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**TO:** David Schumacher , Director, OFM  
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**SUBJECT:** Contingency Planning for Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) Operations

1. *Services funded by appropriations in the enacted transportation budget (ESSB 5024).*  
The agency currently has two archaeologists funded by the motor vehicle account and they are responsible for conducting cultural resource reviews for proposed and existing transportation projects. The archeologists serve a critical function that prevents transportation project delays or closures.
2. *Services that do not require an appropriation.*  
The agency has no services that meet this criterion.
3. *Services to continue based on certain constitutional mandates and federal law.*  
In discussions with the agency AAG, she determined the agency is required to conduct federally mandated reviews for all federal undertakings as per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The agency generally reviews 5-6,000 federally funded projects, licenses, permits or approvals per year.

Projects that will be immediately affected by the absence of state 106 reviews include all Hanford projects, BPA transmission lines, Corps permits, Navy infrastructure projects etc.

The State Archaeologist is funded through a federal operating grant from the National Park Service (NPS). To keep a minimal level of service, the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Deputy would need to function in tandem with the State Archaeologist. The SHPO is the only official able to sign cultural resource documents (Memorandum of Agreements). While the SHPO is currently funded through general funds, the federal NPS operating grant is able to maintain this position as there it is a federally mandated function. All other positions related to administering Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act can also be funded through the federal operating grant.



In order to ensure that the State Archaeologist and the SHPO/Deputy can conduct their business, the Geographic Information Systems platform must be kept current and maintained. This would require the Cartographer 3 to remain on staff.

The State Physical Anthropologist, which is general fund appropriation, should remain on-call to prevent project delays from an inability to legally excavate and administer non-forensic human remains. Without the Physical Anthropologist non-forensic remains would stay in place stopping all ground disturbing activities.

It is also advisable to maintain one support person. As this person would be supporting the transportation archaeologists and Section 106 staff, the support person could be funded out of the motor vehicle account and/or federal operating grant.

In total DAHP proposes that six staff and one on-call remain during a shutdown: the SHPO and/or Deputy, the State Archaeologist, a Cartographer 3, the two archaeologists funded by the motor vehicle account, and one support staff. The Physical Anthropologist should be on-call.

