

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Connie Ackerman

Greetings.

I have received the card inviting comments -

I strongly urge consideration of the following - altho they are not comments on the proposed changes being considered.

My concern is the remaining segments of the Union Pacific Railroad's abandoned communication system. It was rebuilt from Pendleton to Portland in 1951. Consisted of a treated pole every 150 ft. equipped with 3 crossarms of open wire.

A new system was adopted several years ago. Segments of the old have been removed - -but much of it still stands . In numerous spots it really detracts from the beauty of the Gorge. And is a safety hazard. There is a spot near 18 Mile Island where wires are hanging down low enough for a child to grasp. The wires are presumed to be dead - I would not touch them !

I travel the hiway between The Dalles and Hood River frequently. There is another sorry looking section a mile or so West of Rowena.

I strongly urge the Commission to demand the Railroad remove this mess - at least the parts that are dangerous and detract from the beauty of our Gorge.

Thank you - thank you !

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