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fieldwork: archaeological resources

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As part of the Energize Eastside project, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is conducting additional fieldwork surveys in the existing transmission line corridor. Data gathered from these on-the-ground surveys will help us refine our design and inform permit submittals.

PSE and our contractor, Historical Research Associates (HRA) are conducting archaeological resources surveys on specific properties along the existing transmission line corridor.

What to expect

- HRA's archaeologists will visit properties to assess the potential presence of artifacts and/or features more than 50 years old. Examples include prehistoric stone tools and historic-period metal and glass items.
- Archaeologists will walk each property looking for the presence of these resources.
- For properties where poles and/or construction sites are proposed, archaeologists will conduct a "shovel probe" by digging shallow holes to identify artifacts or evidence of past human activities. HRA will fill the holes prior to departing each property. PSE will notify individual property owners in advance of beginning this survey.

For more information about fieldwork and what you can expect, please visit our fieldwork webpage at energizeeastside.com/fieldwork.

For questions, comments and/or to talk with project staff about fieldwork, contact:

- Fieldwork information line: **1-800-548-2614 ext. 1**
- Email: energizeeastside@pse.com



In 2015, PSE began fieldwork to inform the project design, environmental review process and future permit submittals for Energize Eastside. This year's fieldwork effort is a continuation of that fieldwork program.

Archaeological FAQs

What are archaeological resources?

- Archaeological resources are artifacts and/or features more than 50 years old that represent past human activity.
- Archaeological resources could include, but are not limited to, artifacts and features associated with homesteads, or bone and shell artifacts.
- Local examples of these resources include prehistoric stone tools, camp sites and historic-period metal, glass and ceramic items.

How long will the survey take?

- For properties that only need surface surveying, visits will typically take less than an hour.
- For properties that require shovel probes, the visits will typically take from 1 hour to 3 hours depending on site conditions and the number of shovel probes required.

What happens with the data?

- If an archaeological item is found, it will be recorded on a form and submitted to the Washington State Department of Archaeological and Historic Preservation (DAHP).
- HRA will use the data to inform PSE, DAHP, Tribes and other government agencies of the survey results and make recommendations regarding any archaeological resources identified or the need for further work, such as construction monitoring.
- PSE is not permitted to release survey results to property owners. If you would like your property's survey results, contact DAHP for information about how to request a copy.

Who has rights to any archaeological resources found on my property?

- The landowner owns the archaeological resources under Washington state law. However, it is against the law to knowingly remove, alter, dig into or excavate any historic or prehistoric archaeological resource or site, or remove any archaeological object from a site without a permit from DAHP.
- For more information about archaeological resources, please visit DAHP's website at dahp.wa.gov.

How will archaeologists restore my property?

- If a shovel probe is needed, crews will place tarps on the ground to preserve the surrounding grass and contain the excavated soil.
- After the survey is complete, as conditions allow, crews will backfill the soil and grass sod to restore the property as close as possible to existing conditions prior to departing the site.

Where are proposed pole locations?

- The new poles will typically be located in approximately the same or similar locations as the existing poles along the route.



HRA archaeologists sift through soil looking for the presence of artifacts during a shovel probe. Shovel probes will be conducted on properties where poles and/or construction sites are proposed.

About Energize Eastside

The Energize Eastside project will build a new substation and upgrade approximately 18 miles of existing transmission lines from Redmond to Renton. Combined with continued electric conservation, Energize Eastside will keep the lights on in our Eastside communities for years to come.

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