

Gorge Commission Climate Change Vision and Roles

Draft language for discussion and adoption

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Draft Climate Change Vision

The National Scenic Area is made up of natural systems, living cultures, and communities that are resilient to climate change and that contribute to climate change solutions.

Description of Roles

Through its Management Plan and land use policies, the Commission protects and enhances the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources of the gorge, and protects and supports the economy of the Gorge in the face of a changing climate;

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Through its Management Plan and land use policies, the Commission supports carbon reduction strategies that are consistent with resource protections, including renewable energy and transit solutions;

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The Columbia River Gorge Commission invests in proactive planning to adapt to and mitigate climate change in the National Scenic Area;

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The Commission leads a Vital Signs Indicators program that monitors the impacts of climate change on the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources, and the economies of the gorge;

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The Commission provides regional leadership and partners with communities and stakeholders who are working to limit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance forest carbon storage

Questions

Does the Commission support the vision? Are there changes that need to be made achieve Commission support?

Are there changes that need to be made to any of the roles statements to achieve Commission support?

Staff would like Commission guidance and support to draft revisions to non-regulatory sections of the Management Plan that reflect this climate change language