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Hi Connie, Here are my comments from last night. Thanks, Peter

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For the record my name is Peter Cornelison, I have lived in Hood River for 20 years and I am speaking tonight as an individual. I have two comments on the draft revised Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Please require a 200-foot protective buffer on each side of all fish-bearing streams in the National Scenic Area, particularly all streams providing habitat for salmon, pending completion of the Climate Change Action Plan.

Year ago, before Condit Dam was taken out some friends and I kayaked down the White Salmon River, putting in just below the dam. I will never forget the beautiful and numerous salmon we floated over in the crystal clear, cold water, all seeking refuge from the hot water temperatures in the main stem of the Columbia River. Please help save these Salmon and other fish by cooling the water temperatures through a 200 foot vegetative stream buffer.

As a former Hood River City Council member I know the pressures of development, we had to expand our planning department at least twice. Development must be done carefully and efficiently with respect to land use. I strongly support, along with a majority of Gorge Commissioners, new policies to limit urban sprawl by requiring a regional analysis of the development potential in all existing urban

areas and defining “minor revision” to be up to 20 acres or 1% of the land area of the urban area. Please ensure these provisions make it into the final management plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.