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Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Dear commissioners & staff,  
I hope you are all healthy & well.

At a recent commission meeting, commissioner Erickson said that he is more concerned with climate change mitigation than carbon reduction. I believe that we can do both and encourage local businesses, as well.

If we protect all of our rivers and streams by maintaining existing vegetation, including trees, we can mitigate carbon and protect the climate, and protect local tourism businesses by maintaining our beautiful river valleys for rafters, cold water habitat for fish and people who love to catch them, and vegetative habitat for deer and elk and hunters, as well.

All these river and stream habitats will have to be evaluated by biologists, and geologists using lidar, and biologists doing evaluations and surveys of flora and fauna. 200 foot buffers will not be enough.

In addition, as we all know fires are a major danger in the Gorge, and are a climate change bi-product.

Hence, we should maintain strict UGB's so we can more easily defend fires. Scatter site housing will likely cause indefensible fires. In addition, housing density will reduce carbon emissions.

Thanks for your consideration, and all the good work you do!

Regards,  
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