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!
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