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Rob Whitlam, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Whitlam:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SECTION 106 CONSULTATION ON THE DEFINITION OF THE AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS FOR THE U.S. NAVY SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AT OLF COUPEVILLE, NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND, ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

The U.S. Navy is initiating consultation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as amended, and 36 CFR Part 800 for security enhancements to the Outlying Field (OLF) Coupeville, Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island in Washington. The project consists of two components: 1) installation of a new automated and programmable security gate with chain link fencing, and 2) installation of a concrete block barrier around three sides of the installation (Figure 1). This letter is to request your comments on our definition of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project.

The new entrance gate will be of galvanized steel, eight feet high, with outriggers and three strands of barbed wire. A small equipment pad will be created next to the gate. An eight foot tall chain link fence will be installed at both sides of the gate and extend east to within 40 feet of State Highway 525 (Figure 2). Fence posts will be excavated every 8 feet to a depth of 4 feet (approximate width of excavations will be 2 feet). A trench for electrical conduit will be excavated from the south side of the gate to Building 211. The trench will be approximately 2.5 feet deep by 2 feet wide by 450 feet long (Figure 2).

The new concrete block barrier will require installation of 1,011 new blocks and the repositioning of 11 existing blocks. Blocks are two feet by two feet by six feet and will be spaced four and one half feet apart. A galvanized steel cable will connect each block. A label will be affixed to each block reading "Government Property No Trespassing" with warning signs

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installed every 100 feet. During installation, vehicles will remain on existing roads. No subsurface disturbance will result from the installation of the blocks.

The APE for this project includes the gate location and the linear routes of the electrical line, the chain link fence, and concrete block barrier. Two options are proposed for the placement of the barrier (Figure 2). Option 1 follows the intersection of OLF property with Patmore Road to the east, north, and west, and will be placed from 20 feet to 40 feet from the edge of pavement. In Option 2, the barrier crosses the installation diagonally from the security gate at the center east side to the northwest corner of the installation. The APE includes a 100-foot buffer around all work areas. The project is located in the west half of Section 12 and the southwest corner of Section 1, Township 31 North, Range 1 East. Elevation averages 192 feet above sea level.

The Navy requests your comments on the APE for this proposed Undertaking. If you require further information or have any questions, please contact Kendall Campbell, NAS Whidbey archaeologist at (360) 527-6780 or at Kendall.campbell11@navy.mil.

Sincerely,



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By Direction of the  
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. APE on USGS topographic imagery  
2. APE on satellite imagery