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For agriculture: Your attempts to change water quality with wider and wider buffer zones is just a bandaid approach. If you want to make real progress you have to address the soil foodweb in the soils to create a healthy place for good plants to grow. It would further the reduction of carbon greatly to support this proven method. Its estimated that the carbon problem could be eliminated in 10 to 15 years just by improving the soilfood web and allowing the carbon to be breathed in by beneficial plants and stored in roots to enhance growth. this process also eliminates weeds which grow in unbalanced unhealthy soils. You can read introductory facts about this at Oregons Soil Foodweb in Corvallis. Read about Dr. Elaine Inghams 40 years of proven work on every continent. Promoting this would actually be a tremendous benefit to land owners instead of a takings. Frankly alot of land you govern called open space is in terrible shape and could and should be managed for beneficial plants, insects and birds. This method is sustainable and affordable for everyone. Please consider taking an approach that really does benefit the land in stead of just locking up land from use for environmental agenda's.

On urban growth. I have spent 3 years in The Dalles trying to help locate property for a homeless mission and skill training center and low income houseing. Currently there just is no place for one. I agree with Angie Brewer and the mayor of town that there needs to be more space. There is alot of gorge land within existing developement that should come into use. Its surrounded by uses from housing to business all around it. There is no possibility it has real value as open space. The Dalles has no more water to put on new acres in the area. So no open space land now will later have agriculture on it. Acres surrounded by development will never be grazing ground.

I agree that sprawl is not a good idea. Particularly here where we dont have adequate services for fire. My best idea is to come up with uran expansion plans that first use every acre right up against or in town with developement around it now. Then allow and define increase over time. Certainly 20 acres is not enough.

Last I would say to those who want to cast the gorge lands in concrete. The plan never said we would punish the people of the gorge, and we already have greatly. The plan allows and has updates which means its meant to adjust over time. I think in fairness we can all admit that there is alot of scenic beauty in the gorge. But the plan has extended to areas that are just plain common and would never be missed. Good administration would take that land that is not senic and use it for expansion for people. Protecting the beauty and the people.

thank you

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