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## DIRECTOR'S DECISION

**APPLICANT:** Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

**LANDOWNER:** Same

**FILE NO.:** C11-0005

**REQUEST:** After-the-fact review of disassembly and reconstruction of the historic Brune cabin at Columbia Hills State Park.

**LOCATION:** The subject property is located on a portion of Columbia Hills State Park north of the Dalles Mountain Ranch in the SE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, W.M., Klickitat County, Washington (Klickitat County Assessor's ID 02140600000200).

**LAND USE DESIGNATION:** The subject property is in the General Management Area and is designated Large -Scale Agriculture.

### DECISION:

Based upon the findings of fact in the Staff Report for Director's Decision C11-0005, the land use application by the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission to disassemble and reconstruct the historic Brune cabin is found to be consistent with the standards of Section 6 and the purposes of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act P.L. 99-663, and the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (Management Plan), and approvable under Commission Rule 350-81 and is hereby **approved**.

### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

The following conditions of approval are given to ensure that the subject request is consistent with the standards of Section 6 and the purposes of P.L. 99-663, and the Management Plan and approvable under Commission Rule 350-81. **These conditions must be recorded in county deeds and records to ensure notice of the conditions to successors in interest** (Management Plan, Review Uses Guideline 1, pg. II-96).

1. The development shall be constructed as shown on the approved site plan and elevation drawing. Grading and excavation shall be limited to the footprint of the cabin.
2. If cultural resources are discovered during construction activities, all activities within 100 feet of the cultural resources shall cease and the applicants shall notify the Gorge Commission within 24 hours. The cultural resources shall remain as found; further disturbance is prohibited until permission is granted by the Executive Director of the Gorge Commission.

3. If human remains are discovered during construction activities, all activities shall cease upon their discovery. Local law enforcement, the Executive Director and Indian Tribal governments shall be contacted immediately. Further disturbance is prohibited until permission is granted by the Executive Director of the Gorge Commission.
4. **The applicant shall notify the Gorge Commission within 30 days of project completion to arrange for an inspection to confirm compliance with conditions of approval.** Project completion means reconstruction of the cabin.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011 at White Salmon, Washington.

  
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Jill Arens  
Executive Director

**EXPIRATION OF APPROVAL:**

***This decision of the Executive Director becomes void on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.***

As per Commission Rule 350-81-044(6), an extension of the validity of a development approval may be requested. Such a request shall be submitted in writing prior to the expiration of the approval. The Executive Director may grant an extension if it is determined that conditions, for which the applicant was not responsible, would prevent the applicant from commencing the proposed development within the original time limitation. The Executive Director shall not grant an extension if the site characteristics and/or new information indicate that the proposed use may adversely affect the scenic, cultural, natural or recreation resources in the National Scenic Area.

**APPEAL PROCESS:**

***The appeal period ends the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.***

The decision of the Executive Director shall be final unless a Notice of Intent to Appeal and Petition is filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision by the applicant or any person who submitted comment. Information on the appeal process may be obtained at the Commission office.

**NOTES:**

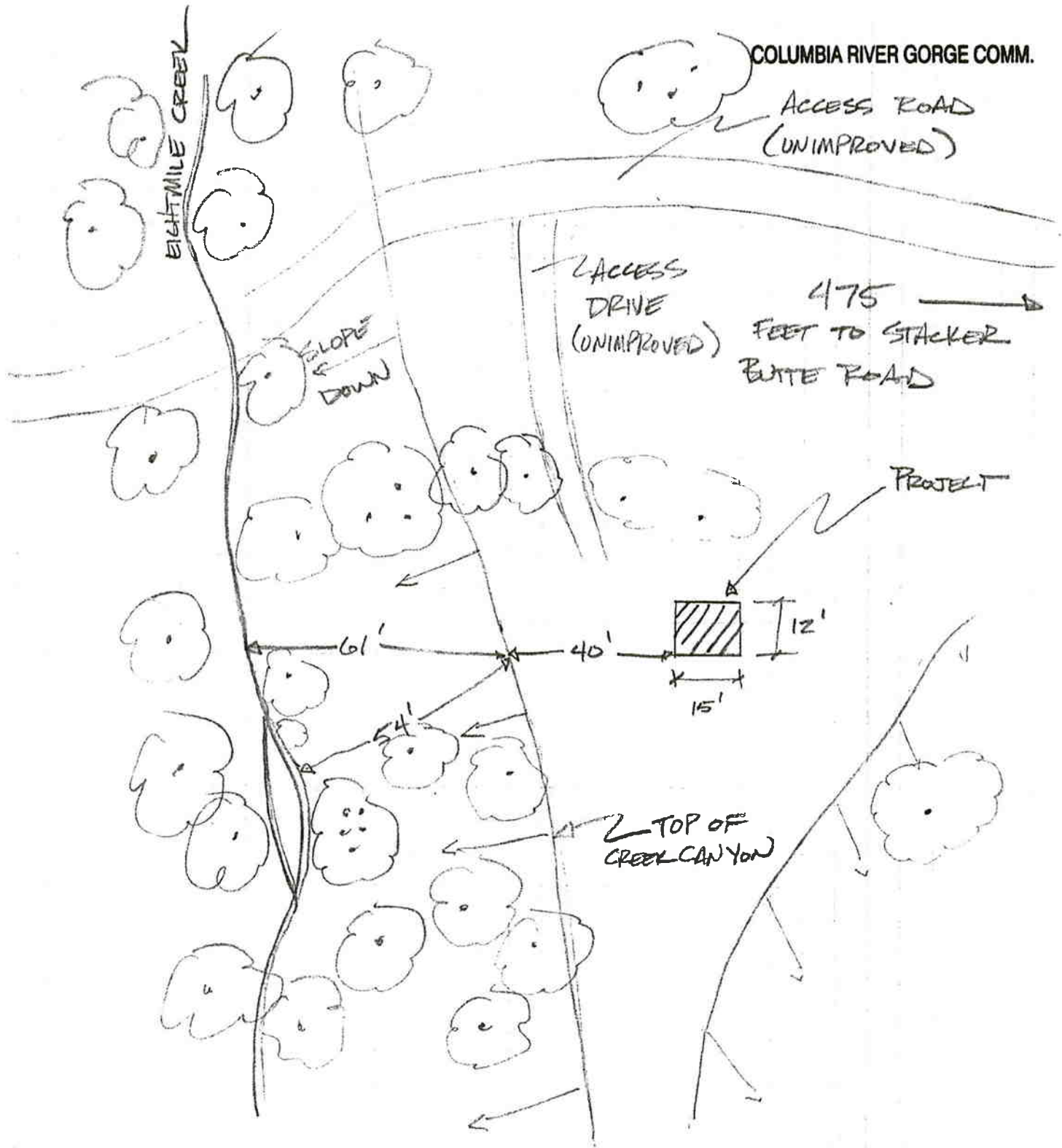
Any new grading, land uses or structural development such as residences; garages, workshops, or other accessory structures; or additions or alterations not included in the approved application or site plan will require a new application and review.

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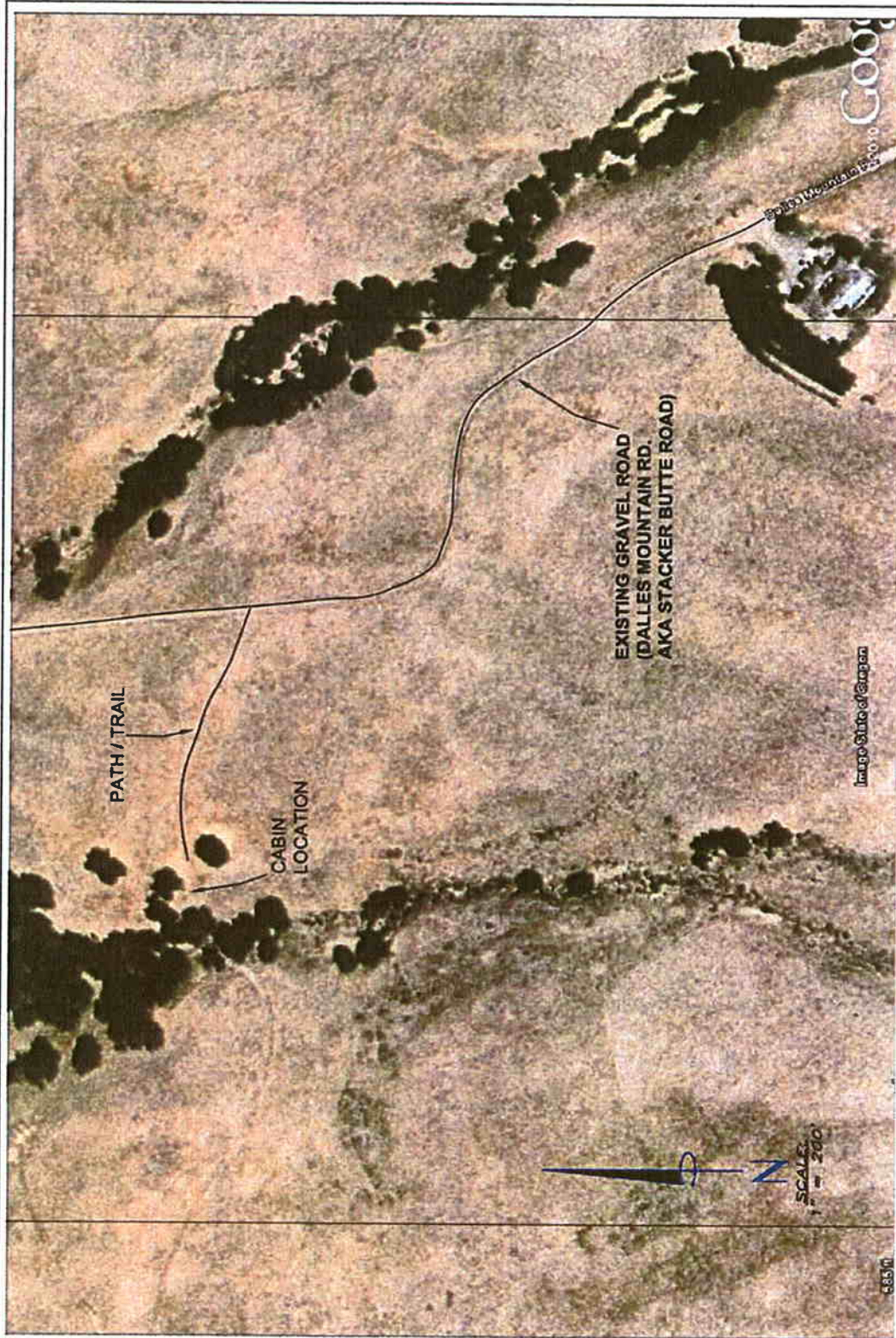
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BRUNE CABIN SITE PLAN - 1" = 30'

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# SITE PLAN



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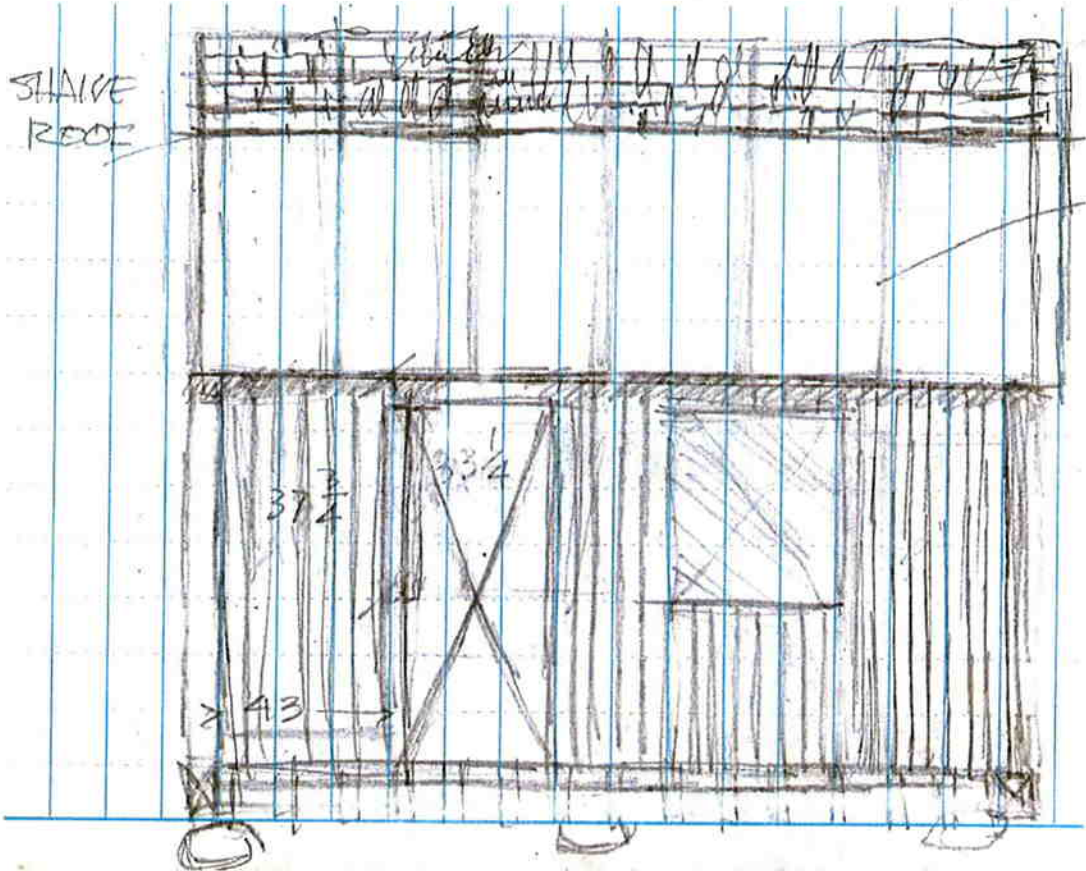
HENRY F. BRUNE HOMESTEAD CABIN SITE  
 AREA MAP AT 1" = 200'  
 LOCATED IN NW CORNER OF THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 6  
 TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN  
 COLUMBIA HILLS STATE PARK, KLIKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

FIELD WORK PERFORMED ON OCTOBER 9 & 10 2010

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SOUTH ELEVATION



This drawing shows the door on the left and the window on the right. This is based on the recollection of a ranger we spoke to on site. The one remaining piece of window framing suggested that the window was on the left and the door was on the right.

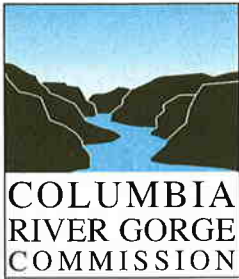


Photograph 23: Left side of South elevation



Photograph 24: Right side of South elevation

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## STAFF REPORT

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**LAND USE DESIGNATION:** The subject property is in the General Management Area and is designated Large -Scale Agriculture.

### COMMENTS FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS/AGENCIES/GOVERNMENTS:

Notice of the subject request was mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the subject parcel and the following individuals/agencies/governments:

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon  
Nez Perce Tribe  
U.S. Forest Service National Scenic Area Office  
Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
Washington Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Program  
Klickitat County Planning Department  
Klickitat County Building Department  
Klickitat County Health Department  
Klickitat County Assessor  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Written comments were received from Jasa Holt with the Washington Natural Heritage Program, Richard Till with the Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and Gretchen Kaehler with the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation.

## FINDINGS OF FACT:

### A. Land Use

1. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking approval of work conducted to deconstruct and reconstruct a historic cabin known as the Brune Cabin at Columbia Hills State Park. The cabin is a 12 foot by 15 foot house with gable roof constructed in or around 1888 as part of the homestead of Henry F. Brune. The cabin is the only remaining structure in the Columbia Hills State Park from the original farmstead settlement. The cabin is included in the Dalles Mountain Ranch Historic District as a contributing structure.

The cabin had deteriorated considerably such that it was missing most of its roof shingles, about two-thirds of the south-facing wall was missing, and the structure was leaning significantly to one side. The disassembly and reconstruction project was timely due to concerns that the building would not survive another winter. The cabin was deconstructed in October, 2010. The pieces were stored for the winter and the salvageable pieces were used in the reconstruction in early May, 2011.

The cabin is located to the northwest of The Dalles Mountain Ranch complex at the edge of an oak woodland near the west fork of Eightmile Creek. No trees were removed for the project.

2. The Columbia Hills State Park is approximately 3,626 acres in size. The subject property is designated Large-Scale Agriculture in the General Management Area.
3. Commission Rule 350-81-190(1)(m) allows for "resource enhancement projects for the purpose of enhancing... cultural resources," subject to consistency with Commission Rule 350-81-104. The cabin – the only remaining structure from the original farmstead settlement - is a significant historic structure. It had deteriorated to the point that it might not survive another winter. The project included disassembling it, saving as much of the original materials as possible, and reconstructing it in its original location using original and new, duplicate materials. The cabin is a significant cultural resource and a component of the Columbia Hills State Park and associated recreation uses. It shows the historic character of homesteading in the area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The cabin is used for or intended to be used for lodging. The project includes recording the condition of the cabin prior to disassembly and the reconstructed condition with the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Reconstructing the historic cabin consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Restoration will ensure the cabin remains in the park for visitors to appreciate. The disassembly and reconstruction of the Brune cabin is allowed pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-190(1)(m), subject to consistency with guidelines for resource enhancement projects (Commission Rule 350-81-104) and the protection of scenic, cultural, natural, and recreation resources.
4. Commission Rule 350-81-076 requires setbacks for new buildings on or adjacent to lands designated Large or Small-Scale Agriculture. No new buildings are proposed therefore, Commission Rule 350-81-076 is not applicable.
5. Commission Rule 350-81-084(1) lists guidelines for Indian Tribal Treaty Rights and Consultation within the General Management Area. Commission Rule 350-81-084(1)(a)

lists additional notice materials for projects in or providing access to the Columbia River or its fish bearing tributaries or for projects that may affect Indian treaty rights and provides 20 days for tribal governments to submit comments. This proposal is not located near the shoreline of the Columbia River or other streams and would not affect Indian treaty rights. Notice of the proposal was mailed to the four tribal governments with a 20 day comment period.

6. Commission Rule 350-81-084(1)(b) lists guidelines for tribal government consultation when those governments submit substantive written comments. No comments were received from tribal governments.
7. Commission Rule 350-81-084(1)(c)(B) states:

*The treaty rights protection process may conclude if the Executive Director determines that the proposed uses would not affect or modify treaty or other rights of any Indian tribe. Uses that would affect or modify such rights shall be prohibited.*

Because the proposed use would not affect or modify treaty or other rights of any Indian tribe, the treaty rights protection process may conclude pursuant to Commission Rule 350-91-084(1)(c)(B). Cultural resource survey requirements are addressed in Section C of this decision.

8. Commission Rule 350-81-104 lists guidelines for resource enhancement projects. Commission Rule 350-81-104(1) requires applications for resource enhancement projects to describe the goals and benefits of the proposed project. Applicant also must thoroughly document the condition of the resource before and after the proposed project. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission provided a detailed project description, documentation (including photographs) of the deconstruction conducted in October 2010, and reconstruction plan for the cabin in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Reconstruction. The goal of the project was to reconstruct the last remaining structure of the original Brune homestead for future enjoyment. Benefits include preserving a structure that shows the historic character of homesteading in the area. Commission Rule 350-81-104(2) includes requirements for quarry enhancement projects and is not applicable for this review. The disassembly and reconstruction of the Brune cabin is consistent with the guidelines for resource enhancement projects in Commission Rule 350-81-104.

#### Conclusion:

The disassembly and reconstruction of the Brune cabin, a significant historic structure, is an allowed review use guidelines in Commission Rules 350-81-520 to 350-81-590 that protect scenic, cultural, natural and recreation resources.

#### B. Scenic Resources

1. Commission Rule 350-81-520(1)(a) through (g) lists scenic resource protection guidelines for all review uses. Commission Rule 350-81-520 (1)(a) is applicable to new buildings and roads and Commission Rule 350-81-520(1)(b) and (d) are applicable to new buildings. No new buildings or roads are proposed with this project. Commission Rule 350-81-520(1)(c) applies to projects requiring new vegetation, which also is not

applicable for this project. Commission Rule 350-81-520(1)(e) refers to the compatibility of the proposed development with the designated landscape setting. This is discussed below in Findings B.8 through B.11. Commission Rules 350-81-520(1)(f) and (g) apply only to mineral resource production and quarries which are not proposed with this project. The proposed development is, for the most part, not subject to the scenic resource protection measures in Commission Rule 350-81-520(1).

2. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2) lists scenic resource protection guidelines for review uses on land topographically visible from key viewing areas. The portion of the Columbia Hills State Park on which the Brune cabin is located is topographically visible in the background from the Columbia River and Interstate 84. As such, Commission Rule 350-81-520(2) applies to the proposal.
3. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(b) requires development to be visually subordinate to its setting as seen from key viewing areas. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(r) exempts the rehabilitation of or modifications to existing significant historic structures from visual subordination requirements. To qualify for this exemption, Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(r) also requires the rehabilitation to be consistent with National Park Service regulations for such structures. As described in Section C, the Brune cabin is a significant historic structure and the applicant's deconstruction and restoration plan is consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Restoration. Thus, consistent with Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(r), the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Brune cabin is exempt from the visual subordination requirements in Commission Rules 350-81-520(2)(b) through (q).
4. Commission Rules 350-81-520(2)(s) through (x) include requirements for communications facilities, highway facilities, and new development along the Columbia River and, therefore, is not applicable for this project. Commission Rules 350-81-520(2)(bb) through (ee) include requirements for quarries and the production of mineral resources and, therefore, are not applicable to this historic cabin rehabilitation project.
5. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(y) states:

*New buildings shall not be permitted on lands visible from key viewing areas with slopes in excess of 30 percent.*

The project is a reconstruction of an existing building, not a new building. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(y) is not applicable.

6. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(z) states:

*Driveways and buildings shall be designed and sited to minimize visibility of cut banks and fill slopes from key viewing areas.*

No new driveways, cut banks or fill slopes are proposed. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(z) is not applicable.

7. Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(aa) requires grading plans for structural development involving more than 200 cubic yards of grading on sites visible from key viewing areas. Very minimal grading is proposed to construct the new foundation pier blocks. Consistent with Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(aa), no grading plan is required.

8. Commission Rule 350-81-520(3) includes scenic resource protection measures for new development based on the designated landscape setting for the subject property. The Landscape Settings map in the Management Plan classifies the subject parcel as Grasslands. Commission Rule 350-81-520(3)(d) contains guidelines for new development in this landscape setting.
9. Commission Rule 350-81-520(3)(d)(A) includes requirements for accessory structures, outbuildings and accessways. No new accessory structures, outbuildings or driveways are proposed therefore, Commission Rule 350-81-520(3)(d)(A) is not applicable.
10. Commission Rule 350-81-520(3)(d)(B) applies only to development that is subject to requirements for visual subordination from key viewing areas and, consistent with Commission Rule 350-81-520(2)(r), is not applicable.
11. Commission Rule 350-81-520(3)(d)(C) applies only to resource-based recreation development and, therefore, is not applicable to the rehabilitation of a historic structure.

Conclusion:

The rehabilitation of a significant historic structure is exempt from visual subordination requirements for development on lands seen from key viewing areas. The proposed rehabilitation of the historic Brune cabin is consistent with applicable measures that protect scenic resources from adverse effects.

C. Cultural Resources

1. Commission Rule 350-81-540(1) lists cultural resource protection guidelines for review uses. Commission Rule 350-81-540(1)(c)(A) is used to determine when a cultural resource reconnaissance survey is required. The applicant, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, conducted a reconnaissance survey as part of the overall rehabilitation project. This survey, titled "A Cultural Resources Survey of the Brune Homestead Site, Columbia Hills State Park, Klickitat County, Washington" (2011), was submitted to the Gorge Commission on March 10, 2011 and sent to Margaret Dryden, U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist, for review. The survey concluded that archaeological resources would not be affected. In a letter dated April 11, 2011, Ms. Dryden concurred with the survey conclusions.
2. Commission Rule 350-81-540(1)(c)(B) requires a historic survey for proposals that alter the exterior appearance of buildings and structures that are 50 years old or older. Constructed in about 1888, the Brune cabin is more than 50 years old. The rehabilitation project would alter the existing appearance of the cabin, and thus requires a historic survey. The applicant conducted a historic survey as part of its rehabilitation project and included it with the development application. The historic survey, included in the report titled "Henry F. Brune Cabin, Deconstruction and Reconstruction Plan" (2010), was sent to Margaret Dryden, U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist, for review. In a letter dated April 11, 2011, Ms. Dryden determined that the proposed deconstruction and restoration of the Brune cabin was consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Restoration and concurred with the report's conclusion there would be no adverse effect to historic resources as a result of the project.
3. Commission Rule 350-81-540(1)(e) defines cultural resources that are included in the National Register of Historic Places as significant. The "Homesteads of the Dalles

Mountain Ranch Historic District” was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in November, 2009. The Brune cabin was determined to be a contributing structure in the district and, therefore, is a significant cultural resource consistent with Commission Rule 350-81-540(1)(e).

4. Pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-540(2)(b), Gorge Commission staff sent the reconnaissance and historic surveys [“A Cultural Resources Survey of the Brune Homestead Site, Columbia Hills State Park, Klickitat County, Washington” (2011) and “Henry F. Brune Cabin, Deconstruction and Reconstruction Plan” (2010)], to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Indian tribal governments on April 11, 2011. They were provided a 30-day comment period.

In a letter dated April 18, 2011, Johnson Meninick of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation recommended monitoring during ground disturbing activities on the project. His letter did not include comments about the reconnaissance or historic surveys. In a letter dated May 10, 2011, the State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation concurred that reconstruction project would not affect archaeological resources and the project would have “no affect” on historic properties. No other comments were received.

5. Commission Rule 350-81-540(2)(a)(A) allows interested parties who so request during the comment period to consult with the applicant regarding cultural resources. A comment from Johnson Meninick of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation was received April 20, 2011. The letter recommended monitoring the site during ground disturbing activities and requested notification if cultural sites are discovered in the project area. The letter did not request consultation with the project applicant. Since the project involves minimal ground disturbance and no cultural resources were found in the project area, an on-site monitor is not required for this project. A condition is included requiring Commission notification should any cultural resources be discovered during project construction.
6. Commission Rule 350-81-540(4)(a) lists guidelines for conducting an Assessment of Effect to determine if a use would have no effect, no adverse effect, or an adverse effect on significant cultural resources such as the historic cabin.

Ms. Dryden reviewed the reconnaissance survey and historic preservation plan for the Brune Cabin and, in a letter dated April 11, 2011, recommended the proposed deconstruction and restoration of the historic cabin would have no adverse effect because the restoration plan met the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Restoration.

7. Commission Rule 350-81-540(4)(b) requires copies of the assessment of effect to be sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Indian tribal governments and that they be given 30 calendar days from the date the assessment of effect is mailed to submit written comments to the Executive Director. During this period, a letter was received from Gretchen Kaehler with Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Ms. Kaehler agreed with the finding of “No Historic Properties Affected” for the reconstruction of the Brune Cabin. No comments regarding the assessment of effect were received from the Indian tribal governments.
8. Commission Rule 350-81-540(4)(c)(B) states the cultural resource protection process may conclude when the following conditions exist:

*The cultural resource protection process may conclude if the proposed use would have no effect or no adverse effect on significant cultural resources.*

Pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-540(4)(c)(B), the cultural resource protection process may conclude.

9. Commission Rule 350-81-540(6) protects cultural resources discovered during construction. It requires that if cultural resources are discovered after construction begins, all construction activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resource shall cease; further disturbance is prohibited, and the Gorge Commission shall be notified within 24 hours of the discovery. A condition of approval will alert the applicant to this requirement.
10. Commission Rule 350-81-540(7) protects human remains discovered during construction. It requires that if human remains are discovered after construction begins, all construction activities shall cease and the Gorge Commission, local law enforcement officials and the Indian tribal governments shall be contacted immediately. A condition of approval will alert the applicant to this requirement.

#### Conclusion:

With conditions requiring the cessation of work and Commission notification if cultural resources or human remains are discovered during construction, the proposed restoration of a significant historic cabin is consistent with applicable guidelines in Commission Rule 350-81-540 that protect cultural resources in the National Scenic Area from adverse effects.

#### D. Natural Resources

1. Commission Rules 350-81-560 through 590 contain natural resource protection guidelines. Commission Rule 350-81-560 protects wetlands (350-81-560); streams, ponds, lakes and riparian areas (350-81-570); sensitive wildlife areas and sites (350-81-580); and sensitive plants (350-81-590).
2. Gorge Commission inventories do not identify any wetlands within 1,000 feet of the development site. Therefore, Commission Rule 350-81-560 is not applicable.
3. Commission Rule 350-81-570 includes guidelines to protect streams, ponds, lakes and riparian areas. Gorge Commission inventories do not identify any ponds or lakes within 1,000 feet on the subject property. The cabin is near west fork of Eightmile Creek, an intermittent stream that is not used by anadromous or resident fish. Commission Rule 350-81-570(7)(a)(B)) requires 50 foot buffers for intermittent streams, provided they are not used by anadromous or resident fish.

The cabin is located near the top of the canyon formed by the west fork of Eightmile Creek. At its closest point, the cabin is approximately 94 feet from the ordinary high water line of the intermittent stream, outside the 50 foot buffer. The proposed cabin restoration is consistent with the riparian protection guidelines in Commission Rule 350-81-570.

4. Commission Rule 350-81-580 contains guidelines to protect sensitive wildlife areas and sites. The Gorge Commission's sensitive wildlife inventory identifies the cabin location

is within deer winter range. Commission Rule 350-81-580(1)(a)(A) lists deer winter range as a sensitive wildlife area.

5. Commission Rule 350-81-580(4) contains guidelines for review of proposed uses within 1,000 feet of sensitive wildlife areas and sites. Subsection (a) of this section requires that site plans for such uses be submitted to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to review the application and: (A) verify the location of the wildlife area or site; (B) ascertain whether the wildlife area or site is active or abandoned; and (C) determine if the proposed use may compromise the integrity of the wildlife area or site or occur at a time when wildlife species are sensitive to disturbance. The application and site plan were submitted to David Howe, Region 5 Habitat Program Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on April 5, 2011 for review, pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-580(4). On April 6, 2011, a comment was received from Mr. Howe stating the agency had no concerns with the proposal as long as no trees were removed and any grading work was conducted outside the drip lines of nearby oak tree canopies. Commission staff confirmed with Washington State Parks that no trees are proposed for removal and the minimal grading required for the foundation piers is outside the drip lines of nearby trees.

6. Commission Rule 350-81-580(4)(c) states:

*The wildlife protection process may terminate if the Executive Director, in consultation with the state wildlife agency, determines:*

*(A) The sensitive wildlife area or site is not active, or*

*(B) The proposed use would not compromise the integrity of the wildlife area or site or occur during the time of the year when wildlife species are sensitive to disturbance.*

Comments received from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife confirmed that the proposed cabin restoration would not compromise sensitive wildlife areas or sites. Consistent with Commission Rule 350-81-580(4)(c), the wildlife protection process concluded.

7. Commission Rule 350-81-590 includes guidelines for review of proposed uses within 1,000 feet of sensitive plants. Gorge Commission inventories indicate the cabin location is within 1,000 feet of obscure buttercup (*ranunculus tritermatus*), a sensitive plant pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-590(1)(a). Pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-590(4), Commission staff submitted the site plan for this proposal to the Washington Natural Heritage Program to verify the precise location of the sensitive plant species and, if necessary, delineate a 200-foot buffer zone on the project applicant's site plan.

8. Commission Rule 350-81-590(4)(b) states:

*The rare plant protection process may conclude if the Executive Director, in consultation with the Natural Heritage Program staff, determines that the proposed use would be located outside of a sensitive plant buffer zone.*

On April 4, 2011, Jasa Holt, Data Specialist for the Washington Natural Heritage Program provided comments to verify the cabin is located approximately 550 feet from

the nearest occurrence of obscure buttercup, outside the required 200-foot buffer. Pursuant to Commission Rule 350-81-590(4)(b), the rare plant resource protection process may conclude.

Conclusion:

The proposed development is consistent with the applicable guidelines in Commission Rules 350-81-560 through 350-81-590 that protect sensitive natural resources from adverse effects.

E. Recreation Resources

1. Commission Rule 350-81-086 prevents adverse impacts to existing recreation sites by requiring appropriate buffers for new buildings and structures adjacent to existing recreation sites. No new buildings or structures are proposed with this application. The cabin is a feature of Columbia Hills State Park and is compatible with the recreation uses of the park. Consistent with Commission Rule 350-81-086, no recreation buffer is required.

Conclusion:

The proposed development is will not adversely affect existing recreation resources.

cc: Johnson Meninick, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Klickitat County Planning  
Klickitat County Building  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Gretchen Kaehler, Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
John Gamon, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Program  
Andy Kallinen, Park Ranger, Columbia Hills State Park  
Rick Till, Friends of the Columbia Gorge

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