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Hi Connie: Yes, I did raise my hand to submit a public comment ... and, yes, my microphone on the desktop presented a technical glitch. I'm moving to my laptop for tomorrow's meeting, would you kindly send the CRGC zoom meeting connection to my other email address: [625rvkben@gmail.com](mailto:625rvkben@gmail.com).

My question, if you get it for today's meeting is as follows: This morning on the Ch 12 news there was an announcement about Oregon opening up some parks and while the Columbia River Gorge area of Multnomah County was not mentioned, but it might be one of the park areas to be opened, (the Historic Columbia River Hwy has been closed from Larch Mtn/Columbia River Hwy to Ainsworth since April 7, 2020). Oregon Recreation & Parks/ODOT, USFS and Multnomah County Sheriff's agencies made the right choice in closing this stretch of the highway while the COVID19 pandemic is affecting all areas of our life, but it is nearly impossible to keep people at the 6' recommended safe distancing in this stretch of the gorge.

But, when it does reopen, what plans does the Columbia River Gorge Commission have in place for recommendation to the USFS? This area, as you well know, is a highly trafficked area and is always overcrowded. It will be more so when Parks, USFS, ODOT, Multco, decides to reopen. I'd like to know what

the commission has planned for reopening this area safely. Or what are your recommendations to the aforementioned agencies, esp. USFS – Lynn Burditt, probably has some recent information on what the federal agency is proposing.

Thank you so much. As a resident between the closed areas mentioned above, I will add that while the pandemic has changed my in-town shopping, banking, etc., I am thrilled to have the peace and quiet at my little farm in the gorge while the highway has been closed... I am listening and hearing the springtime sounds that are usually drowned out by tour buses, speedsters who love to rip through without regard for nature. It's been a lovely, peaceable time here at my farm.

Please take care and stay safe.

Karol A. Dietrich



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