

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 July 24, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
to attend: 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.

**Urban Area Boundary Revision Policy
Workshop Agenda for
July 24, 2018 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
and
August 1, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

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 Cerbone, 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 Thornsby, 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