

Public Comment for the September 8, 2020 Gorge Commission Meeting

I request that you reconsider the decision to allow any expansion of the urban growth boundaries. The urban growth boundary was established by Congress to prevent urban sprawl in the national scenic area. Boundaries are boundaries! Wasco County has requested expanding the urban growth boundary for some time. The commission has caved in to their demand as a compromise to pass the vote. You have opened up expansion by not defining "minor revision" There has to be a specific reason to justify expansion. This has to be reviewed by a case a case application.

I thought the plan update was to clarify terminology, reduce areas of confusion, clarify definitions and minor adjustment where needed, incorporating climate change. Please reconsider your urban growth boundaries as it will affect the strength of the National Scenic Act.

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