Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Please protect our beautiful Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. I have been a life-long resident of first Oregon, now Washington state. The Columbia River itself, its water quality, and the specified National Scenic Area are all very important to me. Please consider adding the recommended language suggested below to the economic development chapter of the National Scenic Area Management Plan. And delete the sections recommended also.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this. Please do NOT expand the boundaries of existing urban areas, and DO consider these other suggestions also. NO development should be exempted from protections for Clean Water and aquatic life in the Columbia River, especially salmon. If our national Clean Water Act is undermined, it is my prayer that the states of Washington and Oregon, environmental organizations, and hopefully some of your own Commission members will stand up and protect this treasure for future generations.

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Judith Cosby
542 Juniper Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362
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Thank you for considering these comments and protecting the National Scenic Area for future generations.

Regards,
Sabolch Horvat
4442 ne alberta st
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Karen Henell
4605 SW 27th Ave
Portland, OR 97239
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Kris Anderson
PO Box 1533
Corvallis, OR 97330
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Sincerely,
Christine McCullough

Regards,
Christine McCullough
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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The second purpose of the National Scenic Area Act requires the Gorge Commission to encourage economic growth.

I want to voice my concern with the Friends of the Gorge's pursuit to limit and restrict property owners right to create value and economic value on their own land. It is out of place and disrespectful for a group of Portland recreationalists to impose restrictions on our property use. They will claim that there is under utilized property within urban boundaries and therefore restrictions should be imposed on those outside those boundaries. Property in unincorporated areas like Dallesport, have the same right to use their land and should not have restrictions placed on them because some group in the city that is funded from outside the area feels it harms their recreational use or weekend pleasure. We live here and have right to prosper. We value the beauty of the gorge as much as anyone, but we also have a right as property owners.

Please consider disregarding the template language the the Friends of the Gorge are sending into you for consideration. This letter itself is sent to you via the Friends webpage where they have a complete letter pre-written for people to simply attach their name to without understanding the details. I simply rewrote the letter to ensure my comments were received in the same pile of comments. Property owners in unincorporated areas must have their rights and liberties protected.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Dan Fuller
Stevenson, WA
Stevenson, WA 98648
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan. As a Gorge resident, the National Scenic Area designation and enforcement are very important to me and my family. Protection of this beautiful place should be a national priority. Please don't allow urban sprawl to ruin the scenic character of this special place.

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Thank you for this important work and considering these comments.

Regards,
Beth Flake
25 Eugene St
Hood River, OR 97031
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Regards,
Roger Bates
17875 SW Frances St
Beaverton, OR 97003
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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1009 Columbia St
Hood River, OR 97031
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We need open space in the Gorge.
Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Alan Winter
5707 NE 15th Ave.
Portland, OR 97211
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Thank you for considering these comments. I look forward to keeping up to date on the progress of the Columbia Gorge Commission and members of the communities committed to this ecological treasure.

Regards,
Judy Todd
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

As far as the public is concerned, the primary function of a National Scenic Area is to preserve the "scenic" values for public benefit. It is certainly not to grow the economic benefit for a select few. That is why it is important to limit development as much as allowed under the law. In this case, that means limiting development to regions already in existing urban areas.

Regards,
Charles Scudder
4625 SW 29th Ave
Portland, OR 97239
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan.

As an owner of land in the Scenic Area, preservation of the scenic qualities is very important to me.

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Don Stephens
908 SE Cora
Portland, OR 97202
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

I'm writing here to comment on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan.

You already know that thousands of acres of land already set aside for urban development are vacant or underutilized. However, because the “unincorporated” urban areas, like Dallesport, lack urban planning and are managed as rural lands, this is an opportunity for you to use your mandate for the good of the Gorge and all the species that live in or pass through its land. I hope you will require local governments to apply urban planning and zoning within the boundaries of all existing urban areas.

I'm one of the many Oregonians who request that you make the following changes to the National Scenic Area Management Plan:

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Moreover, as I'm sure you know, the current (revised) draft language
(1) requires the Commission to support commercial uses within the Gorge. This is inappropriate and dangerous; it should be stricken from the Plan. +
(2) requires the Gorge Commission to support efforts by the port governments in the Gorge to expand urban area boundaries - this should be deleted. +
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Thank you for your work on these very important concerns.

Regards,
Judith Arcana
2034 NE 40th Avenue #416
Portland, OR 97212
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Please consider my input on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan.

Please prioritize economic growth within the existing urban areas in the Gorge.

Please add language to the National Scenic Area Management Plan to encourage county governments to adopt comprehensive plan revisions and zoning changes that apply urban scale planning within the unincorporated urban areas in the Scenic Area. Please discourage expanding boundaries of existing urban areas.

Regards,
Roger Brewer
5739 SW Downs View Ct.
Portland, OR 97221
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan.

There is a major difference between economic development and economic growth. Economic growth only makes the economic bigger, not better.

Economic development, on the other hand, makes the economy better. Therefore, helping the Gorge economy become better without making it grow bigger can and needs to be the Gorge Commission’s focus.

To make the economy better, it will be necessary to plug the leaks in the Gorge's economy that are causing wealth to flow away from the Gorge’s natural resources and members of the community and into the pockets of businesses and people that are already enjoying well-above average affluence and/or that are not located in the Gorge. This will recycle that wealth back while preventing further harm to the Gorge’s natural wonders.

By doing this, local economic and resource wealth will be recycled back into the pockets of struggling local residents and businesses. Gorge residents' quality of life, leisure time, and incomes will improve without having to attract additional residents, consumption, subdivision of lands, construction, and the ensuing climate-changing emissions to the Gorge, and without ruining the treasure that is the Gorge for its visitors.

If on the other hand, the pursuit of more people, consumption and expansion of the built environment in the Gorge preempts the pursuit of improved local economic activity, then environmental havoc will unravel all the hard work that has gone into protection and enhancement of the Gorge’s scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources.

Thousands of acres of vacant land have already been set aside in urban zones for expansion of the built environment. While it is imperative that these acres be utilized first before going outside the urban zones to feed, house, clothe, educate and create employment for the financially struggling individuals and families already living in the Gorge, it is also imperative that economic development plans be made now that will prevent any further growth of population, consumption and built environments in the Gorge, as well as any further loss of livability, income, and wealth that has been suffered in the Gorge due to the economic growth that has been wildly out of control since the passing of the Scenic Act.

The US average population growth rate in 2018-2019 was .5 percent. This is the lowest its been since 1917-1918, and our country's population growth is projected to continue to slow. For the cited economic, social and environmental reasons, the Gorge's population badly needs to be allowed to conform to this trend by not being subjected to local government’s attempts to attract large commercial interests and other measures that increase the cost of living, drain wealth, and harm local incomes. As well, when the time comes that population growth eventually comes to a halt in the Gorge, this will help the Gorge economy to thrive
nevertheless.

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Therefore, adding the following language to the National Scenic Area Management Plan is essential:

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Michael Sterling
PO Box 11884
Portland, OR 97211
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

I would like the Gorge Commission to not allow the expansion of the urban boundaries in the Gorge.

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Regards,
Nina Pollock
10342 NW ALPENGLOW WAY
Portland, OR 97229
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Thank you for considering these comments. And please preserve our beautiful gorge!

Regards,
Alice West
1237 SE 53rd Ave
Portland, OR 97215
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Regards,
Pope Richard
11407 NW Kearney St
Portland, OR 97229
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Please keep the Columbia River Gorge the beautiful scenic area it is. There has got to be another place for the urban sprawl to sprawl....leave this area pristine as it has been and should always be for future years to come. Use un used commercial buildings on marine drive if you need to but not the Gorge. Thanks

Regards,
Cherine Gregory
12418 NE Knott St
Portland, OR 97230
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Regards,
April Atwood
6306 SE 21st Ave
Portland, OR 97202
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Regards,

Janet Kavanagh
Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Walt Mintkeski
6815 SE 31st Ave
Portland, OR 97202
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Nathan Jackson
Domus Rosea
Tigard, OR 97224
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7409 NE 70th Street
Vancouver, WA 98662
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1405 SE Taylor St
Portland, OR 97214
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