COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA – October 10, 2017

Skamania Lodge
1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson, Washington

8:30 a.m. Call to Order and Roll
8:35 a.m. Welcome: Leana Johnson, City Administrator for Stevenson, Washington
8:40 a.m. Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2017 Commission Meeting
8:45 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission
As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
8:55 a.m. Public Comment *
9:15 a.m. ACTION ITEM: 2017-2019 Biennium Budget
Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, will present the 2-year budget approved by Oregon and Washington legislatures and the spending plan for approval.
9:35 a.m. INFORMATION ITEM: Status of the “Gorge 2020” Management Plan Review and Update Process—Overview from October 2016 through August 2017: Joint presentation by Krystyna U. Wolniakowski and Rachel Pawlitz, Public Affairs and Community Engagement Officer, U.S. Forest Service. They will review the Gorge 2020 activities since October 2016 to the present.

9:55 a.m. ACTION ITEM*: Update and Re-Adoption of the Roadmap/Timeline for the “Gorge 2020” Management Plan Review and Update Process: Krystyna U. Wolniakowski and Rachel Pawlitz will provide a proposed modification to the roadmap/timeline adopted by the Commission in fall 2016, in light of Eagle Creek fire and other factors.
10:20 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. INFORMATION ITEM: Buildable Lands Inventory in the National Scenic Area: Jason Hildreth, Sr GIS/Land Use Planner, will provide an overview of the buildable lands inventory as part of “Gorge 2020″ resources review process.

11:30 a.m. U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report: Lynn Burditt will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area

12:00 p.m. LUNCH
Special guest, Carl McNew, former Klickitat County appointee to the Gorge Commission, will join us for lunch

12:45 p.m. ACTION ITEM*: Proposed “Gorge 2020” Workplan: Jessica Gist, Sr Natural Resources and Land Use Planner, and Robin Shoal, Staff Officer for Natural Resources and Planning, U.S. Forest Service, will co-present a proposed “workplan” that provides an overarching framework and focus topics for Commission discussion based on the “Gorge 2020” Public Listening Sessions and consultations with counties, treaty tribes and agencies.

1:45 p.m. INVITED PRESENTATION*: The Management Plan and Acknowledgement of a Local Vision – the NSA Counties’ Perspectives: Planning Directors from Gorge counties will provide comments on their local governments’ view of the Management Plan and why it is important to continue to include local visions in the planning process.
2:25 p.m. **Economic Vitality in the Gorge:** Amanda Hoey, Executive Director, MCEDD, will present their new strategic plan for economic development.

3:00 p.m. **Executive Director's Report:** Krystyna Wolniakowski will provide updates on:
- Commission staff involvement with Eagle Creek Fire Incident Command and recovery programs/Governor Brown’s Fire Recovery Council
- Recruitment for new land use planner position
- Klickitat County – Gorge Commission Agreement Update
- Memo Clarifying the Regional Natural Hazards Mitigation and “Gorge 2020” Process

3:15 p.m. **Other Business**

3:25 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(h) to discuss Executive Director 18-Month Performance Review

4:10 p.m. **Adjourn**

**NOTE:** The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

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**GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please carefully and completely fill out a sign-up sheet clearly indicating which item or items in you wish to participate. Please respect the Commission meeting by handing your completed sheet and any written testimony or other documents to the Commission's Assistant prior to the start of the public comment on that item(s). The Commission's Assistant sits at the end of the side table closest to the audience.

**NOTE:** The chair reserves the right to not to hear comments if a comment sign-up sheet is incomplete or illegible.

**Be courteous and professional.**
Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone.
Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

**Effective use of public comment time.**
All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting’s time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

**Submitting written comments.**
If you would like your comments entered into the record, please bring a printed original for the record. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 printed copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

*Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.*