

From: [Judith Cosby](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:11:50 PM

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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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Judith Cosby
542 Juniper Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362

From: [Kim Berry](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:10:12 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Thank you for this consideration.

Urban Growth Boundaries have made preserving the Gorge possible. They are also instrumental in raising property values. Places (Texas, Ohio, etc) that do not have UGB's have sprawl and the cost of living (real estate) is much lower. However, this is not Texas! We have a responsibility to limit development in one of the most beautiful places on earth. A change to allow TINY houses on all the infill lots, with less restrictive building codes would accomplish a better result. Be more creative than just allowing more, bigger, houses in pristine areas! Think outside the box. Tiny houses with lofts, small footprints, no garages. Much better than permanently eliminating the spectacular nature of the Gorge.

The rest, you have seen already but worth a second read!!

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Regards,
Kim Berry
601 NE Grandview Blvd
White Salmon, WA 98672

From: [Sabolch Horvat](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:09:13 PM

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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

Portland, OR 97218

From: [Karen Henell](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:08:14 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

I write to encourage the Gorge Commission to require that local governments apply urban planning and zoning within the boundaries of all existing urban areas before allowing any expansion of urban boundaries. Land use planning and concentration of development is essential as population pressures mount in our region.

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Regards,
Karen Henell
4605 SW 27th Ave
Portland, OR 97239

From: [Kris Anderson](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:07:25 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

As you know, the National Scenic Area Act requires the Gorge Commission to encourage economic growth to occur in the 13 existing urban areas in the Gorge in a manner that is consistent with protection and enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge.

There are thousands of acres intended for urban development that are vacant or underutilized. Before you consider any proposals for expansion of urban areas, you should require that local jurisdictions apply urban planning and zoning in all EXISTING urban areas.

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Thank you for considering how your actions will impact future generations who would love to see how beautiful the gorge IS, not hear what it used to look like before you encouraged urban sprawl.

Regards,
Kris Anderson
PO Box 1533
Corvallis, OR 97330

From: [Rick Ray](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:06:12 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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

I live in the scenic area, near Corbett, Oregon.

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Regards,
Rick Ray
30777 NE Hurt Road
Troutdale, OR 97060

From: [Brenda Peterson](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:08:57 AM

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Regards,
Brenda Peterson
6601 SW Oak Street
Tigard, OR 97223

From: [Beth Hartwell](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:56:10 AM

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Regards,
Beth Hartwell
822 Adams Loop
Hood River, OR 97031

From: [Rick Beam](#)
To: [Information](#)
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Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:47:32 AM

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Rick Beam
19773 Bellevue Way
West Linn, OR 97068

From: [Marianne Nelson](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 6:33:03 PM

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Marianne Nelson
1644 SE Rex St
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Gina Roberti](#)
To: [Information](#)
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Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 6:01:01 PM

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Gina Roberti
42218 NE Yale Bridge Road
Amboy, WA 98601

From: [Marcia Strickland](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 4:42:26 PM

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Regards,
Marcia Strickland
4529 NE 20th Ave
Portland, OR 97211

From: [Hilary Russell](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 11:39:07 AM

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Regards,
Hilary Russell
7037 N Kerby Ave
Portland, OR 97217

From: [David Grant](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020 8:54:45 AM

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Regards,
David Grant
211 Stanford Ave
Medford, OR 97504

From: [Wayne Stewart](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 6:10:44 PM

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Wayne Stewart
515 SW Cheltenham St
Portland, OR 97239

From: [Kalama Reuter](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 11:15:19 AM

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Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:31:14 PM

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From: [John Rogers](#)
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From: [Sherry Meier](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Laura Hanks
6281 SE Deering Ct.
Milwaukie, OR 97222

From: [Connie Coleman](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:48 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Regards,
Connie Coleman
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From: [John Wood](#)
To: [Information](#)
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Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:45 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Do you all know that the result is that Oregon has blossomed in every aspect as a result of re-purposing what would have been "wasted" land and thus creating conditions resulting in walking and biking people oriented neighborhoods of which the rest of the country is intensely jealous?

If you don't know these facts, you are not fit to make land use decisions in this state (or any other, frankly). You might want to get the facts of the cause and effect of sprawl vs wise land use. You will learn that only the first "developer" of additional land makes money. After that, few people benefit or see gains nearly as large as they would have under the current setup which has worked remarkably well for generations. Now the boilerplate:

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Regards,
John Wood
601 State St
Hood River, OR 97031

From: [Richard Gorringe](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:45 PM

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3574 NE Stanton
Portland, OR 97212

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To: [Information](#)
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It is critical that the integrity of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area be maintained, and this can only happen if the above restrictions or additions be incorporated into the Act.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,

Stephen Couche
4718 SE 31st Ave
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Christine McCullough](#)
To: [Information](#)
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Thank you for considering these comments.
Sincerely,
Christine McCullough

Regards,
Christine McCullough

3345 NW Ashland
Beaverton, OR 97006

From: [Dan Fuller](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:44 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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

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

From: [Beth Flake](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:44 PM

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

From: [Roger Bates](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
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Regards,

Roger Bates
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From: [Ann Frodel](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:44 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Regards,
Ann Frodel
1009 Columbia St
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From: [Alan Winter](#)
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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

From: [Judy Todd](#)
To: [Information](#)
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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

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Portland, OR 97232

From: [Charles Scudder](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:44 PM

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

From: [Don Stephens](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:44 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Regards,

Don Stephens
908 SE Cora
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Judith Arcana](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:44 PM

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:

Consistent with the second purpose of the Act, the Commission shall 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, rather than expanding boundaries of existing urban areas.

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.

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(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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(3) allows an exemption for development along the shoreline of urban areas from the wetland and water resource protection requirements - this notably bad exemption plan/policy should also be deleted.

Thank you for your work on these very important concerns.

Regards,
Judith Arcana
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Portland, OR 97212

From: [Roger Brewer](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:43 PM

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

From: [Michael Sterling](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:43 PM

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 it's 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.

Unfortunately, the “unincorporated” urban areas, like Dallesport, lack urban planning and are managed as rural lands. Before any proposals for expansion of urban areas are considered by the Gorge Commission, it should require local governments to apply urban planning and zoning within the boundaries of all existing urban areas.

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

Consistent with the second purpose of the Act, the Commission shall encourage county governments to adopt comprehensive plan revisions, zoning changes and economic development plans that plug the leaks of wealth from local residents and businesses, prevent further destruction of the natural resources necessary for the health of the Gorge economy, and that apply urban scale planning within the unincorporated urban areas in the Scenic Area, rather than expanding boundaries of existing urban areas.

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Michael Sterling
PO Box 11884
Portland, OR 97211

From: [Nina Pollock](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:43 PM

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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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Nina Pollock
10342 NW ALPENGLOW WAY
Portland, OR 97229

From: [Alice West](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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

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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

From: [Pope Richard](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

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Regards,
Pope Richard
11407 NW Kearney St
Portland, OR 97229

From: [Cherine Gregory](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

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

From: [April Atwood](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
April Atwood
6306 SE 21st Ave
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Janet Kavanagh](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

The Columbia Gorge scenic area is one of the most precious and majestic places in our country. We must preserve that for posterity. Cities there within should work on smart growth, increasing density and protecting the natural spaces.

The second purpose of the National Scenic Area Act requires the Gorge Commission to encourage economic growth to occur in the 13 existing urban areas in the Gorge in a manner that is consistent with protection and enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge.

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Regards,
Janet Kavanagh

600 Garrison St
The Dalles, OR 97058

From: [Walt Mintkeski](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

I wish to comment on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan.

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Regards,
Walt Mintkeski
6815 SE 31st Ave
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Christie Bradley](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the economic development chapter of the Management Plan. As a 4th generation gorge resident, I have a strong interest in the development of the gorge.

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Christie Bradley
1383 Tucker Rd

Hood River, OR 97031

From: [Nathan Jackson](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:42 PM

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Nathan Jackson
Domus Rosea
Tigard, OR 97224

From: [David Michalek](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:41 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Expanding any of the urban growth boundaries is a horrible idea. Pandora's box, because once you allow expansion, it will never end and soon there will be continuous development from Hood River to The Dallas. This was not the intention of the framers of the bill.

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David Michalek
25 Eugene St
Hood River, OR 97031

From: [Daniel Vander Ploeg](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:40 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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Regards,
Daniel Vander Ploeg
7409 NE 70th Street
Vancouver, WA 98662

From: [Michael Wilson](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:40 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

I am very happy to be a member of Friends of the Columbia River Gorge because they always manage to come up with a win-win-win solution to problems/opportunities that arise in the Columbia River Gorge. I believe the following is an example.

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

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Regards,
Michael Wilson
1405 SE Taylor St
Portland, OR 97214

From: [Linda Packard](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:40 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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

This is a lot to read. I didn't write it but I have read it and I whole heartedly agree with each of these requirements that are our requests. Please help us with this. We can speak but it is in your hands.

The short version is to prioritize lands already in urban areas for future economic growth. Please do not allow urban boundary expansions.

The long version you already know but here it is anyway. The second purpose of the National Scenic Area Act requires the Gorge Commission to encourage economic growth to occur in the 13 existing urban areas in the Gorge in a manner that is consistent with protection and enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge.

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Regards,
Linda Packard
1207 SE 72nd Ave
Portland, OR 97215

From: [patricia march](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:39 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

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

The Columbia Gorge is such a unique and wonderful place. Expansion of areas for more development would be a tragedy.

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Regards,

patricia march
12 Gosnell Rd
Underwood, WA 98651

From: [Maxine Sheets-Johnstone](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:05:39 PM

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

**PROTECT AND PRESERVE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, OF WHICH THE
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NO URBAN BOUNDARY EXPANSIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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Regards,
Maxine Sheets-Johnstone
330 King St
Yachats, OR 97498

From: [Eileen Sleva](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 4:56:50 PM

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Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:26:46 AM

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From: [Carolanne Fry](#)
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From: [Kristin Siess](#)
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From: [Sara Grigsby](#)
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Subject: Economic Development in the Management Plan
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 8:01:04 AM

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To: [Information](#)
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Date: Monday, January 27, 2020 9:23:52 PM

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Date: Monday, January 27, 2020 5:23:33 PM

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