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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Ms. Caroline M. Blanco
National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: LIGO STEM Observatory Project
Log No.: 2020-02-01140-NRCS

Dear Ms. Blanco:

Thank you for contacting our Department. We have reviewed the materials you provided for the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed LIGO STEM Observatory Project at Hanford, Benton County, Washington.

We concur with your proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) as described and presented in the letter, figures, and text.

We look forward to receiving the results of your tribal consultations, professional cultural resources survey report, and the Determination of Effect.

We would also appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4.). Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to the results of your efforts and your Determination of Effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Whitlam', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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