



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (revised 09/22/08)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/05/2010
Agenda Item #: B-1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am

Agenda Title: **Columbia River Gorge Commission Update on the State of the Gorge 2010 Report and Vital Signs Indicators Project**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: Oct. 5, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 30 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office
Contact(s): Marissa Madrigal
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Presenter(s): Jill Arens Executive Director of the Columbia River Gorge Commission and Jim Middaugh, Multnomah County's Representative to the Commission

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action, informational briefing only.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

This annual report is to update the Board on the Gorge Commission's activities and to ask them what their needs are. The Board will be updated on the CRGC budget, litigation successes and the 25th anniversary in 2011.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The Vital Signs Indicators Project (VSI) is a long-term and rigorous effort to measure and track the conditions of the scenic, natural, economic, cultural, and recreation resources in the Scenic Area. Monitoring these resources will guide adaptive management procedures and provide empirical information to inform management plan review.

By conducting the VSI project in a transparent manner and collaborating with partner agencies, the Commission will continue to build new and strengthen existing relationships with government entities and local communities. All valuable information attained through the project will be shared through community presentations and a dedicated website (www.gorgevitalsigns.org). .

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Fifty-one measures, or Vital Signs Indicators, were crafted by teams of experts, citizens and stakeholders to tell the story of how gorge resources are faring. Over the next several years, the Commission and partner agency staffs will continue to develop metrics to assess the VSI and collect and analyze information to track conditions over time. Our intent is to use the most current research, data, and analytical methods to produce robust and reliable results.

The website, www.gorgevitalsigns.org provides the most current available information to those who are interested in gorge resources.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

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Date: 9/14/2010