Invitation to Staff Workshops
Urban Area Boundary Revision Policy

The Gorge Commission is updating its policy for considering requests to revise urban area boundaries as part of its Gorge2020 Management Plan update. The Commission staff is holding a series of workshops to develop recommendations and alternatives for the Gorge Commission to consider.

These workshops are the third step in the Commission’s policy project. The first step was a background briefing on urban area boundaries, including a review of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act provisions for urban areas, past decisions, current policy, and past attempts to update the policy. The second step was a series of foundational questions that the Commission and attendees to the Commission meetings discussed.

In this third step, the first two staff workshops will review the National Scenic Area Act’s provisions relating to revision of urban area boundaries, current Gorge Commission policy, and the Commission’s discussion to date. These workshops will cover the same material. You need only attend one of the first two workshops. The purpose of having two identical workshops is to reach a broader audience to learn about the policy project and decide whether to participate in the project.

After the first two workshops, each subsequent workshop will cover different materials and generally build on research, conversation, open issues, and consensus from prior workshops. Below is the schedule of the first few workshops.

DATES: Choose one to attend:
July 24, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm or August 1, 2018 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tentative Dates for Subsequent Workshops:
August 6, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
August 21, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

RSVP Please RSVP to jeff.litwak@gorgecommission.org by July 19, 2018 so we can plan for sufficient space.

LOCATION: Columbia River Gorge Commission
57 NE Wauna Ave.
White Salmon, WA 98672

PREPARATION: To prepare for the July 24 or August 1 workshop, you may review the attached documents. An Urban Area Background Notebook is on the Gorge Commission’s website at http://www.gorgecommission.org/images/uploads/meetings/%21_20180410_UAB_Policy_Background_Notebook_%28download_version%29.pdf.
Welcome and Introductions

Introduction to Urban Area Policy Project

Urban Area Policy Background

Commission Discussion to Date

Roundtable

Role of Workshop Participants

Next Steps
The Invitation to Staff Workshops Was Sent To:

**Federal Agencies:**
U.S. Forest Service, Robin Shoal, Natural Resources Staff Officer; Miki Fujikawa, Lands Staff Officer; Casey Gatz, Land Management Planner

**Tribal Entities:**
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Rob Lothrop, Policy Development and Litigation Support Manager
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Audie Huber, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Johnson Meninick, Manager, Cultural Resources Program; Casey Barney
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Carina Miller, Tribal Council Representative, Agency District
Nez Perce Tribe, Shannon Wheeler, Tribal Council Executive Chairman; Casey Mitchell, Tribal Executive Committee Secretary and Natural Resources Subcommittee Chairman; Julie Kane, Managing Attorney, Office of Legal Counsel; Rebecca Miles, Executive Director

**State Agencies:**
Oregon Governor’s Office, Jason Miner, Oregon Governor’s Office, Natural Resources Policy Manager
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Jim Rue, Director; Carrie MacLaren, Deputy Director; Kevin Young, Senior Urban Planner; Gordon Howard, Community Services Division Manager
Washington Governor’s Office, Rob Duff, Washington Governor’s Office, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment
Washington Department of Commerce/Growth Management Division, Mark McCaskill, Managing Director

**Counties:**
Clark County, Sharon Lumbantobing, Planner II
Hood River County, John Roberts, Community Development Director
Klickitat County, Mo-chi Lindblad, Planning Director
Multnomah County, Michael Curbone, Land Use Planning Division Director
Skamania County, Alan Peters, Assistant Planning Director
Wasco County, Angie Brewer, Planning Director

**Cities:**
Bingen, Cheyenne Willey, City Clerk
Cascade Locks, Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator
The Dalles, Steven Harris, Director
Hood River, Dustin Nilsen, Planning Director
Mosier, Colleen Coleman
North Bonneville, Tom Jermann, City Planner
Stevenson, Ben Shumaker, Planning Director
White Salmon, Patrick Munyon, City Administrator

**Community Councils:**
Dallesport Murdoch Community Council  
Lyle Community Council  
Wishram Community Council

**Ports:**
Port of Cascade Locks, Paul Koch, Port General Manager  
Port of The Dalles, Andrea Klaas, Executive Director  
Port of Hood River, Michael McElwee, Executive Director  
Port of Klickitat, Marc Thomsbury, Executive Director  
Port of Skamania, Pat Albaugh, Executive Director

**Conservation Interests:**
Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Michael Lang, Conservation Director  
Hood River Valley Residents Committee, Heather Staten, Executive Committee  
Futurewise, Tim Trohimovitch, Director of Planning and Law  
1000 Friends of Oregon, Mary Kyle McCurdy, Deputy Director

**Economic Development Councils and Districts:**
Klickitat County EDC, Dave McClure, Director  
Mid-Columbia EDD, Amanda Hoey, Executive Director  
Skamania County EDC, Kari Fagerness, Executive Director  
Wasco County EDC, Kathy Ursprung, Chair