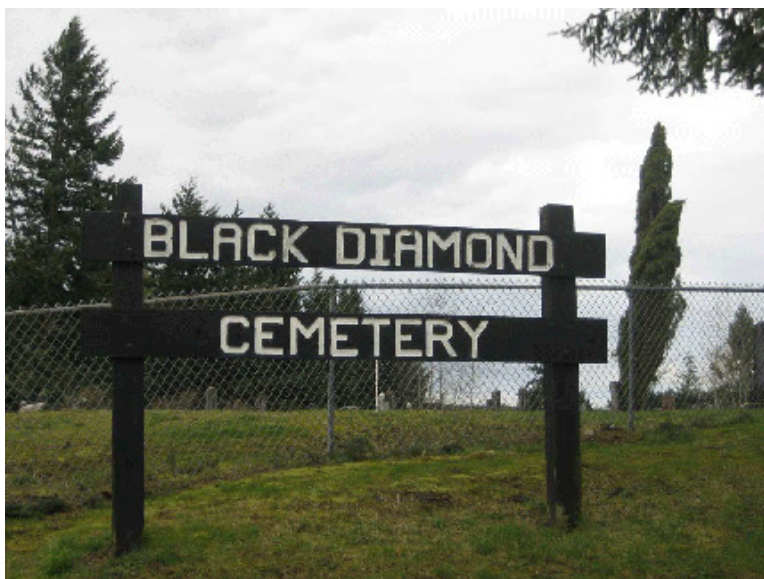




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About Puget Sound Ghost Hunters

Puget Sound Ghost Hunters (PSGH) was founded by Stephanie Davisson, former vice president and observer director of Advanced Ghost Hunters of Seattle Tacoma (AGHOST). Stephanie was looking for a new way to approach paranormal investigation and in 2008 gathered together a team of experienced investigators to join her.

PSGH made a conscious decision to build slowly and to get it right the first time. We started with just three members who were dedicated to making PSGH the best it could be. By October 2009 we had grown, adding additional members from a wide experience base including financial, medical, legal, military and law enforcement professions.

The PSGH approach to paranormal investigation is to combine a scientific/technical approach with a psychic/spiritual approach. Our equipment includes standard EMF meters, temperature monitoring systems and documentation equipment such as video, photographic and audio recording devices.

Our approach works because we are not confined to only one way of looking at activity and evidence. Our open mind and “out of the box” attitude allows us to tailor each investigation to fit the circumstances and activity reported.

PSGH are not ghost busters. We do not clear homes or perform spirit removal or rescue. Our goal in any investigation is to identify the cause of reported activity. Sometimes answers are easy to identify and we are able to quickly point out where ordinary but odd occurrences can be misinterpreted as paranormal. Sometimes we have to work a little harder, but finding the truth is our primary purpose.

Visit our new website at www.psgghosthunteers.com for more information about our organization, members and investigations. In addition, please read our monthly blog at <http://psghosthunters.wordpress.com> and our contributions to Paranormal Citings at <http://www.mlive.com/paranormal>.

Stephanie Davisson
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Puget Sound Ghost Hunters

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Paranormal Terms and Definitions

Active haunting

Active Haunting is phenomena caused by an intelligence that can demonstrate interaction with the environment, creating apparitions, moving objects, sights, sounds and feelings.

Anomaly

An event or activity that is outside the normal.

Apparition

A visual image seen with the naked eye that takes representing a spirit. Apparitions may be solid or transparent.

Ectoplasm

Physical spirit residue.

EMF Detector

An EMF meter measures the electric-magnetic fields in the environment. These fields occur naturally, however fluctuations are also believed to be associated with spirit phenomena. Extreme deviations in EMF may indicate the presence of a spirit. Prolonged exposure to extremely high EMF may also result in psychological and physical reactions that simulate the perception of haunting phenomena in people who have a predisposed sensitivity.

EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena)

An EVP is a sound or voice that is recorded on audio or video recording devices. While not heard at the time of recording EVP's are only heard later at playback.

Ghost

A ghost is a generic term for the source of haunting phenomena. Commonly believed to be the spirit of a dead person, the origin or nature of ghosts has yet to be determined.

Intelligent haunting

See Active Haunting.

Orb

An orb is a circular anomaly that appears most commonly in photographs and video but are also sometimes seen with the naked eye. The most common causes attributed to orb activity are dust, lens flare and moisture. Orbs may appear as solid or transparent. Although most orbs are white colors such as red, blue and green orbs have also been recorded.

Paranormal

Any activity, event or phenomena that are outside what is normal for that location, time, or person.

Parapsychology

The study of paranormal phenomena from a psychological aspect using scientific means.

Poltergeist

Poltergeist activity is very specific type of haunting that includes sometimes violent and noisy activity. Poltergeist activity is thought to be associated with females going through extreme hormonal changes such as adolescence, menopause, pregnancy, miscarriage, and/or childbirth. It may be tied to latent psychic abilities. Poltergeist activity is usually short in duration and can stop as suddenly as it starts. Because of its unpredictability, poltergeist activity is difficult to investigate and document.

Psychic / Sensitive

A person that is able to tap into knowledge through non physical or normal means.

Residual haunting

Residual haunting is like a recording. It mostly is demonstrated with visual and auditory phenomenon. Because it's like a recording, it cannot interact with witnesses or the environment. And although it can be disconcerting, it poses no threat and may dissipate over time.

Spirit

Although commonly interchanged with the word "ghost", spirit can relate to entities other than dead people.

Supernatural

Any activity, event or phenomena that do not adhere to natural law.

White Noise

A band of frequency at which there are no signals. White noise is often used to enhance EVP recording.

Section 1. Overview

Puget Sound Ghost Hunters Involvement

For years members of PSGH had heard stories about the ghosts at the Black Diamond Cemetery. In the Summer of 2010, our team voted to begin an investigation into the validity of those claims. The purpose of the investigation was to attempt to verify previous reports of phenomena and to validate the results of past investigations.

On September 7, 2010 Puget Sound Ghost Hunters appeared before the Black Diamond City Council to request permission to perform an investigation of the Cemetery. The group had previously provided the City with a formal request to appear as well as background information about PSGH.

After a brief presentation regarding our investigation philosophy, approach and goals for the investigation, we were granted permission to go forward.

Using November as a target time frame we coordinated with the Black Diamond police and settled on November 13th as the date when this investigation was to be performed. We then began to organize our team.

The Puget Sound Ghost Hunters team comes with a wide range of life experience including the financial, medical, legal, military and law enforcement professions. In addition we occasionally allow qualified observers to attend our investigations.

Table 1 shows PSGH team members participating in the Black Diamond Cemetery investigation and their relative tasks and experience level.

Team Member	Role/Duties	Years of Experience
Stephanie Davisson President	Acting team leader, coordinating other team members, determining direction of investigation.	7
Rachel McGilvrey Technical Specialist	Taking photographs of the investigation, looking for alternate causes for paranormal reports.	6
Patricia Davisson Documentation Specialist	Taking photographs of the investigation, performing EVP recordings.	7
Danielle Davis Sensitive	Utilizing psychic means to verify previous paranormal reports.	7
Ken Arnold EVP Specialist	Performing EVP recording.	1
Kevin Dollens Technical Specialist	Taking photographs of the investigation, looking for alternate causes for paranormal reports.	1
Donna Arnold Documentation Specialist	Taking photographs of the investigation, looking for alternate causes for paranormal reports.	1
Derik Schnidler Trainee	Learning aspects of investigation through watching and assisting other team members.	3 months

Observers during this investigation included Mark Davis and Linda Davis, parents of Danielle Davis and Derrek Dollens, son of Kevin Dollens. These observers have investigation experience and were helpful during the experimentation portion of our investigation.

Reported Paranormal Activity

Numerous paranormal websites list the Black Diamond Cemetery as a haunted place in the State of Washington. Although they do not offer any details of when the phenomena listed was first reported, by whom or any evidence of the credibility of the claims, they are consistent in the type of activity they report:

- **Lights seen on foggy nights are believed to be spirit lights from the lanterns of spirit miners.**
- **A White horse seen near the headstones.**
- **Sound of whistling is heard on dark, cloudless nights.**

Previous Investigations

A number of local groups have investigated the Black Diamond Cemetery. Because many paranormal investigation teams do not remain in operation for long periods of time it has been difficult to find evidence collected during those investigations. Three groups who continue to operate in the area and are quite active and have a reputation for the credibility for the evidence they publish are:

Group A -- Advanced Ghost Hunters of Seattle Tacoma (AGHOST)

AGHOST investigated the cemetery in 2008. Because they chose a Saturday night during the high summer months, interference from nearby backyard parties prevented them from any credible audio recording.

AGHOST also investigated the cemetery in 2006. Although they have published photographic evidence from that the investigation, they did not include an activities report. Their photos are on their website:

<http://axgxhxoxsxt.tripod.com/photos/id5.html>

Group B -- Auburn Paranormal Activities Research Team (APART)

APART investigated the cemetery in 2009. Their report is published on the website:

<http://www.paranormalunderground.net/site/forum/index.php?showtopic=439>.

This is a very complete activities report but does not include any evidence such as photos or audio clips.

Group C -- Washington State Paranormal Investigations and Research (WSPIR)

WSPIR lists Black Diamond Cemetery on their website as a past investigation site, however the link to the investigation report and evidence appears to be broken so we were unable to ascertain when the investigation took place or the results.

Section 2. Background

Location Information

Address:	Cemetery Rd Black Diamond, WA 98010
Coordinates:	N47°18.694 W 122°01.026
County:	King
Important Dates:	Founded in 1884. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 2000.
Size:	1,200 graves
Description:	The cemetery is hidden from the road by trees. The entrance is marked by a wooden sign. The cemetery is surrounded by a chain link fence which separates it from nearby residential property.

Historic Timeline

- 1864 – Black Diamond Coal Company Founded
- 1873 – Green River Coal Company Founded
- 1882 – First mine opened in the Black Diamond Area
- 1884 – Black Diamond Cemetery established
- 1885 – 43,868 tons of coal mined in area
- 1907 – Mines peak output 970,000 tons
- 1930 – Mining begins to slow down
- 1959 – City of Black Diamond incorporates

Cultural and Ethnic Traditions of the Area

The ethnic makeup of the community may be important to understanding the origins of the reported hauntings of the cemetery. Many European communities have strong beliefs in the supernatural and paranormal stories are common in their folklore, specifically those of Eastern European communities.

Table 2 shows the ethnic makeup of the Black Diamond community at the time the cemetery was first founded.

Welsh	Norwegian	Swedish
English	Austrian	Montenegrin
Italian	Greek	German
Finnish	Lithuanian	Serbian
Polish	Russian	

Section 3. Paranormal Investigation and Research

What is a Ghost?

In the late 1800's the Society for Psychical Research of London began extensive research into claims of the paranormal and supernatural. They collected data from thousands of cases of ghosts and hauntings and developed a catalog of types of phenomena. Many of these categories are still used today. The most commonly used are:

Residual Haunting

Residual Haunting is like a recording on an object or environment. It is most commonly demonstrated with visual and auditory phenomenon. Because it is like a recording it cannot interact with witnesses or the environment. Although it can be disconcerting to witness, it poses no threat and may actually dissipate over time.

Active Haunting

Active Haunting is phenomena caused by an intelligence that can demonstrate understanding and can interact with witnesses and the environment, creating apparitions, sounds, smells, feelings and sometimes moving objects.

Poltergeist Activity

Poltergeist Activity refers to the activity itself and not the cause. Poltergeist activity may be the result of an extremely energetic intelligent haunting or the latent psychic ability of a human agent. Poltergeist activity can be extremely unpredictable and can stop as suddenly as it starts.

Why People Report Paranormal Phenomenon

The word "paranormal" refers to anything that is outside normal. This word was first introduced into American vocabulary in the 1920's by Charles Fort, well known collector of odd information and inspiration for the Fortean philosophy of the interconnectedness of nature and synchronicity. There are many reasons why events might be misinterpreted as paranormal.

Reason One

The first relates to how humans react to events that are foreign to them. "Xenonormal", a new term first coined in 2009, refers to normal events that are unknown or unrecognized by the observer. The addition of this term allows paranormal research to take into consideration cultural idiosyncrasies and account for how individuals process encounters with an increasingly complex environment.

Reason Two

Another reason why events might be misinterpreted as paranormal is simple misperception. Often "paranormal" events are perceived at the fringe of our senses. We see something out of the corner of our eye or feel a fleeting breeze. These types of experiences might be misinterpreted as paranormal instead of a basic physical reaction.

Reason Three

A condition known as Pareidolia also plays a part in misinterpretation. The human brain functions at break neck speeds interpreting and analyzing information subconsciously. Pareidolia is a function of the brain that allows us to quickly recognize information as something we are familiar with. We see two dots and a curved line and interpret that as a happy face. This allows us to quickly and automatically analyze information. The down side of this is that when we are presented with new

stimuli, our brain may attempt to pick apart portions in order to fit situations and objects we already recognize.

The PSGH Approach

The primary goal of PSGH is to assist clients in identifying and understanding the paranormal activity they may be experiencing. PSGH adheres to strict procedures and policies to promote successful investigations. All PSGH investigators are fully trained in our protocols and procedures.

Investigation

The primary aim of PSGH in any investigation is to help clients separate events that are truly paranormal from those that are xenonormal. By utilizing both advanced scientific instrumentation, as well as psychic ability, PSGH attempts to document and validate claims. The results of each investigation are compiled for analysis, comparison and review. PSGH maintains strict adherence to proper investigation and research standards.

Research

Research is a large part of the scope of PSGH activities. With the aid of both online and archive research sources PSGH gathers information regarding past and future investigation sites.

Standardized Equipment

PSGH maintains a standard equipment case that is available to all members during our investigations. In addition, each member provides their own photographic equipment and audio recorder. Members may also utilize other personal equipment that has been approved for use during investigations. The equipment listed below is contained in our standard equipment case and was available during the Black Diamond Cemetery Investigation.

1) EMF Detectors

An EMF detector registers electro-magnetic fields within a location. Electro-magnetic fields are created both naturally and mechanically. The prevailing theory is that spirits utilize available energy to manifest. This energy manipulation is thought to disrupt the electro-magnetic fields within the environment, causing baseline readings to drop or spike. Most paranormal groups use standard, “off the shelf” EMF detectors to monitor these changes. PSGH has three models that are available to all team members during investigations.

- Sperry 200A – gives a digital numeric reading in milligauss
- K-II – uses a series of five lights to indicate the level of electro-magnetism
- ELF – uses a series of three lights to indicate the level of electro-magnetism

2) Temperature Monitoring Systems

PSGH uses both digital and infrared thermometers to monitor changes in the investigation environment. Prevailing theory is that when spirits utilize energy within a specific area it causes a change in the temperature of that area. Depending on whether the spirit is drawing in energy to perform a function or expelling energy in the form of manifestation, the temperature will fall or rise, respectively.

3) Data Logging System

PSGH utilizes a Paranormal Puck Data Logging System. This system allows for passive monitoring of the temperature and EMF levels within the investigation environment. A laptop is used to generate tables and charts of the periodic environmental readings for analysis at a later time.

4) Allophone Generator / Voice syntheser

This is a device which uses mechanical means to mimic human sounds. Prevailing theory is that spirits need some kind of carrier wave in order to produce speech. An allophone generator is used to make the sounds typical in human speech allowing spirits to emphasize specific syllables to form words. The model PSGH uses is called an Ovilus and is produced by Digital Dowsing. The Ovilus is unique in that it also contains a 2000 word dictionary and can be used to generate full words and sentences.

Paranormal Evidence

PSGH breaks our evidence down into four types. Type one and two are the most common types of evidence. This commonality makes them least likely to point to definitive conclusions that a location is haunted.

Type One

Anecdotal evidence is the most common type of evidence of the paranormal. This type of evidence consists of stories passed down and witness statements of personal experiences that are not otherwise documented. Because it is sometimes hard to trace the origin of these stories anecdotal evidence is seldom promoted as proof of the paranormal.

Type Two

Documentary evidence is the most common evidence provided by paranormal groups. This type of evidence consists of photographs, video and audio recordings and written records of environmental changes during an investigation.

Type Three

Physical evidence of the paranormal is extremely rare. Examples of physical evidence may include "ectoplasm" which is a mucus-like substance associated with some hauntings or evidence of physical contact including bites and scratches.

Type Four

Statistical evidence consists of data from multiple sources that is analyzed for trends. Statistical evidence can be difficult to find in the paranormal community because most paranormal groups are not equipped to consistently compare the details of their investigations to enable statistical analysis to take place.

Table 3 shows the two most common types of paranormal evidence.

Orb	An orb is a circular light anomaly that appears most commonly in photographs and video but can sometimes be seen with the naked eye. Causes attributed to orb activity are dust, lens flare and moisture. Orbs may appear as solid or transparent and sometimes have a circular striation.
EVP	Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) is a sound or voice that is recorded on audio or video recording devices. EVP's are generally not heard at the time of the recording, only later during playback.

Section 4. The Investigation

Investigation Timeline

Start Time: 20:30

End Time: 22:30

20:30 – Team gathers at the entrance to the cemetery. (Please refer to table one for a full team list.) After a brief team meeting to discuss the investigation approach, the team divided into smaller units in order to cover the maximum amount of ground during the allotted time frame.

Because each team member has performed hundreds of hours of investigation, little discussion was necessary to assign tasks. Heavy rain prevented the use of video monitoring or EMF detectors. We were also aware that photographs were unlikely provide any usable evidence. Each team member operated an audio recording device but was aware that noise interference from the weather would make recording EVP's unlikely.

20:45 – Team members fanned out either singly or in pairs and covered the entire cemetery on foot.

21:30 – The team gathered under a tree near the main entrance to discuss any tentative findings and agree on how to proceed with the remainder of the investigation. We agreed to experiment with the Ovilus since it was unlikely to be effected by the weather.

21:45 – Began Ovilus Experiment.



The photos shown above demonstrate how weather can have an adverse impact on outdoor investigations.

Tables 4 and 5 show weather conditions at the time of the investigation.

Table 4

General Weather	
Average Temperature:	46.3
Dew Point:	42.9 °F
Humidity:	88%
Wind:	Calm
Pressure:	29.89in
Precipitation:	0.41in

Table 5

Weather Details	Start	End
Temperature:	51.5 °F	45.0 °F
Dew Point:	35.3 °F	44.0 °F
Humidity:	54%	89%
Wind Speed:	9.2mph	6.7mph
Wind Gust:	13.2mph	6.7mph
Wind:	ENE	-
Pressure:	29.56in	30.12in

Table 6 shows the moon phase at the time of the investigation.

	Moon Phase:
	48% Waxing

Note: Moon orbit affects the natural electro-magnetic fields (EMF) of the earth and causes fluctuations. Current theory postulates that spirit activity can be measured using EMF. For this reason we track the moon phase to identify how it alters paranormal activity.

Ovilus Experiment

What is an Ovilus?

The Ovilus is a hand-held device produced by Digital Dowsing for use by paranormal investigators. The device has three basic modes:

EMF mode – In EMF mode the device can be used as an electro-magnetic field (EMF) detector giving verbal readings and is ideal for locked off locations where the human element is removed. By placing an audio or video recorder near the device, a record can be kept of the verbal EMF readings.

Dictionary mode – In dictionary mode the device adds spoken words to the EMF readings. The device has an imbedded 2000 word vocabulary. Each word has a number assigned to it. The Ovilus will then randomly select words whose number corresponds to the EMF reading. The prevailing theory is that spirits can manipulate the electro-magnetic fields to generate words and sentences.

Phonics mode – In phonics mode the device acts as an allophone generator creating syllables and human speech sounds. The prevailing theory is that spirits can manipulate the sounds to emphasize certain portions to form words. *The photo to the right is an example of an Ovilus Device.*



PSGH Ovilus Experiment

At approximately 21:30 the team began experimenting with the Ovilus. Using portable speakers connected to the Ovilus, we turned the device to dictionary mode. Note: Attempts to utilize phonics mode were inhibited by weather conditions. Noise interference from the wind and rain made discerning sounds produced by the Ovilus in phonics mode difficult.

The Ovilus was used by several team members. Some words that were repeated frequently were:

Stairs
Property
Angel

It is an interesting coincidence that we did find a fairly recent grave with an angel on the headstone near the stairs. We do not claim that any paranormal means pointed us in this direction, but the timing was worth noting. Another interesting coincidence is that the Ovilus said the word "five" several times. It was noted that there were five investigators monitoring the experiment at that time. While this may not be the result of a paranormal agent, it was unusual enough for the team to make note.

During the course of the Ovilus experiment it was observed that results differed whether or not the operator was wearing gloves. Because the Ovilus operates using electro-magnetic fields to generate words, we believe that wearing gloves inhibits the operator's natural electro-magnetic field and preventing interference. Further testing is needed to see if this has any long-term effect on operation.

PSGH Evidence

Documenting evidence of the paranormal during outdoor investigations is difficult even when conditions are optimal. During our investigation of the Black Diamond Cemetery heavy rain and cold temperatures prevented the team from utilizing much of our equipment effectively. Because rain creates fall orbs in photographs, we must discount any anomalies in photographs taken during the investigation. Examples of some of those false orb photographs have been included in this report.

Cold temperatures also promote the formation of mists. Mists in outdoor investigation sites can have numerous causes. Atmospheric conditions such as light rain can appear as mist or fog in photographs. In addition, the photographer's breath can appear as a mist or fog. One very common cause for mist or fog in photographs is related to the ambient air temperature of the environment. When days are warm, the plant material in the environment absorbs sunlight increasing its internal temperature. When the ambient air temperature drops (specifically at night) the plant material, which is now warmer than the ambient air temperature, will cause the air surrounding it to form a mist or fog around the plant. We have included several photograph examples of these anomalies in the investigation section however they cannot be viewed as evidence of the paranormal.

Noise from wind and rain also inhibited audio recording, preventing valid EVP recording.

What we are left with is anecdotal evidence in the form of the personal experiences and feelings of the team.

- Near the flag pole, observer Mark Davis, detected an aroma that could not be identified or associated to a specific cause.
- At several times during the night multiple investigators noted a feeling of being watched from the fence line in the southeast corner of the cemetery.

- The aroma of baby powder was detected from the southeast fence line. This was reported by multiple team members.
- Observer, Linda Davis, while sitting in her car in the parking area near the road, observed a light anomaly approximately 8 feet above the ground in the trees. She described it as being a vertical streak of light approximately 10 inches long. This light anomaly remained in the trees for several minutes. It was noted that the rest of the team was on the opposite side of the cemetery and were not visible from the car park.

Post Investigation Research

Following the investigation, PSGH began an extensive research project into the nature of phenomena and searching for alternate causes for claims. Pursuant to our goals our research centered on previous paranormal claims and past investigation results.

Previous Paranormal Claims

- **Lights seen on foggy nights are believed to be spirit lights from the lanterns of spirit miners.**

Possible alternate explanation: It is possible to relate the experiences of seeing lights on foggy nights to those reported for over a hundred years in the Marfa, Texas area. The “Marfa Lights” have been attributed to natural gas, sometimes called “swamp gas”. The Black Diamond area was the location of several coal mines. It is possible that methane gas trapped in the mines could be escaping and igniting, causing an eerie glow on foggy nights. Wind could be shifting these ignited balls of gas, creating the illusion that they are being moved by unseen hands.

However it should be noted that according to the EPA there has been no significant methane seepage from the Black Diamond mines since 1996. This reduces the likelihood of methane as a cause for the lights seen in the Black Diamond Cemetery.

- **A White horse seen near the headstones.**

Possible alternate explanation: Black diamond is a somewhat rural community. Since we have no historic data on when this white horse was first seen, by whom, or how often it is possible to assume that it was just a local horse that wandered into the cemetery to graze and not paranormal at all.

- **Sound of whistling is heard on dark, cloudless nights.**

Possible alternate explanation: Whistling noises can be come from a number of sources including the wind, birds; even moving water can sometimes sound like a whistle.

NOTE: We don’t believe that any of the above claims are the result of residual haunting created by the “stone tape” theory. This theory postulates that quartz or limestone deposits in bedrock can record events and when conditions are optimal playback can occur. Our research indicates that the bedrock in Black Diamond does not contain sufficient quartz or limestone to make this a possible cause for the reported paranormal activity.

With all initial possible alternate explanations eliminated, we must continue to look for answers.

Previous Investigations

Group A -- Advanced Ghost Hunters of Seattle Tacoma (AGHOST)

The majority of the evidence published from AGHOST 2006 investigation is in the form of photos of orbs. Please refer to the section on common evidence for explanations of why orbs may not be the best example of paranormal evidence.

Group B -- Auburn Paranormal Activities Research Team (APART)

During their 2009 investigation, APART reported personal experiences relating to an area near the fence where team members felt as if they were being observed. *Coincidentally, this appears to be at or near the location where PSGH members felt similar sensations.*

Group C -- Washington State Paranormal Investigations and Research (WSPIR)

Because their investigation reports are not listed on their website and requests for information went unanswered, we are unable to validate or eliminate their claims.

NOTE: We would like to further examine the correlations between the experiences of the APART team and our own.

Section 5. Conclusion

Based on the results of our investigation on November 13, 2010 we are unable at this time to confirm that paranormal activity is taking place at the Black Diamond Cemetery. Although we have eliminated some possible causes for the reported activity, we are unable to state that the cemetery is not haunted. Many factors, including the inclement weather, prevented the PSGH team from fully investigating the location and leaves many questions still unanswered. This location requires additional investigation and research to validate previous claims.

Section 6. Recommendations

We recommend that additional investigations be performed. Any future investigation should take place at a time when adverse weather will not be a factor. We feel the optimal time of year for outdoor investigations of this nature is in the late spring and into the summer months. And because the cemetery is located in a residential neighborhood, we recommend that future investigations be scheduled when sound interference from nearby homes would also not be a factor.

We would, therefore, request that PSGH be permitted to perform at least 3 more investigations during the spring/summer of 2011 and that those investigations be scheduled to begin after midnight. We also recommend that additional psychics and sensitives be employed during future investigations. The purpose of which would be to identify and communicate with any spirits who are present. Any further investigation would also include post investigation research to validate evidence.

Section 7. Acknowledgements

Puget Sound Ghost Hunters would like to thank the people of the City of Black Diamond, the Black Diamond City Council, the Black Diamond Police Department and the Black Diamond Historic Society for giving us the opportunity to investigate the Black Diamond Cemetery and providing us the information and assistance.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of other paranormal investigation groups who assisted with this project or have previously investigated the Black Diamond Cemetery. Ross Allison and Jody Cassady of AGHOST, Regan and David Vacknitz of APART, Jill and Darren Thompson of WSPiR and their teams of dedicated investigators who give up their time and resources to work hard toward unlocking the mysteries of the unknown.

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