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In particular, please support the following policies and revisions:

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Climate Change: Please keep this as an URGENT priority.

Salmon and Wetlands Protection: Please protect critical Cold Water Refuge streams for salmon, wildlife habitat, and wetlands. Also, please restrict logging and mining.

Equity: Please prioritize indigenous rights, tribal lands, and local culture.

Thank you for your efforts to balance community needs with scenic protections in the Columbia Gorge region.

Regards,
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for all of your work on revising the management plan and reading these comments. I will make this short:

I do not live in the Gorge but I spend easily over 100 days in the Gorge hiking, stewarding, staying in lodging, eating in restaurants, and so forth. I'm sure we all agree that it is an exceptional corner of our planet.

As a member of the public and a lover of the National Scenic Area, I ask that you pass the strongest revisions possible for the future protection of the Gorge. This includes keeping the draft limits on urban sprawl, adopting a strong climate change action plan, protecting cold water refuges with a buffer of 200 feet, and limiting residential development within the scenic area.

Regards,
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Dear Commissioners,

This comment is on the Management Plan revision, and particularly in regard to Urban Sprawl. I do not think any increase should be allowed to urban growth areas, especially as the whole Dallesport area has plenty of land for all development needed. I am sorry to see any increase allowed, and feel that there should be no net decrease in the protected lands of the Gorge. If an Urban Growth area gets any more acreage, that amount should be subtracted from Dallesport in the form of wetlands or dunes. I was very sorry to see an "article" by Roger Nichols that was really an editorial in the local paper, and hope his article is not the official position of the Gorger Commission. This is a letter to the editor I wrote in response:
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My background:
I fell in love with the Rowena Plateau in 1970. In 1978 I bought the first piece of land for The Nature Conservancy's Tom McCall Preserve and sold it to TNC the next day for what I paid, after four years of effort. In 1985 I raised the money for McCall Point. I have been involved in land conservation in the east Gorge, wildflower education, and trails ever since. (Cherry Orchard Trail, Mosier Waterfall Park, Discovery Center grounds, Klickitat Trail, etc.). Before the Scenic Act passed there was almost no public land in the Gorge east of Hood River. The Scenic Act allowed for the purchase and preservation of a significant amount of previously private land in the Rowena and Catherine Creek areas that otherwise might have become five and ten acre farmettes. It has been the great joy of my life to see some of the oak woodlands and wildflower meadows of the East Gorge become public land, hopefully to be enjoyed, protected, and preserved."

Regards,
Barbara Robinson
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for reviewing these comments and for your work over the last four years to update and strengthen the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Growing up in the 505 and 60's inSouthern Cal, my family camped regularly in Yosemite.... It was quiet and beautiful.... now reservations are a must , and shuttle buses and no car zones are everywhere... I think of the Gorge as a little Yosemite, it is awesome in the true sense of the word. In the 35 years I have lived nearby it has gotten busier and busier.... we must try to preserve the wild and rural character that makes it so special. The urban boundaries should be limited to 1% expansion, max 2 %. Plans need to protect the wildlife and water sources from climate change, mining and logging.... Please adopt a no net loss option for wetlands and a 200ft stream buffer ... Expand options for overnight bike and hike travel. Keep rural lands rural and maintain agricultural lands. As visitors to the Gorge increase I hope it can continue to be a natural escape and oasis.

Regards,
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Dear Commissioners,

As a member of the public and a lover of the National Scenic Area, I urge you to pass the strongest revisions possible for the future protection of the Gorge.

Regards,
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Dear Commissioners,

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Across the board I support the strongest possible protections for the Gorge but I want to address urban area expansion in particular.

Neither residents of the National Scenic Area nor its visitors live, work or recreate here for the love of sprawl. Creative problem solving and innovative urban planning practices will keep our existing urban areas utilized or revitalized in the best possible ways. We need to stay committed to this.

I oppose urban area boundary expansion when there is still a surplus of developable land available within existing urban areas. I recognize that the commission's new policies to limit urban area expansions to 20 acres or 1% of the land within the existing urban area, whichever is less, and limit cumulative revisions to not exceed 50 acres (or 2%, which ever is less) are compromises reached after many years of public involvement and I support the commission's work to define "minor revision." I also support the new policy requiring a regional analysis of growth potential within existing urban boundaries.

Wise management of the Gorge's urban boundaries is so important and it positively addresses other items in the Management Plan as well. Limiting urban sprawl helps protect farm and forest land as well as habitat and wildlife. Vibrant, compact, livable towns foster walkable, bike-able communities that are less reliant on cars and help to lower carbon emissions that cause climate change.

As we know in the Gorge - it's all connected and every link must be well protected.

Thank you for your work over the last four years to update and strengthen the Management Plan for the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

Regards,
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Dear Commissioners,

Dear Gorge Commission,
Please maintain a strong management plan that stops urban sprawl.
Protect salmon and wildlife habitat with 200 foot stream buffers.
respectfully, Jim Plunkett

Regards,
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to write for one of our planet's most spectacular places.
This Gorge.
We must protect, protect, protect. We must just keep it as it is.

Someone coming for a visit?
What is the first place that we carry them off to?
Along with our region's other splendors---the soothing coastline, eastern expanses, spirit sustaining forests---we take them to the Gorge.

In these covid days, our neighborhood parks are bustling with those seeking a touch of nearby nature.
Why would we enable one more square inch of the precious Gorge to be altered for development of any kind?

All reputable science points to the climate crisis. Let serious, unrestrained protection of the Gorge say that, at least here we did not contribute to that ensuing climate catastrophe.

Protect, protect, protect the Gorge for humanity and all other life clinging to its cliffs and waterways.

Regards,
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