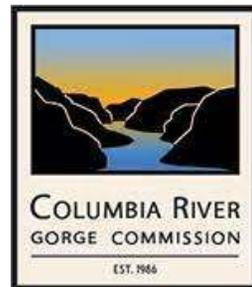




# Draft Climate Change Action Plan

Summary of Public Comment

September 13, 2022



# Today's Presentation

- Engagement on the Draft Climate Change Action Plan
- Key themes from public comment
- Commission discussion

# Topics for Commission Discussion

- Do you support staff recommendations described in the Draft Climate Change Action Plan public comment summary report?
- Do you have additional specific direction to staff as we address comments that are not described in this staff report?

# Engagement on Draft Climate Change Action Plan

- 90-day public comment period: May 5–August 9, 2022
- 4 virtual public information sessions
- Work sessions with 5 NSA County Commissions
- Presentations and meetings with over 12 organizations and agencies
- Many other discussions with partner staff

# Theme: How the Action Plan Leads to Policy Changes



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## Ideas we heard:

Support for policy topics:

- Stream and wetland protections
- Fire risk

## Staff recommendations:

Focus on stream and wetland enhancement and voluntary fire risk reduction



# Theme: Recreation and Visitation

## Ideas we heard:

Consider impacts of increased recreation on resources and local communities

## Staff recommendation:

Add actions about compounding impacts of recreation use and climate change



# Theme: Oregon White Oak Woodlands

## Ideas we heard:

- Consider changing no net loss goal of acres and function
- Concern about action: “Consider policies, such as limiting new cultivation, to maintain key winter range areas”

## Staff recommendations:

- Focus policies on greatest threats from development
- Support incentives and landowner outreach



# Theme: Agriculture

## Ideas we heard:

- Focus on incentives
- Concern about limiting agriculture within agricultural land use designations

## Staff recommendations:

- Emphasize findings from producer workshops in September 2021
- See recommendations for Oregon white oak



# Theme: Equity and Inclusive Climate Action Work

## Ideas we heard:

Share more details on engagement strategies, actions, and partnerships

## Staff recommendations:

- Section with specific strategies, actions, and key partners to advance climate equity work
- Pro-Equity Anti-Racism team
- Climate Stewards pilot program



# Theme: Tribal Treaty Rights

## Ideas we heard:

- Focus on ecological communities, native species, and system functions
- Enhance floodplains to manage future hydrologic change
- Support access for gathering and traditional uses

## Staff recommendations:

- Work with Tribes on invasive species
- Consult regularly to align climate change priorities



# Theme: Vital Sign Indicators (VSI) and Evaluating the Action Plan

## Ideas we heard:

Clarify how VSI informs future Action Plan policies

## Staff recommendation:

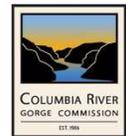
Revise evaluation section with VSI information, graphics, and updated definitions



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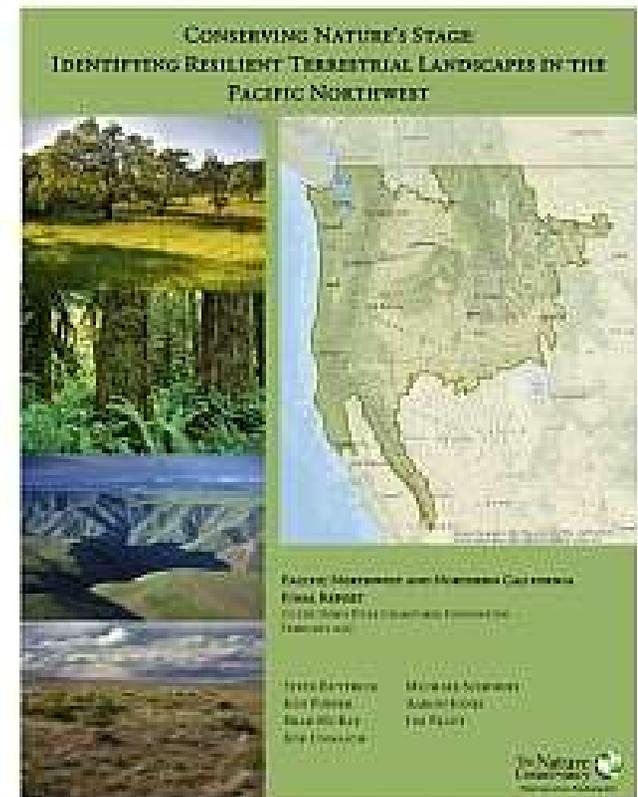
# Theme: High Climate Resilience Areas

## Ideas we heard:

- Clarify how these areas are identified and mapped
- Explain the goal of 70% conservation of these areas

## Staff recommendations :

- Add detail about the methods and definitions for HCRA's
- Emphasize partnerships with USDA Forest Service, Land Trusts, and other landowners to achieve the goal by 2030



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