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Vital Signs Indicators Project – State of the Gorge 2009 report now available.

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The Vital Signs Indicators Project – State of the Gorge 2009 report is now available online at www.gorgecommission.org. This report is the first comprehensive effort to measure conditions within the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Information will continue to be collected so that as results become available, future reporting will be accessible online. Over time trends will become apparent, and evaluation of the information will assist the Gorge Commission in future decision-making. Cumulative impacts will be evaluated. Presentations of the report will be made in communities throughout the Gorge in the coming weeks. Please watch for it on your community's council agenda or visit our website at <http://www.gorgecommission.org/meetings.cfm> to view a complete list of upcoming meetings. Meetings will be posted as they are scheduled.

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