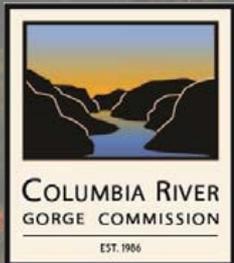


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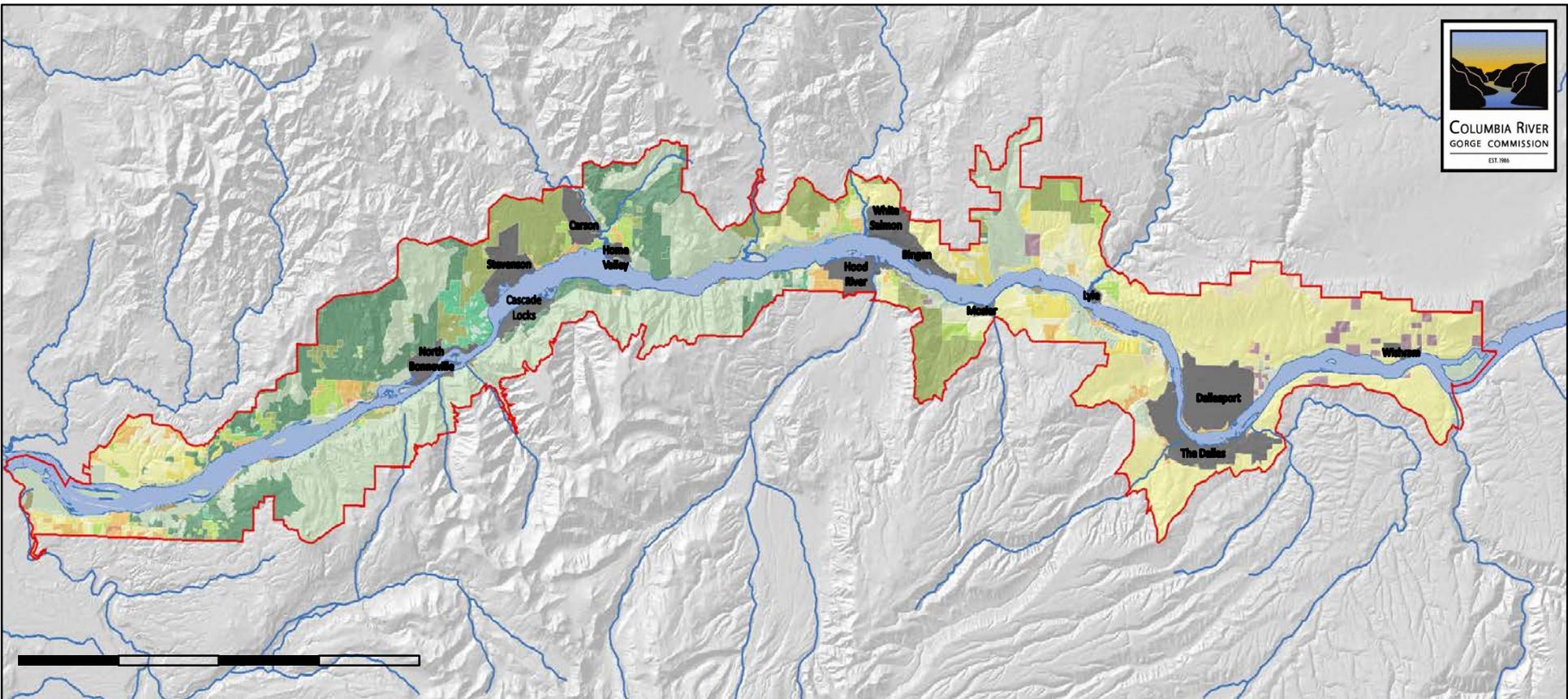


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Scenic Area Act  
(16 U.S.C. §§ 544-544p)

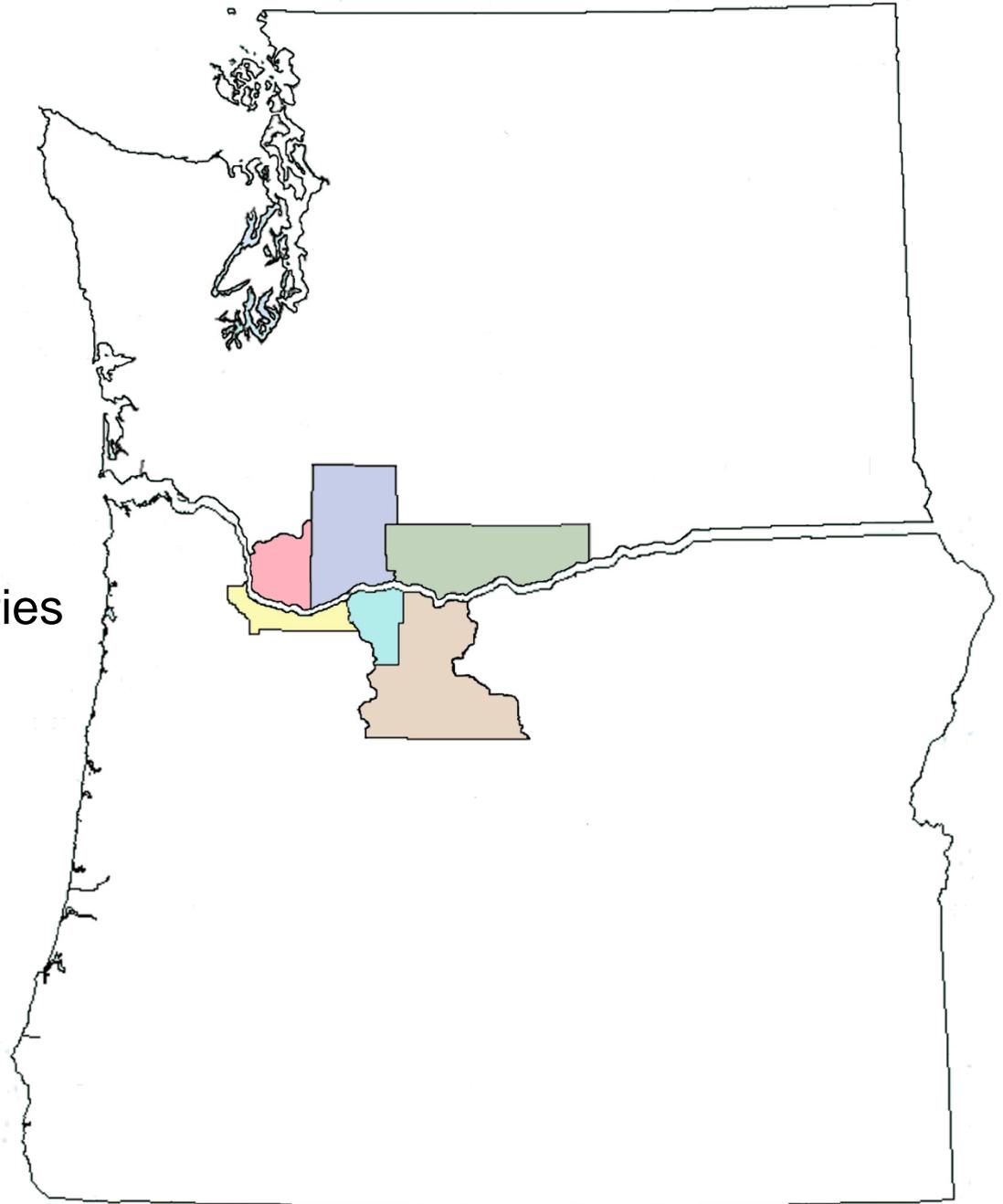
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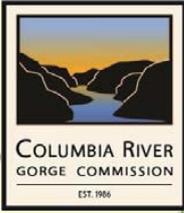
*“to establish, implement and enforce policies and programs that **[1]** protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge, and **[2]** support the economy of the area by encouraging growth to occur in existing urban areas and allowing economic development consistent with resource protection.”*

*- 1986 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act*

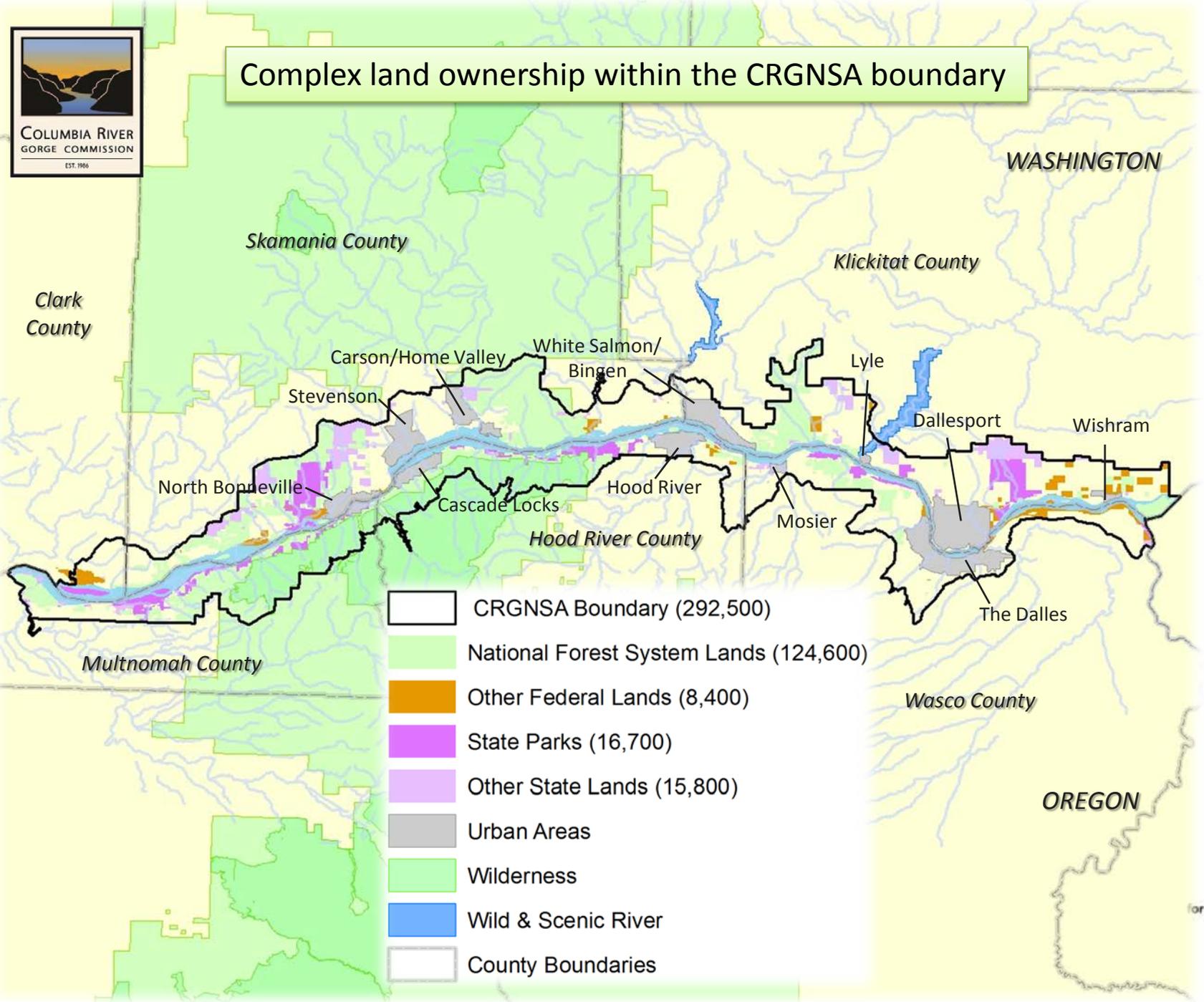
## The National Scenic Area

Covers parts of three counties  
in Washington and three counties  
in Oregon





# Complex land ownership within the CRGNSA boundary



-  CRGNSA Boundary (292,500)
-  National Forest System Lands (124,600)
-  Other Federal Lands (8,400)
-  State Parks (16,700)
-  Other State Lands (15,800)
-  Urban Areas
-  Wilderness
-  Wild & Scenic River
-  County Boundaries



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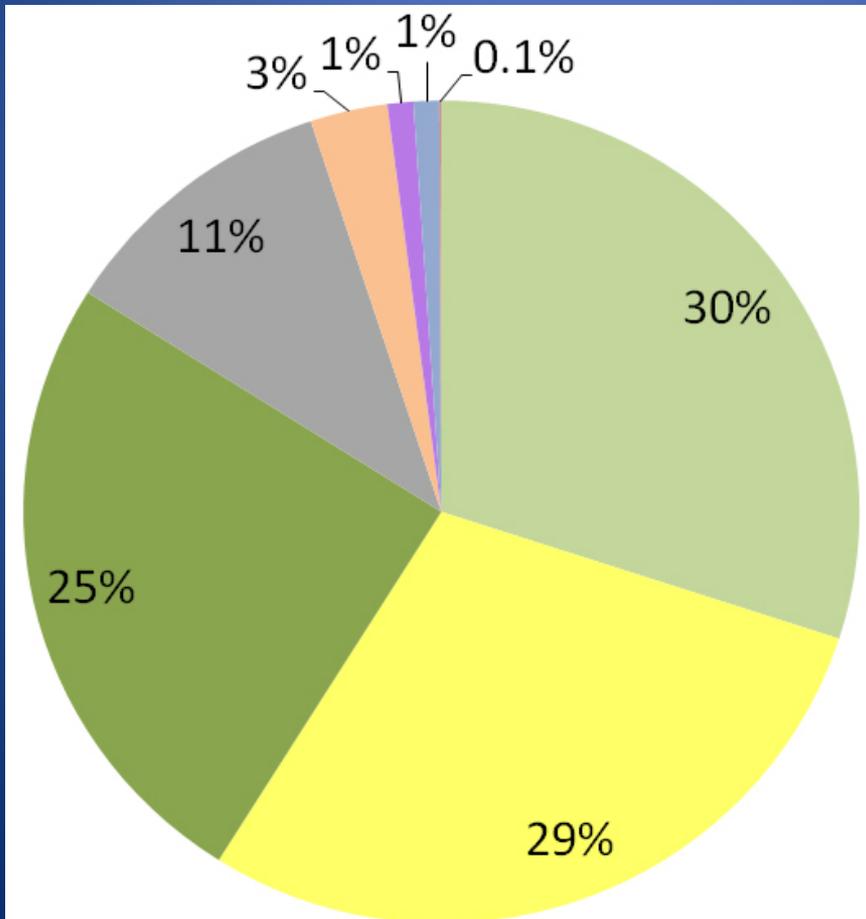
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## Land use designations



Open Space

Agriculture

Forest

Urban Areas

Residential

Tribal Trust

Recreation

Commercial and  
Rural Center

# Scenic Resources

A few examples of views from Key Viewing Areas

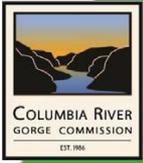


Columbia River as viewed from Cape Horn

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# Natural Resources

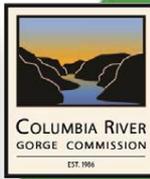
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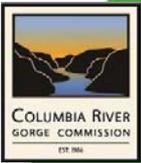
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# Cultural Resources

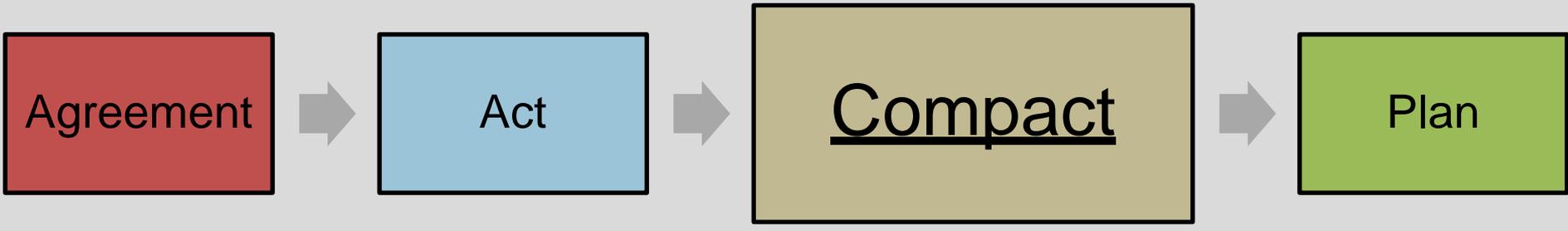
- Historic Sites
- Archaeological Sites
- Sacred Sites
- Traditional Cultural Properties



# Recreation



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# **Columbia River Gorge Compact**

ORS 196.150 and RCW 43.97.015

- Art. I - establishes Commission
- Art. I - incorporates Scenic Area Act
- Art. IV - specifies funding

# Columbia River Gorge Commission

## Agency

- Bi-state regional planning agency
  - Created by an interstate compact between Oregon and Washington under the authority of a federal National Scenic Area Act (Act).
- Develops and implements long-range comprehensive management plan for the bi-state Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
- Fulfills the purposes of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act

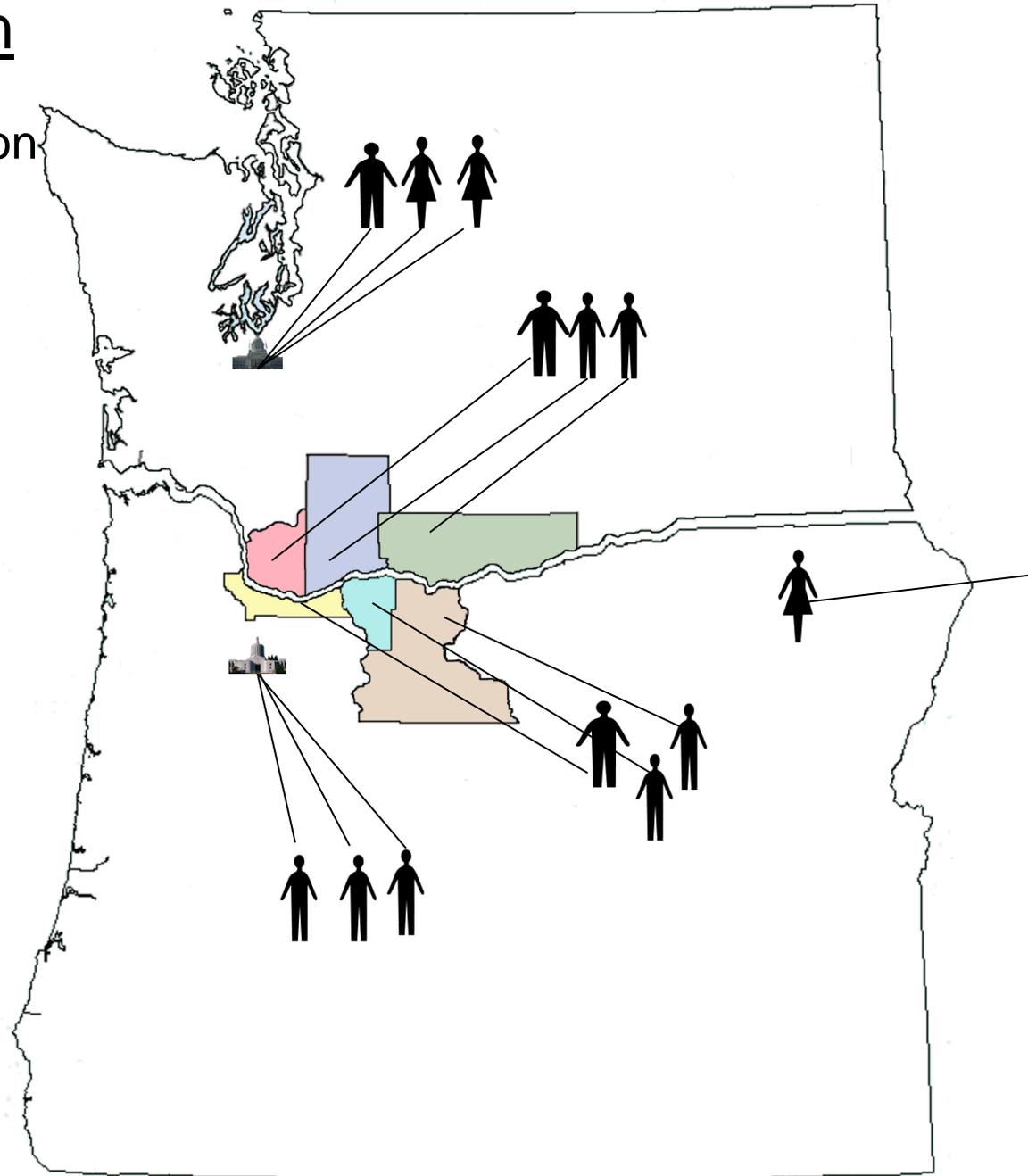
# The Gorge Commission

Each county selects one person to be a member of the Gorge Commission.

The governor of each state selects three people to be members of the Commission.

The Secretary of Agriculture appoints one person to be a non-voting member of the Gorge Commission.

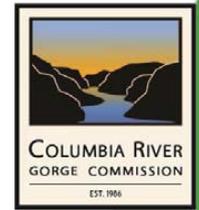
Commission works collaboratively with the Four Columbia River Treaty Tribes “Government to Government”: *Annual G2G Summit*

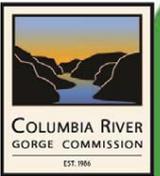


# Unique Partnership

## Management

- Two States
- Four Treaty Tribes
- Six Counties – Multnomah, Hood River, Wasco, Clark Skamania and Klickitat.
- Private, State and County Lands outside designated Urban Areas and outside Indian Trust Lands are administered through planning ordinances by the specific counties or by the Gorge Commission staff (Klickitat County)
- Federal Actions Administered by the Forest Service.





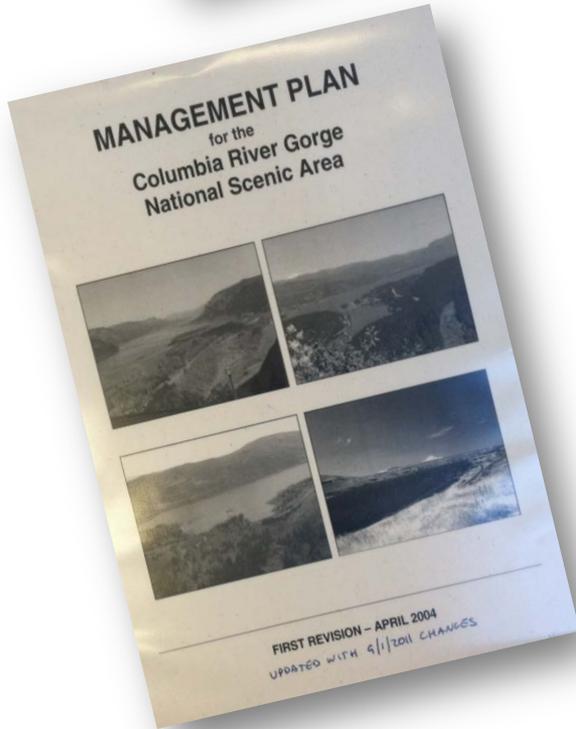
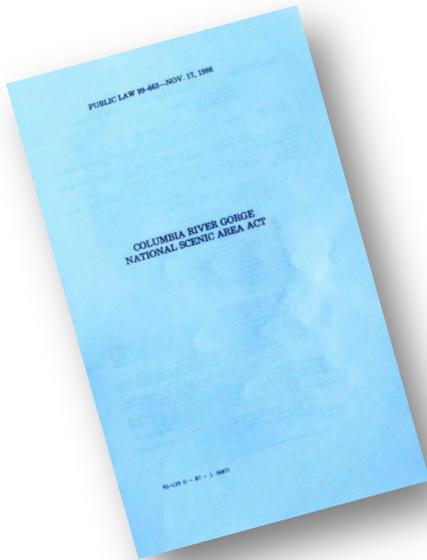
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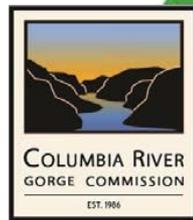
Management Plan



County Ordinances

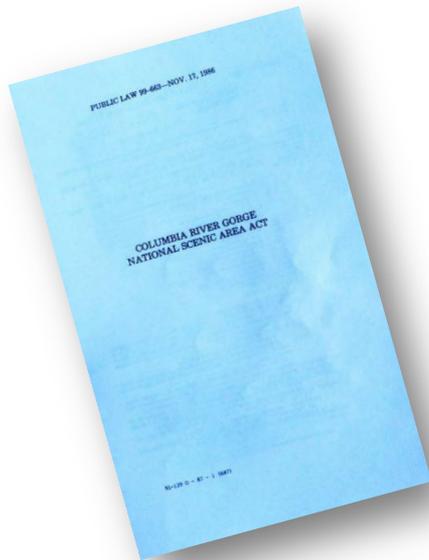


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# Land Use Designations

- Agricultural (GMA, SMA)
  - Large scale
  - Small scale
- Forest (GMA, SMA)
- Open Space (GMA, SMA)
- Residential (GMA, SMA)
- Commercial (GMA)
- Public Recreation (SMA)
- Commercial Recreation (GMA)



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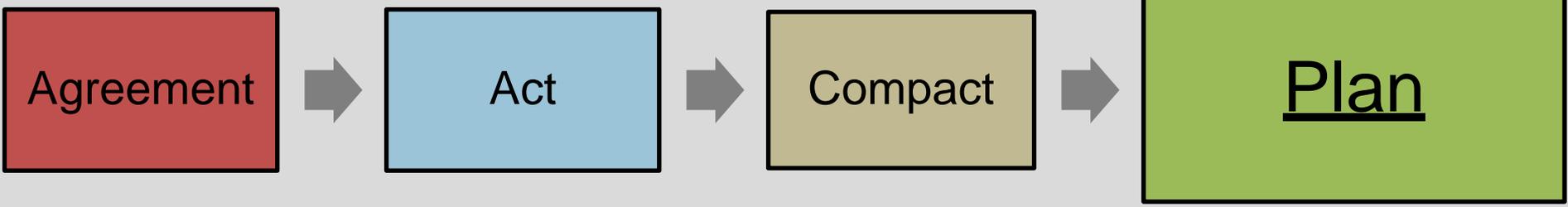
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**Agency Mission:**  
Regional Planning

## MANAGEMENT PLAN for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area



FIRST REVISION – APRIL 2004



# Keeping the Plan Current and Relevant



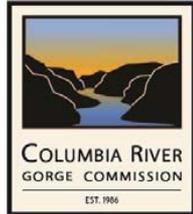
# Columbia River Gorge Commission

## Goals

- Update the Management Plan to address emerging needs
- Monitor the health of the Gorge—Vital Signs
- Reduce permit backlog--inspections
- Resolve urban boundary definitions
- Collaborative governance-local, state, regional, federal relations
- Relations with Columbia River Treaty Tribes
- Increase investment in planning for the future of the National Scenic Area

# How Do We Get it Done

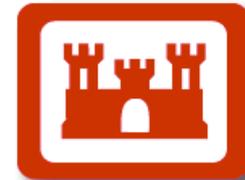
## Relationships (Public Agencies)



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**



**Oregon  
Department  
of Transportation**



**US Army Corps  
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**MULTNOMAH  
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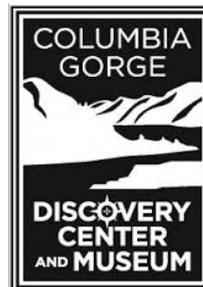
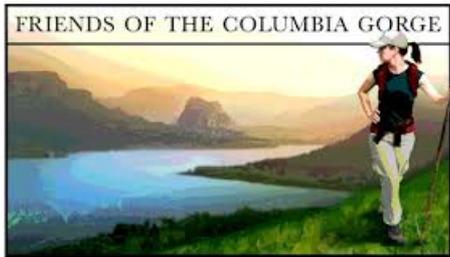
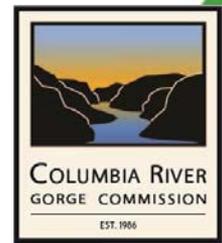


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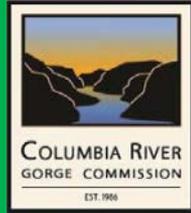
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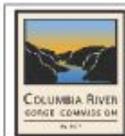
# Multnomah County Land Use Designation Project



- Multnomah County requested the Gorge Commission to verify the land use designations inside the NSA (GMA and SMA)
- Gorge Commission GIS staff looked at over 665 GIS polygons and identifying mapping errors
- Commission staff corrected these errors to “snap” them to parcel lines
- GMA/SMA boundaries will be completed by December 2016 and submitted to Multnomah County

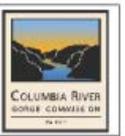
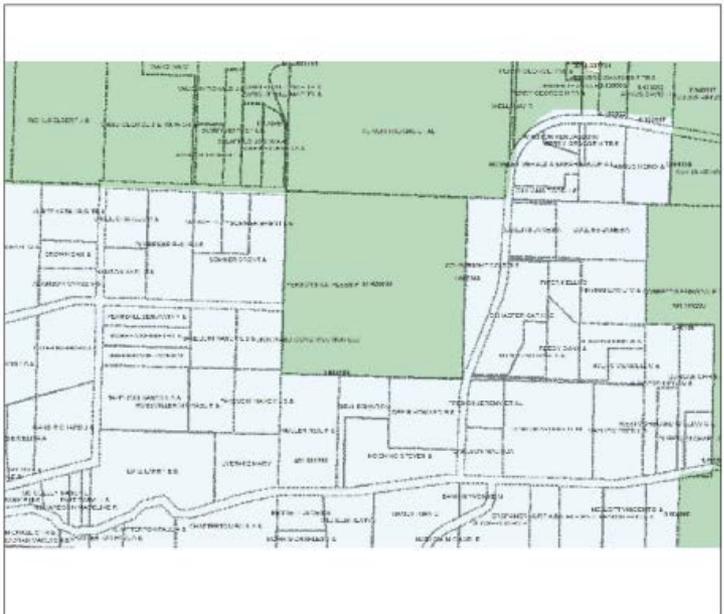






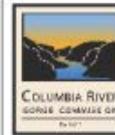
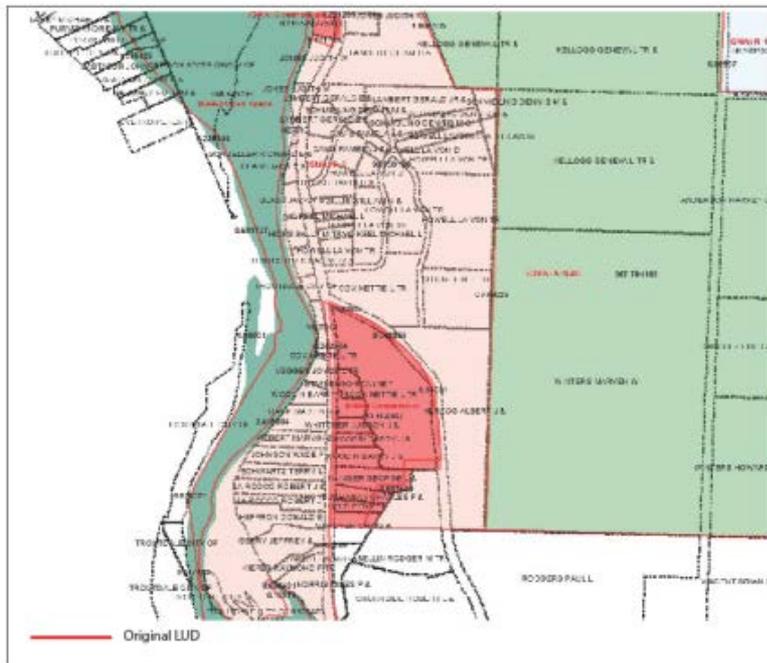
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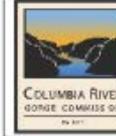
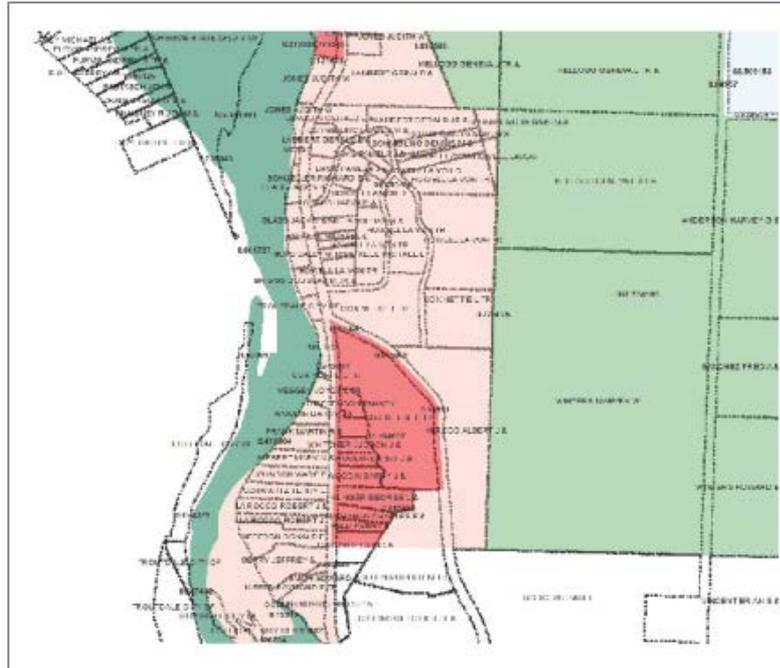


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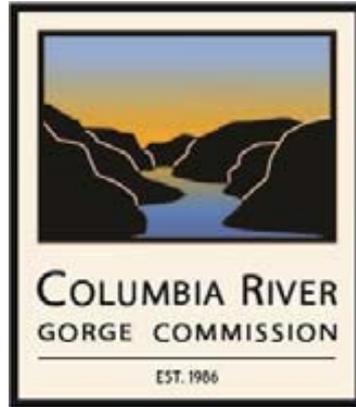


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