

June 7, 1961

Mr. Max K. Tysor,
Chief, Real Estate Division,
U.S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla,
Bldg. 602 City-County Airport,
Walla Walla.

Dear Mr. Tysor

I thank you for your letter, NPWRM-1, Yakima Firing Center,
June 2, 1961, regarding the Wanapum graveyard.

I hope within a short time to forward you, at your request, the name desired by the Wanapum Indians to be used on the instrument relative to the Wanapum graveyard.

I note you refer to a License for the Wanapum Indians to use certain land for cemetery purposes on property acquired by the government.

It is further noted that a license to the Public Utility District for the use and maintenance of an access road is being processed. This meets with the approval of the surviving Wanapums, in keeping with their very good relationship with the Public Utility District of Grant County.

Please understand that I am only a friend of these people, hold no power of attorney for them, but assist them in matters of this nature as my record will show.

It is noted, in the last paragraph of your letter that there is "no objection to the continued use for this purpose." That is appreciated. And I ask that you kindly note that this cemetery was proclaimed a cemetery by the Yakima County Commissioners, Aug. 3, 1951 (and is so recorded, Bk. X, pg. 322 of the county commissioner minutes) Additional proper legal notice was given and the designated plot is 300 by 200 feet.

In view of your experience, it is asked whether or not that such a proper proclamation duly recorded is not a type of preservation that may not be extinguished through condemnation of any kind. On occasion of expansion of the Yakima Municipal Airport it was discovered that no court or condemnation authority in this country could extinguish title to the graveyards in proximity thereto and the contemplated expansion had to go another direction.

Please understand this point is raised only because it was the wish of Wanapums who have died and are buried in the cemetery, that it always be maintained, without fear of extinguishment of title. Now, we do not understand all the various legal entanglements, and resorting to no legal counsel rely upon our good faith and your good faith to properly secure this

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this graveyard, if it is not already done.

I note from the enclosure in your letter (unidentified by code number) that the access road is listed Yakima Firing Center, Wanapum Indian Cemetery Road, Grant County, Washington.)

Your attention is called to the "Grant County" reference.

Grant County, I believe, is on the left bank shore of the Columbia. The Wanapum Cemetery and the access road, is on the right bank or Yakima County shore. For your permanent records, you might wish to make this correction.

Thank you for your communication. The Wanapums, in event of any visit to the area, invite your inspection of the cemetery which has been protected and preserved as desired and with utmost efficiency by the Grant County PUD. And the Wanapums invite you at any time to attend their customary first food roots feast, held usually in proximity to Easter.

For further information concerning these people, please refer to your local library, for a copy of Drummers and Dreamers.

Most Sincerely

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for:

Frank Buck

Rex Buck

Bobby Tomawash

Harry Wyena (spelled variously)

June 9, 1961

Mr. Max K. Tysor,
Chief, Real Estate Division,
U.S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla,
Bldg. 602 City-County Airport,
Walla Walla.

WWRM-1
Yakima Firing Center

Dear Mr. Tysor:

Thank you for your letter, WWRM-1, Yakima Firing Center, June 2, 1961, regarding the Wanapum Graveyard.

You refer to a license for the Wanapum Indians to use certain land for cemetery purposes on property acquired by the government.

It is further noted that a license to the Public Utility District for the use and maintenance of an access road is being processed. This meets with the approval of the surviving Wanapums, in keeping with their very good relationship with the Public Utility District of Grant County.

Regarding the name. The name, Wanapum Graveyard seems satisfactory to those concerned.

It is noted that this cemetery was proclaimed a cemetery by the Yakima County Commissioners, Aug. 3, 1951, and is so recorded, Bk X, pg. 322 of the County Commissioners' minutes. Additional legal notice was given and the designated plot is listed as 300 by 200 feet.

I note from the enclosure in your letter, unidentified by code number that the access road is listed Yakima Firing Center, Wanapum Indian Cemetery Road, Grant County, Washington.

Your attention is called to the Grant County reference.

Grant County is on the left bank shore of the Columbia. The Wanapum Cemetery and access road are on the right bank or in Yakima County.

Thank you very much for your communication and your interest.

In event of any visit to the area, the Wanapums invite your inspection of the cemetery which has been protected and preserved as desired and with utmost efficiency and relationships by the Grant County PUD.

The Wanapums also invite you, at any time to their customary first food roots feast, held usually in proximity to Easter.

For further information concerning these people, please refer to your local library for a copy of "Trappers and Trappers".

Most Sincerely

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For:

Frank Buck

Rex Buck

Bobby Tommanowash

Harry Wyens (spelled variously)

copied: Mr. Jerry Currier, Grant County PUD.

June 21, 1961

Max K. Tysor,
Chief, Real Estate Division,
U.S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla

NPWRM-1 Yakima Firing Center

Dear Mr. Tysor:

Your enclosures of June 19, relating to the Wanapum Graveyard, NPWRM-1, Yakima Firing Center, have been transmitted to the proper parties and you should receive the signed copies back before long.

There are four Indians involved and I am asking that each sign individually.

Your interest in these people and in the Wanapum Graveyard is personally appreciated.

Most Sincerely

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For Frank Buck

Rex Buck

Bob Tomanawash

Harry Wyena(or Wynn)