

Dear Columbia River Gorge Commission,

Please accept the following comments on the draft revised Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The Management Plan's policies and guidelines does not go nearly far enough in addressing climate change.

The proposed future development of a climate action plan is insufficient. Climate adaptation and mitigation policies are necessary now and ample information is available from which to quickly adopt temporary policies even as you work on a more complete action plan.

You should also add a target date (one year) for completion of the action plan (Policy 1, Page 380).

You should add 200 foot protective buffers on each side of fish-bearing streams (page 380) as a temporary measure until the climate action plan is completed.

You should expand protections for Columbia River wetlands, ponds, lakes, and wildlife habitat (Page 381). This should include prohibiting destruction of wetlands and improved protections for Western Pond Turtle nesting/rearing habitat,.

In light of the risk of wildfire, you should prioritize (Page 381) policies to prohibit new forest dwellings on productive forest land and limit new dwellings to Small Woodland zones on parcels that are not eligible for state forest tax assessment programs.

You should add a new policy (Page 381 re: Fossil fuel infrastructure) to limit the development and transportation of fossil fuels within the Management Area.

Thank you considering these comments. Please make them part of the official record.

Regards,
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