Columbia River Gorge Commission
P.O. Box 730
White Salmon, WA 98672

Re: Please strengthen Columbia Gorge Management Plan

Dear Commission:

Thank you for your important job of protecting the Columbia River Gorge. As one of many hikers and nature-lovers who spend time in the Gorge, I ask you to uphold maximum protections for this beautiful area.

Specifically, please update the Columbia Gorge Management Plan with strong provisions to:

- Stop urban expansion
- Deny permits for developments that obstruct scenic views or trails
- Follow current science to protect fish and wildlife habitat.

Your role of Gorge protectors is all the more important now, as threats from climate change are impacting natural areas. Please act now to provide maximum protections for the Gorge.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Avery
Dear Commission,

Please update the Columbia River Gorge Management plan with a strong emphasis on climate change. That will plan for expected impacts on all resources in the Scenic Area. I understand that you are two years into a mandated plan review process. In your plan please increase protection for salmon and other native wildlife and plants, including protection and restoration of wetlands and increased buffers for streams and wetlands.

In addition, I would like to see in the plan an end to urban expansion into protected management areas of the National Scenic Area.

Thank you for your consideration.

C: Governor Kate Brown.

Diane Fallansbee
Cows County Resident
Dear Commissioners,

I have recently learned that the management plan for the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area makes absolutely no mention of climate change. The resource protection policies in the plan are thirty years old and badly in need of updating to include strategies for mitigating the effects of climate change. I am deeply concerned about the future of our precious Columbia Gorge as we experience a warming planet.

Policies should clearly be based on current science and include steps to protect native species (from salmon to native and rare plants), preserve wetlands, increase buffers for streams and waterways, and prevent urban expansion into protected areas.

Immediate work to develop such policies is crucial to protecting the Columbia Gorge for our children and grandchildren. Please don’t let them down!

Sincerely yours,

Deborah M. Olsen

Copy:
Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047
To: Columbia River Gorge Commission

I'm writing to urge you to please consider the impacts of climate change on the Columbia Gorge. Climate change is the number one priority we should all be considering when making plans for the future.

Please take steps to stop any further urban expansion into the Gorge. This area's habitats must be protected for native wildlife and plant life.

It's frightening to think what devastation our changing climate can bring. You are in a position to halt and prevent many of these effects in this beautiful area.

Please do all that you possibly can.

Thank you,
Sarah Hortlein
3505 NE Bryce St
Portland, OR 97212
Climate change is real, despite what those on those on the far right suggest.

I am worried that those who are now in a position to make a difference and refuse, may hurt future efforts.

What is it that holds the board back from stepping up to the realization of this crisis? If it is political, do politics really matter in this case?

Please, put party aside on this critical issue.

Won't you please focus now on updating COLUMBIA GORGE MANAGEMENT PLAN now before you.

We are not running scared; we are running out of time.

Please protect this very special place by doing the job to which you were appointed.

Sincerely,

Tom Wood
PLEASE MAKE THE CLIMATE CRISIS YOUR PRIORITY IN YOUR MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW. IT IS, HOWEVER, THE MAIN PRIORITY FOR ALL INHABITANTS ON THIS GREAT GREEN PLANET. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE. LYNDAC.
Columbia Gorge Commissioners -

As you update the management plan for the Scenic Area

climate change impacts must be apparent. (If not yet, we're just lucky!) Habitat, scenic
views & community safety must be taken to heart.

Please make planning for climate
change a priority for management plan review. It's got to be a
top priority, this is imperative. Thank you for all you do on behalf of this lovely place.

We appreciate you!

Blessings

Claire Sierra
Owner, Balch Hotel & Bliss at The Balch Spa

Josiah Dean
Owner, Balch Hotel

Claire Sierra
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Green tree frogs

Louisiana's Atchafalaya Swamp, home to these two Green tree frogs, is also a nesting and feeding habitat for more than 170 bird species.

To find out how you can help save America's wildlife by becoming a member, call the National Audubon Society at 1-800-274-4201.
Sept. 2

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Dear Sir or Ms,

Please make planning for climate change a priority in your management plan review. Just the increase in devastating...
Fires alone compel climate change planning. Thank you.

Don Gargas
410 No. 5th St.
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September 1, 2019

Columbia River Gorge Commission
#1 Town & Country Square
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White Salmon WA 98672

Dear Friends:

I urge you to make planning for climate change a priority in your management plan review.

Changes in the USDA Hardiness Zone Map, based on trends in average temperatures reviewed over 50-100 years, are not reliable evidence of whether there has been global warming. BUT, compared with the 1990 version, zone boundaries in the latest edition have shifted in many areas. The new HZM is generally one half-zone warmer than the previous map through most of the USA (1074-86 data vs 1976-2005).

As a gardener, I take these hardiness zones into consideration when deciding what to plant. I think the Columbia River Gorge Commission should do no less in their management plan review. Average temperatures are getting warmer here, and that affects the plants and animals that call the Columbia River Gorge their home.

Thank you for your consideration of this important topic.

Sincerely,

Marianne Nelson

Marianne Nelson
Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge. This historic landmark was built as an observatory and rest stop. Visitors are greeted by members of Friends of Vista House and enjoy one of the most spectacular views in the world, www.vistahouse.com

Greetings, As a resident of the Gorge, I am concerned about its preservation and resilience. Climate change influences everything we do at the moment and plans for the future. Please make adaptation to climate change a top priority for your management plan. Even with planning, we face huge challenges. So plan now for the future.

Portia Mattheson, Kagle, WA
A WWII Navy dirigible passing The Lookout as it patrols the Oregon coast. Cape Foulweather, was the perfect promontory for spotting enemy craft. The blimp's hangar is still in Tillamook, Oregon.

Dear members of the Gorge Comm,

It seems climate change—coming just as hard—is our reality today. Therefore, making climate change planning a priority is also our reality.

Forward, Sadly, it makes sense.

Thank you,

[Signature]

hiker + Oregonian
To: Gorge Commission

Please protect our beautiful Gorge.

We must (sadly) plan for climate change. Please make climate change planning one of your priorities.

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27 August 2019

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

I am a member of Friends of the Columbia Gorge. In their recent publication it was noted that there is no mention of climate change in the Commission's management plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

I am writing to you to urge you to make planning for climate change a priority in your management planning for the Gorge we all hold so dear.

Thank you

Sahni Denton
16635 S E, East View Dr,
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