin.yeager@noaa.gov](mailto:justin.yeager@noaa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Essig, James <[James.Essig@gcinc.com](mailto:James.Essig@gcinc.com)>  
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Justin,

Thank you for looking into this matter for us. The asphalt plant began operations at the Omak Rodeo Trail site previous to 1996.

The site's stormwater run-off is completely contained. Therefore, there is no reasonable expectation that our operations will negatively affect the Okanogan River nor its tributaries. No activity will occur near or in any riparian buffer or floodplain within the Okanogan River Basin.

I have attached the following files in an attempt to provide NMFS with all data relevant to this case:

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5. SEPA – a previous State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review that resulted in a Determination of Non Significance (DNS)

I will be happy to provide you with any additional information you may need.

Thank you,

Keven Samuelson

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## Holtrop, Bryan

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**From:** Samuelson, Keven <Keven.Samuelson@gcinc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** Holtrop, Bryan  
**Cc:** Essig, James  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Granite Omak Asphalt Plant  
**Attachments:** rodeo\_trail\_permit\_agency\_approval.pdf; historic\_properies\_map.pdf

Bryan,

Please see that attached map displaying the nearest Historic Properties to Granite's facility. Also attached is a document containing correspondences and approvals from all of the pertinent agencies regarding Appendix A and B.

The site's stormwater run-off is completely contained. The pit floor is at a lower elevation than the surrounding grade and all runoff is discharged to groundwater. Therefore, there is no reasonable expectation that our operations will negatively affect the Okanogan River nor its tributaries. No activity will occur near or in any riparian buffer or floodplain within the Okanogan River Basin.

Granite does not plan on expanding operations beyond the current permit boundary at the Rodeo Trail site. If you need any additional information or have questions please contact me anytime.

Thank you,

Keven Samuelson

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**From:** Holtrop, Bryan [mailto:Holtrop.Bryan@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 12:09 PM  
**To:** Samuelson, Keven <Keven.Samuelson@gcinc.com>  
**Cc:** Essig, James <James.Essig@gcinc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Granite Omak Asphalt Plant

Thank you for this information. Based on the attachment with the caveat that the quarry will not expand beyond is current disturbed footprint and the other ESA information it looks like you should go ahead and submit your request for coverage. Thanks, Bryan.

### **Bryan Holtrop**

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**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 10:55 AM  
**To:** Holtrop, Bryan <Holtrop.Bryan@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: FW: Granite Omak Asphalt Plant

Bryan,

Please find the attached letter which contains written approval from all pertinent agencies -- Appendix A, Criterion D.

At this time I would like to proceed with submitting a Request for Coverage for the Hot Mix Asphalt Plant and the Stone Quarrying, Crushing and Screening Facility.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Keven Samuelson

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Keven,

Thanks for the info. It is difficult to determine from a simple map the extent of effects to ESA-listed fish or designated critical habitat from the proposed project. As you are aware Upper Columbia River steelhead are in the Okanogan River and the Okanogan River is designated as critical habitat. If there are effects to either of these then we would need more information in coordination with the Federal Action Agency (EPA in this case).

Let me know if you have any questions,

Justin Yeager  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Columbia Basin Branch  
304 S Water Street, Suite 201  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
(509) 925-2618 x224  
(509) 962-8544 fax

On 6/6/2016 11:44 AM, Samuelson, Keven wrote:

Justin,  
I am forwarding you our correspondence with FWS.  
Also, our contact at the EPA is Bryan Holtrop:

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Seattle, Washington 98101

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Keven Samuelson  
Granite Construction

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:20 AM  
**To:** Samuelson, Keven <[Keven.Samuelson@gcinc.com](mailto:Keven.Samuelson@gcinc.com)>  
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Photo date: 06/15/2013

Permit No. 70-0 13036

Granite Construction Co. (East)  
 Rodeo Trail Pit

Inspected: 01/15/2015  
 by Nicole Damer

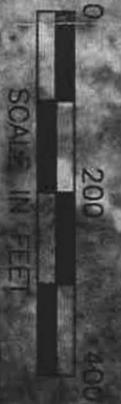
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-  Permit boundary
-  Field disturbed area
-  Reclaimed area
-  Proposed





**NOTES:**  
 1. Aerial photograph from WSDOT 2003.  
 2. Existing topography based on USGS and GPS points within the property/permit boundary supplied by the client on 1/14/04.



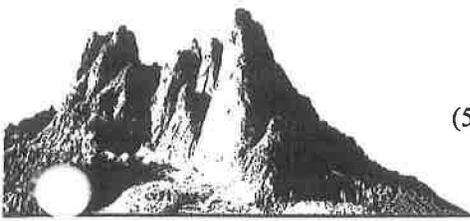
**LEGEND:**

	PERMIT / MINE DISTURBANCE BOUNDARY (31.8 AC.)
	PROPERTY BOUNDARY (49.6 AC.)
	EXISTING 10' TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOURS
	APPROXIMATE WETLAND BOUNDARY (6.5 AC.)
	CROSS SECTION LOCATION
	EXISTING RECLAIMED AREA (2.6 AC.)
	EXISTING DRAINAGE PATTERN
	TYPICAL PERMANENT PERMIT BOUNDARY MARKER, PLACED IN LINE-OF-SIGHT

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Figure 3  
 EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY  
 Rodeo Trail Pit  
 Basin Asphalt, Inc.  
 Okanogan County, Washington  
 Section 3, Township 33N, Range 26E, W.M.



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## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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The Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development has issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) under State Environmental Policy Act rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC) and Okanogan County Environmental Code (Chapter 14.04) Basin Asphalt Company, a subsidiary of Granit Northwest Inc. has submitted an application for a SEPA determination for a proposed amendment of boundary of Rodeo Trails Pit. The proposed permit boundary amendment will be accomplished by removing 5.2 reclaimed acres located in the west and southwest section of the permit area, and replacing the removed acreage with 5.2 acres located in the northeastern portion of the existing permit boundary. No net change in the 31.8 permitted acreage with the proposed amendment. The project site is located approximately one mile south of Omak, WA off of Rodeo Trails Rd. The site is located within Section 3; Township 33 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian tax parcel 3326030064.

After review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency, the Office of Planning & Development has determined this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

The public is invited to comment on this DNS by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m., June 13, 2007 to the Okanogan County Office of Planning & Development, 123 5th Ave. North Suite 130, Okanogan, WA. 98840. Written appeals to this decision must be received by the Okanogan County Commissioners, 123 5th Ave. North Suite 150, Okanogan, WA. 98840, by 5:00 p.m. June 27, 2007.

Information is available upon request. Direct questions and comments to:

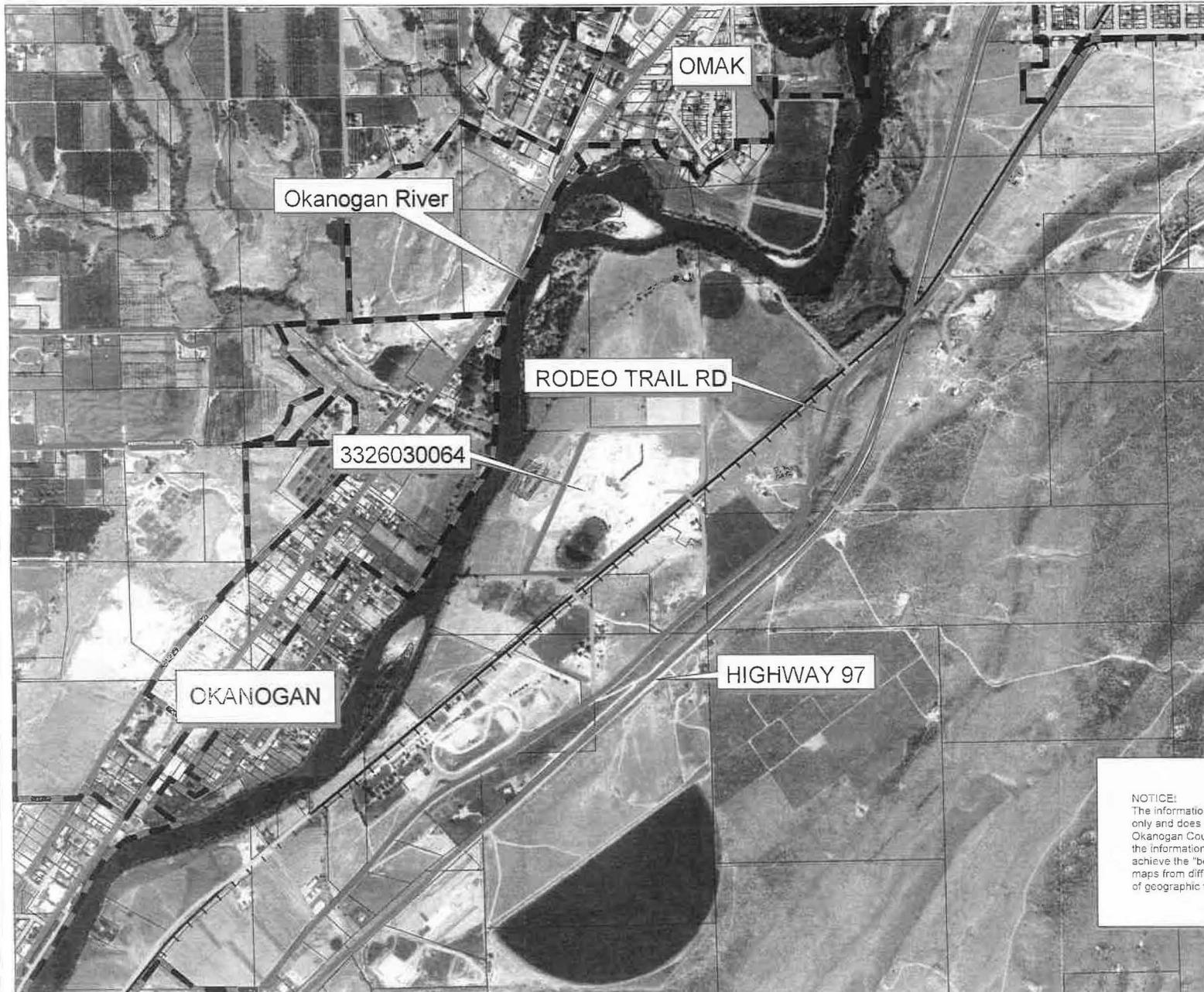
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# Rodeo Trails Pit SEPA 2007-5



Project Site

Application received for SEPA. Basin Asphalt is proposing to move the boundary of pit. No expansion of site.



**NOTICE!**

The information displayed on this map is for evaluation purposes only and does not represent actual surveyed boundaries or locations. Okanogan County does not grant permission for the reproduction of the information. Map features from all sources have been adjusted to achieve the "best fit". While great care was taken in this process, maps from different sources rarely agree as to the precise location of geographic features.

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