

Hello,

Let's make this high level... and to the point.

The Scenic Area Act identifies two purposes:

1. To establish a national scenic area to **protect and provide for the enhancement** of the scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge; and
2. To protect and support the economy of the Columbia River Gorge area by **encouraging growth to occur in existing urban areas** and by allowing future economic development in a manner that is consistent with paragraph 1.

Revision and Amendment

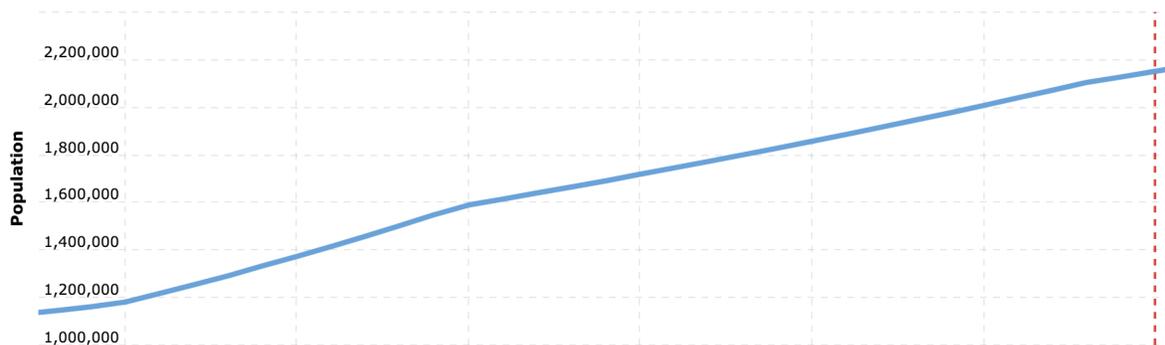
Congress directed the Gorge Commission to review the Management Plan no sooner than 5 years, but at least every 10 years, to determine whether it should be revised. If the Gorge Commission finds at any time that **conditions have changed significantly**, it may amend the plan. Any such revision or amendment must follow the procedures established in the Scenic Area Act for the original adoption of the plan.

My thoughts:

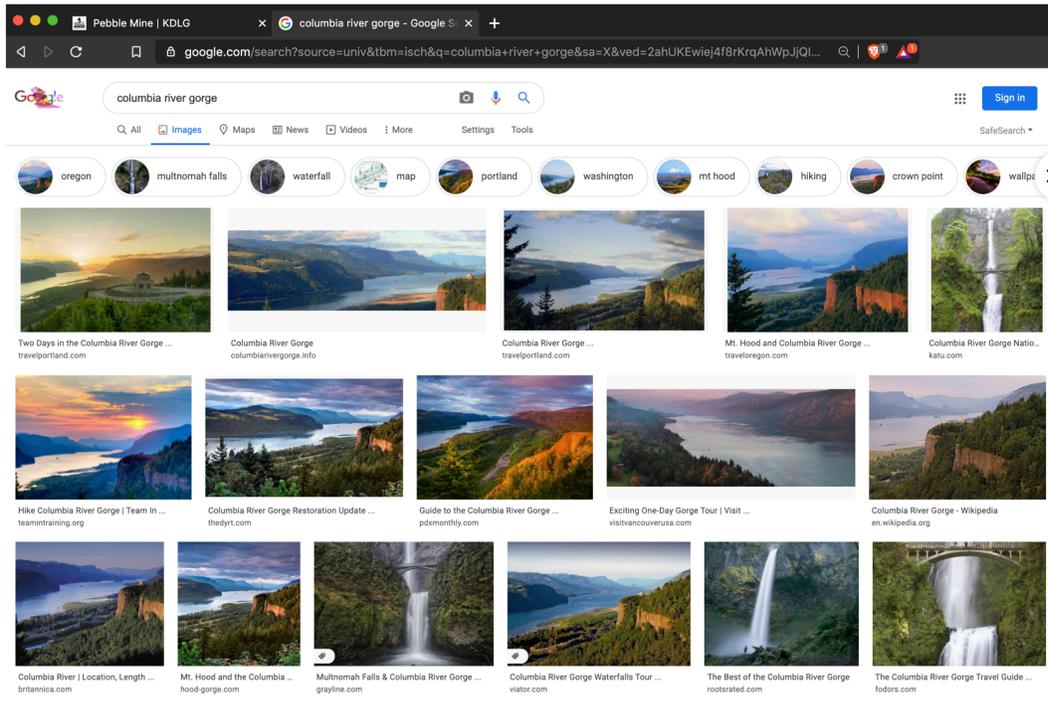
Point #1: Prevent Urban Sprawl... our population has (and will continue) to significantly change.

We have nearly 1,000,000 more people in just the Portland Metro area = impact to the gorge!
We need some protection and enhancement of scenic and natural resources!

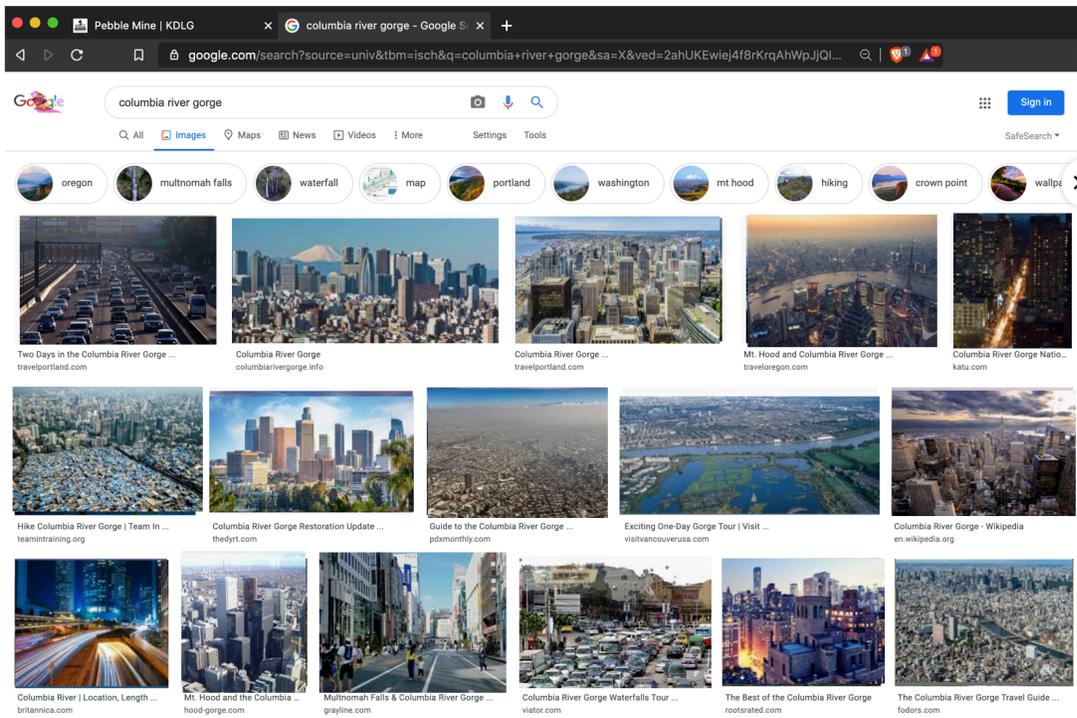
From: To: Zoom:



Why is the gorge a National Scenic Area? For this (searching Google images)?



Yes... when searching Google you won't get this:



Thanks again... and hug a tree! 😊

- Dan Johnson