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The report "A Cultural Resources Inventory of the Buckhorn Mountain Exploration Project, Okanogan County, Washington (November, 2012) has been removed from our web site as of this date.

As posted, the report was redacted to exclude the locations and characteristics of all cultural resources found in the inventory. Ethnographic information shown in the redacted document was drawn from publicly available sources and, when used, simply reproduced.

We examined the Code of Federal Regulations and commentary by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for guidance on confidential information. We are not lawyers and can only use the professional knowledge and research on legal sources to determine the best method of removing information from a report. To our knowledge, none of the materials in this redacted report meet the criteria of information or records that are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

Nonetheless, at the request of Powys Gadd (Heritage Program Manager/Tribal Relations, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest; pgadd@fs.fed.us; 509-664-9494), Gnomon, Inc. has removed the redacted report. Please contact Ms. Gadd for any information you may require about this project or further information about the USFS approach to confidential information within cultural resources study reports.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Gnomon, Inc.