

April 17, 2006

To: Multnomah County Land Use & Planning commission
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Portland, OR. 97233

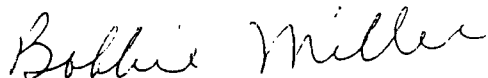
In support of PC 06-004--to allow commercial uses of historical properties in the Scenic area.

Hi,

My name is Bobbie Miller and I live in the Scenic area in The Dalles. I want to thank you for the opportunity to give my views on this important decision.

We who live in the scenic area have lost many of our rights and in particular our rights to make a living. I have been involved for over 20 years in this scenic area. We had Columbia Gorge United who were opposed to this legislation before it was enacted. That was a very vibrant organization that tried to warn people what this legislation could mean. We were a strong advocate of fairness and exposed the one sided-ness of the make up of the Gorge Commission. At the time this commission was established and the first director appointed--we became aware of the fact that a number of the commission members were not only members of the organization--"Friends of the Gorge"--they were still board members of that group. Our organization took this legislation through the court system and all the way to the Supreme Court. There are those who will tell you that we lost at that level--we didn't loose, our case was not heard. We also were active in the Bea case that took 7 years before this young couple could live in their new home after winning through the court system. Since the majority of the members of CGU were not young people 20 years ago---this group has now formed into a new group called GLU and we still have the same concerns as before. The reason I am telling you all of this is that we have seen too much politics played into land decisions in the gorge. The Viewpoint Inn is the prime example of this. Your decision to speed this process along would be greatly appreciated and would help the image of planning departments that up until now should be called obstructionists. We have been active and were in attendance at all the meetings of the gorge commission to get it through them. It was unfair tactics that they combined the Viewpoint Inn along with other historical sights which further put delays on the opening of this wonderful asset to the scenic area. As we have stated at many of the commission meetings---the equal part of this gorge legislation is called ECONOMICS--and this part was basically omitted in the first part of the commissions plan. We hope that you will put any political bias aside and look at the merits of this decision to allow the Viewpoint Inn to add to the economy and to be able to restore this wonderful historical building for generations to come to enjoy the true meaning of the beautiful gorge that we who live here love as much as those who do not have the privilege of owning property in the scenic area.

Thank you.



Bobbie Miller
1660 Meek St. The Dalles, OR. 97058 541-296-5286

Tonight, I strongly urge the Multnomah County Planning Commission to approve the application of the View Point Inn immediately.

I have witnessed the plight of the View Point Inn since their application was presented to the Gorge Commission (GC) in October, 2004. That process took an inordinate amount of time but was finally approved on November 15, 2005. The Secretary of the Interior finished their review and approval in 38 days. You surely realize the expense of renovating and maintaining that beautiful Inn and know that is most difficult without an income. While this is no concern of yours, this is where common sense comes in. Your County Chair said the Inn would be *approved* so we are simply talking about time. With a few exceptions, the Corbett community supports the Inn. When the Inn is operating, it will be a wonderful asset to the community as well as to people who come to visit the Gorge from all over the world. When the View Point Inn is open for business, it will enhance the Gorge. You are in a position to speed up this process, assist the Corbett Community in many ways and ease the financial burden for the property owners.

I have heard it said that many just simply do not like the owner of the Inn. In your professional position, this cannot be an issue. I was a war bride in World II. We were so proud to pay the price for freedom at that time. We saved this wonderful country that is the most powerful nation in the world. I believe this success as a nation is due to our free enterprise system. We must not allow sluggish government to slow down this process. You have a job to do. You have had ample time. It makes great, good sense to finalize your chores with the View Point Inn and wish them well. Do not be caught up in your power to control growth. Rather, bask in the glory of knowing that your job can make it work well for the residents of Multnomah County.

Respectively Submitted,

Rita Swyers 2000 Eastside Road, Hood River, OR 97031

541-386-4961 Phone

April 17th, 2006

We recognize that Multnomah County has put significant work into drafting a plan to protect historic buildings. We still fundamentally disagree with allowing large scale outdoor commercial events across the Gorge as an economic solution to the issue of protecting buildings and believe this should not occur.

Here are five points we feel need to be addressed to lessen future problems:

- Hours of Operation--- 7:00 to 10:00 is too wide of a parameter to protect those living and visiting the Gorge from disruption. Change hours to 11:00 to 7:00.
- Number of events--- provide a limit which allows those subjected to these outdoor parties relief from the noise and disruption. Limits would be based on neighbor proximity. In addition, parameters need to take into account the several day disruption that setting up and taking down an event creates.
- Outdoor Amplification--- the guidelines currently say no amplification of music. This should read **No Outdoor Amplification** to eliminate amplification of voices. Noise is the most serious issue neighbors' face, noise crosses property lines.
- Stronger language should be written to take into account the neighborhood configuration surrounding a potential site. For very remote sites, parties may well not be disruptive. Sites in neighborhoods with 3 or more houses within 500 Feet or houses that can view events thereby experiencing visual disruption should have strict parameters including not allowing an event license.
- Make sure that clear revocation of a license can occur with violations; that business operators cannot go five years before revocation.

Finally, if this is about saving historic buildings, then buildings should be professionally determined historic and placed and maintained on the registrar with the other protection required for the building as well as tax advantages it affords. If neighbors and visitors are to be assaulted with these large outdoor parties all spring, summer and fall long, then the financial benefit to be reaped should also require the ability to demonstrate and maintain true historic quality.

Dixie Stevens
Eric Lichtenthaler

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Multnomah County Planning Commission

FROM: Gary Kahn

DATE: April 17, 2006

RE: Proposed Code Amendments to Implement the Historic Properties
Plan Amendment in the National Scenic Area

This office represents several parties, including Friends of the Columbia Gorge and eleven individual Corbett residents (Collyn Baldwin, Claudia Curran, Beverly Klock, Clair Klock, Eric Lichtenthaler, Phil Pizanelli, Dixie Stevens, Kimberlee Thorsell, Peter Thorsell, Brian Winter, and Cynthia Winter) in an appeal of the Columbia River Gorge Commission's recent plan amendment authorizing commercial uses on historic properties in the National Scenic Area. This memo is presented on behalf of these clients.

Attached as Exhibit A is a petition from more than 60 Multnomah County residents expressing support for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and expressing concerns about the proliferation of commercial development in the National Scenic. Several of the petition signers live in and own property in the Corbett area.

Multnomah County has discretion whether and how to implement this plan amendment. Since the adoption of the Management Plan in 1991 there have been more than one dozen amendments to the Plan, several of which Multnomah County chose not to implement. The current plan amendment is the very first one for which the Executive Director of the Columbia River Gorge Commission ordered the Counties to implement the text of the amendment. My clients appealed the Executive Director's transmittal letters, and withdrew the appeal once the Executive Director clarified that her statement about the counties having to implement the amendment "is my opinion, not official direction from the Commission." (See Exhibit B.) Because the Commission is no longer ordering the County to implement this plan amendment, the County has the discretion to determine whether and how to do so.

In 2004, as part of plan review, the Gorge Commission adopted a similar revision to the Management Plan that authorized commercial events on properties with dwellings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (See County Staff Report at Attachment 7.) My clients and other parties appealed that plan revision in both state and federal court. Multnomah County chose to delay implementation of the plan revision, stating that "we do not believe it is a wise use of resources or fair to our citizens to initiate a legislative process over land use matters that might

be overturned or amended as a result of this litigation.” (Exhibit C.) The Gorge Commission accepted the County’s decision to delay implementation pending the outcome of the appeals.

My clients encourage the County to take a similar approach here. We agreed with the County then that it would not be a wise use of resources nor fair to the County’s citizens to adopt legislative amendments or approve new uses that might be deemed invalid as a result of the litigation, and we continue to agree now. In addition, new commercial uses would pose significant administrative and enforcement burdens on Multnomah County. Because commercial events would occur frequently and usually only on evenings and weekends, they would require additional County enforcement resources at a time when those resources are already stretched very thin.

If the County chooses to proceed with amendments to its ordinance at this time, the County has the opportunity to create a model ordinance that would actually protect and enhance historic buildings without adversely affecting Gorge resources or harming neighbors’ property values and rural way of life. While my clients believe the recent plan amendment violates the Scenic Area Act and are challenging that amendment through litigation, we also would like to provide suggestions for how the County could modify its proposed ordinance to address many of our concerns. Attached as Exhibit D are several specific proposals for the ordinance.

Exhibit A: Multnomah County Scenic Area Support Petition

Dear Commissioners: We, the undersigned, support the protection of the Columbia River Gorge through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. The Columbia River Gorge is a national scenic treasure that should not be exploited for personal financial gain. We are concerned by recent efforts to expand commercial activities within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and urge the county to hold the line against commercial expansion. We support Multnomah County's efforts to protect the Columbia River Gorge by strongly enforcing its National Scenic Area ordinances.

Full Name: Katherine Powell
Home Address: 1536 SE 24th Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214
County: Multnomah
e-mail: kitty@swinth.net
Phone Number

Your Message: Please protect the gorge. It is one of the most beautiful places on earth - and will draw much more benefit to all Oregonians if it is protected.
Thank you, Kitty Powell

Full Name: Jon Ziring
Home Address: 13909 NE Marine Dr
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97230
County: Multnomah
e-mail: vote@ziring.com
Phone Number

Full Name: Norma Reich
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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214
County
e-mail: reichn@peak.org
Phone Number: 503-230-2802

Full Name: Wilbern L Dixon
Home Address: 10330 NE THompson St
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97220-3749
County: Multnomah
e-mail: willdixon42@msn.com
Phone Number: 5032536455
Your Message: Please, NO further development in the Columbia River Gorge.

Full Name: David Kracke
Home Address: 1310 SW Hume Street
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97219
County: Multnomah
e-mail: david@craignicholslaw.com
Phone Number: 503-224-3018
Your Message: I fully suport the text of this petition and urge all County Commissioners to keep the Gorge wild and not commercially developed. This will be a bellweather issue for me when I vote in the next elections.

Full Name: Ronald Atwood
Home Address: 2311 NE Hancock St.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97212
County
e-mail: ratwood@ronaldwatwood.com
Phone Number: 503 525-0963
Your Message: It is time to strengthen protection of the Gorge. The National Scenic Area needs to be protected. It does not need additional commercial activity.

Full Name: Sarah Blanke
Home Address: 6436 NE 37th Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97211
County: Multnomah
e-mail: sfeena@yahoo.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Donna Lewis
Home Address: 4564 NE 83rd Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97220
County: Multnomah
e-mail: djlewis03@hotmail.com
Phone Number: 503 255-4814
Your Message: I will not vote to elect any official that will allow and or support the exploitation of the Colombia River Gorge by and through commercial expansion.

Full Name: Michael Lang
Home Address: 2721 SE 43rd Avenue
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97206
County: Multnomah
e-mail: lang6003@comcast.net
Phone Number: (503) 490-3979
Your Message

Full Name: Flora Huber
Home Address: 13650 SE 177th ave
City: Boring
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97009
County: Clackamas
e-mail: flobell17@comcast.net
Phone Number: 503-658-5710
Your Message: Please save the Columbia River Gorge for future generations, not for just a few. We have held off the onslaught of businesses and large homes being built in the Columbia Gorge lets not drop the ball now. Portland has it's own Forest Park, let the people of Oregon and around the world have a pristine part of Oregon too.

Full Name: Marsha B Livingstone
Home Address: 2577 N W Westover Rd
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97210
County: Multnomah
e-mail: mliving@comcast.com
Phone Number: 503 223 8971
Your Message

Full Name: Mark C. Mason
Home Address: 1704 SE 52nd Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97215
County: Multnomah
e-mail: mark@edt.com
Phone Number: 503-335-0529
Your Message: Please keep the Gorge Scenic Act protecting the natural resources of the gorge. We need more development there like we need a hole in the head.

Full Name: emstaples@yahoo.com
Home Address: 2728 SE 49th Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97206
County: Multnomah
e-mail: emstaples@yahoo.com
Phone Number: 503-449-9967
Your Message

Full Name: Michael O'Leary
Home Address: 550 SE 60th Ave. #208
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97215
County: Multnomah
e-mail: moleary1971@yahoo.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Nathan Baker
Home Address: 4432 SE Main Street
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97215-2439
County: Multnomah
e-mail: nathanb@mindspring.com
Phone Number: 503-232-9731
Your Message

Full Name: Rhett Lawrence
Home Address: 6445 N Commercial Ave
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97217
County: Multnomah
e-mail: rhettlawrence@yahoo.com
Phone Number: 503-286-0215
Your Message

Full Name: Susan L. Boyl
Home Address: 2030 NW 7th PL
City: Gresham
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97030
County: Multnomah
e-mail: susan.boyl@mcso.us
Phone Number: (503) 492-1593
Your Message: Environmental acts like this
would be appreciated by multiple
generations to come.

Full Name: John Atherton
Home Address: 216 SE 40th
City: Troutdale
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97060
County: Multnomah
e-mail: jlatherton@verizon.net
Phone Number: 503-666-6928
Your Message

Full Name: Sarah K. Collins
Home Address: 805 NE 29th Avenue
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97232
County: Multnomah
e-mail: kaliopelaughs@yahoo.com
Phone Number: (541)760-8206
Your Message

Full Name: Barbara Strasbaugh
Home Address: P.O. Box 202
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: criticalaction@earthlink.net
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Claudia Curran
Home Address: 38835 E.Hist.Col.R.Hwy
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: cpcurran@netzero.com
Phone Number: 503 695-5718
Your Message: Please do not allow pressure from Oregonians In Action activists, and other splinter groups to influence your decisions on plan amendments put forth by developers to the Gorge Commission. These changes benefit only those looking to get rich, at the expense of the Gorge protections, and those of us who support those protections. Please vote to hold the line against commercial expansion in the N.S.A.

Full Name: Marc swanson
Home Address: 1333 se 37th ave
City: portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214
County: Multnomah
e-mail: mswanson888@yahoo.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Vera Jagendorf
Home Address: 720 SE Pounder Rd.
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: veraj@europa.com
Phone Number
Your Message: Protection for the Columbia River Gorge is vital.

Full Name: Philip Pizanelli
Home Address: 38835 H.Col.River Hwy
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: cpcurran@netzero.com
Phone Number: 503-695-5718 (unl.)
Your Message: Recent decisions by the Gorge Commission regarding commercial events and Historic, or eligible Historic properties to hold commercial events are not in keeping with the intent of the N.S.A. Please hold the line on these events in RESIDENTIAL neighborhoods. Thank You

Full Name: Velma Heckman
Home Address: 1806 NE 94th St. #54
City: Vancouver
State: Washington
Zip Code: 98665
County:
e-mail: heckmanv@excite.com
Phone Number: 360-574-2054
Your Message
Please retain the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Act provisions to keep it as a visual, natural site through out the area it covers. Commerical ventures do not belong within its boundaries. Even now the air quality is harmful and will impact plants, rocks, animals. Respect this area as one comparable to Yellowstone or Yosemite or Glacier.

Full Name: Cynthia Winter
Home Address: P. O. Box 198
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: winter@cascadeaccess.com
Phone Number: 503-695-6556
Your Message

Full Name: Niseema Young
Home Address: 1005 SE Nehalem
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97202
County: Multnomah
e-mail: ramsitaram@comcast.net
Phone Number: 503-320-7352
Your Message: DON'T LET THESE
PEOPLE DESTROY THIS PRISTINE
GIFT!

Full Name: James Robert Arnoux
Home Address: 4401 SW 40th Av
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97221
County: Multnomah
e-mail: jarnoux@msn.com
Phone Number: 503 294 0152
Your Message: As a hiker, camper, and
lover of the out-of-doors I find it sad the
greed and obvious lack of appreciation of
this jewel we claim as our home territory.
Would these people live in close proximity
of a casino or Wal-Mart or any other vestige
of human existence if they had the choice? I
doubt it. My father is native American from
the Glacier Park area and building casinos or
any such gambling venues on the Blackfeet
Reserve or in close proximity has been
forbidden. What a refreshing concept. I
could never fathom the mix of crime
families and Indians anyway. Please let this
gorgeous gift we have stay pristine!
Jim Arnoux

Full Name: Scott W. Nelson
Home Address: 5217 NE Everett St.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97213
County: Multnomah
e-mail: swn@hotmail.com
Phone Number: 503-236-8148
Your Message

Full Name: Joell Ellis
Home Address: 1622 SE 32nd Avenue
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214=5011
County: Multnomah
e-mail: jtellis@att.net
Phone Number: 503-232-7493
Your Message: Please, please do not weaken
the Columbia Gorge protection for the sake
of a few private property owners. We need
to take a long term view of our natural assets
and preserve the gorge.
J. Ellis
FYI - I vote.

Full Name: Gary Duane Brown
Home Address: 4050 NE FAIRVIEW
LAKE WAY
City: FAIRVIEW
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97024
County: Multnomah
e-mail: GDUANEGBROWN@MSN.COM
Phone Number: 503.665.5363
Your Message: Limit commercial activity in
the Columbia G.
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Full Name: charlotteanne brown
Home Address: 4050 NE FAirview Lake
WAY
City: Fairview
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97024
County: Multnomah
e-mail:
charlottehollowaybronw@hotmail.com
Phone Number
Your Message: Please do not allow
commercial and building homes in the
Gorge. Keep the Gorge pristine/

Full Name: Kirby Young
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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97239
County: Multnomah
e-mail: guguranman@yahoo.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Alice L. Vetter
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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214
County: Multnomah
e-mail: davetter@worldnet.att.net
Phone Number: 5032360240
Your Message

Full Name: Hazel Westly
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State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97233
County: Multnomah
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Phone Number: 503 661-0909
Your Message

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State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97221-2640
County: Multnomah
e-mail: rita_sheldrake@msn.com
Phone Number: 503.223.7006
Your Message

Full Name: Amy Carlson
Home Address: 2006 N. Emerson St.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 7217
County: Multnomah
e-mail: amycarlson@comcast.net
Phone Number
Your Message: The Columbia Gorge Scenic Area needs strong enforcement of ordinances over the long-term. Please stand strong and hold the line against commercial expansion in the Gorge. We have a national natural treasure in our backyard and must continue to treat it as such to guarantee future generations this rare gem.

Full Name: Jane Garbisch
Home Address: 4110 s.e. Hawthorne #102
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214
County: Multnomah
e-mail: jegarbisch@yahoo.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Henry J. Bennett
Home Address: 4014 SE Grant Court
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214
County: Multnomah
e-mail: hankusb@earthlink.net
Phone Number
Your Message: The Columbia River Gorge is one of the most stunningly beautiful scenic areas in the USA. Much of it can still be viewed similarly to the way Lewis and Clark saw it during their voyage of discovery. Please do not permit it to be despoiled by unnecessary casinos. There are plenty of places to put casinos that are not in a National Scenic Area.

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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97214-2651
County: Baker
e-mail: mwilson01082006@comcast.net
Phone Number: (503) 956-6634
Your Message

Full Name: Kim Brandow
Home Address: 730 S.E. 19th
City: Gresham
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97080
County: Multnomah
e-mail: kimmers64@msn.com
Phone Number
Your Message: Once this area is ruined,
there's no going back. There is a lot of land
to build in the southern part of the state.
Also, Warm Springs is a very large area and
there's no reason that they can't build their
casino big to draw more people in.

Full Name: Mike Stroud
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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97212
County: Multnomah
e-mail: mastroud@comcast.net
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Glenn Whittington
Home Address: 1850 SE Lewellyn Ave.
City: Troutdale
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97060
County: Multnomah
e-mail: glennandmindy@msn.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Helen T. Lyman
Home Address: 7425 SE 20th Avenue
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97202
County: Multnomah
e-mail: bettyhelen@comcast.net
Phone Number: 503-235-4056
Your Message: Thank you in advance for
your work in helping keep the Gorge a
beautiful natural area, where nature and
humans can exist in harmony

Full Name: Carole Alexander
Home Address: 2781 SW Sherwood Drive
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97201
County: Multnomah
e-mail: carolea@easystreet.com
Phone Number: 503 221-1578
Your Message: One of the most important
aspects of life in Oregon is our beautiful
natural scenery, including, particularly, the
Columbia Gorge. I just drove it 10 days ago,
and I was reminded again how important it
is to the liveability of our area. The Gorge
deserves protection for us and for future
generations. Thank you.

Full Name: Lonnie Lee Port
Home Address: 4007 SE Reedway street
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97202
County: Multnomah
e-mail: lonster1013@hotmail.com
Phone Number: 503.774.2619
Your Message
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Full Name: Robert Peirce
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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97215
County: Multnomah
e-mail: bobsherpa@hotmail.com
Phone Number: 503/253-8046
Your Message: Multnomah County has always been a strong supporter of protection for the Columbia River Gorge, and in fact was instrumental (through its then County Executive, Don Clark) in initiating efforts that led to the formation of Friends of the Columbia Gorge and passage of the National Scenic Area Act. We hope you keep up that worthy tradition.

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Home Address: 301 NW Eastman Pkwy
#D115
City: Gresham
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97030
County: Multnomah
e-mail: veranda@qcsn.com
Phone Number
Your Message: I came to Oregon from the urban jungle of Chicago over 30 years ago and have seen how fast our precious scenic treasures disappear. The domino effect is evident in the Gorge. The County needs to hold the line on expanding commercial development.

Full Name: Don Jacobson
Home Address: 941 SE 55th Ave.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97215
County: Multnomah
e-mail: donj@dslnorthwest.net
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Carol A. Taylor
Home Address: P.O. Box 185
City: Cascade Locks
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97014
County: Hood River
e-mail: cataylor02000@yahoo.com
Phone Number: 541-374-5426
Your Message: here are few areas in the US with the unique beauty and wilderness of the Columbia River National Scenic Area. With unrelenting self interest groups trying to commercialize this area there is no time to waste in protecting it, otherwise it will end up like the ocean shore with condos, restaurants, hotels, t-shirt shops, etc.

Full Name: Maria Pearman
Home Address: 4114 SE 14th Ave.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97202
County: Multnomah
e-mail: mkpearman@yahoo.com
Phone Number: 503.517.6074
Your Message
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Full Name: Roger Capps
Home Address: 3009 SE Lambert St.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97202
County: Multnomah
e-mail: rogcapps@comcast.net
Phone Number: 503-775-7693
Your Message: Please protect the natural beauty of the Columbia Gorge!
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Full Name: Bill and Nancy Meyer
Home Address: 4025 Sw 58th Ave.
City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97221
County: Multnomah
e-mail: meyerpdx@easystreet.com
Phone Number
Your Message

Full Name: Barbara Strasbaugh
Home Address: P.O. Box 202
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: criticalaction@earthlink.net
Phone Number: 503-939-6767
Your Message

Full Name: Dave and Kathleen Shelman
Home Address: 36141 SE Hurlburt Road
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: kdshelman@cs.com
Phone Number: 503-695-5859
Your Message: In its current status the Columbia River Gorge is a delicate balance of natural resources and development, including transportation. I urge you as Multnomah County Commissioners to ensure that MC is rigorous in following the Scenic Gorge Act's purpose in protecting the Gorge from uses and development that would diminish its beauty, its historic character and health.

Full Name: Mindy Schmidt
Home Address: P.O. Box 5
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: mindy@mindyschmidt.com
Phone Number: 503 8055008
Your Message: Please protect ALL of our property rights by ensuring that this areas remains something to be treasured. We live here and purchased property here because of the protections in place.

Full Name: David Gorman
Home Address: 2016 SE Henkle Road
City: Corbett
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
e-mail: dgorman@hevanet.com
Phone Number: 503-695-3494
Your Message: I support strong protections for the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area, and want Multnomah County to support them also.
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City: Portland
State: Oregon
Zip Code: 97206
County: Multnomah
e-mail: betsy@livingearthgatherings.org
Phone Number: 503.772.2636
Your Message: Exploiting the Columbia Gorge for strictly commercial benefit will erode the protections that keep the Gorge so beautiful. The National Scenic Area Ordinances are crucial tools that must be kept strong and actively enforced as development pressures on the Gorge continue to increase.

Full Name: Jerry Mishler
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City: Corbett
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Zip Code: 97019
County: Multnomah
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Your Message: I hope our children - and
their children - can enjoy the Gorge like we
did.

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Your Message: I am writing in support of
the National Scenic Act, the Gorge
Management Plan and land use planning in
general.
Sara



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March 23, 2006

Honorable Diane Linn, Chair
Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chair Linn:

On January 25, 2006, the Commission transmitted to you an amendment to the *Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area*, that improved protection of historic buildings in the National Scenic Area by allowing limited commercial activities in buildings that are either listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

In the transmittal letter, I noted that the amendment is one that must be incorporated into your land use ordinance. Recently, I received a couple of questions about this statement.

★ This statement is my opinion, not official direction from the Commission. At the Commission's meeting in November 2005, when the Plan Amendment was adopted, I informed the Commission that the staff believes that this Plan Amendment is mandatory because the Commission found that it improves protection of cultural resources. This continues to be my professional opinion.

With that opinion stated, I want to assure all of you that the Management Plan policy that allows counties to adopt provisions that vary from the policies and guidelines in the Management Plan so long as the counties' ordinances provide greater protection for the Gorge resources (County Ordinances Policy 1, Management Plan at IV-8) applies to this plan amendment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Martha Bennett
Executive Director

- c. Columbia River Gorge Commission
Dan Harkenrider, Area Manager, USDA Forest Service
National Scenic Area Tribal Nations
Mike Carrier, Office of Governor Kulongoski
Cathleen Drew, Office of Governor Gregoire
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Gordy Euler, Clark County Community Development Department
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October 21, 2004

Anne W. Squier, Chair
Columbia River Gorge Commission
P.O. Box 730
#1 Town and Country Square
White Salmon, WA 98672

Dear Ms. Squier:

On behalf of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your September 8, 2004 transmittal of the revised Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and wish to inform the Gorge Commission of our intent to adopt a land use ordinance consistent with this Plan.

In your cover letter, you advise county governments to proceed notwithstanding litigation challenging the revised Management Plan. While we appreciate your recognition of the risk it poses to local governments and offer to keep us informed as the litigation unfolds, we do not believe it a wise use of resources or fair to our citizens to initiate a legislative process over land use matters that might be overturned or amended as a result of this litigation. Specifically, we have asked our staff to take an approach to implementation that does not incorporate the new land use rules for commercial events, fish processing, and revisions to scenic guidelines designed to replace the existing requirement that development "minimize visibility" as viewed from significant scenic vantage points. Each is specifically cited in the litigation, and we believe the most prudent course of action at this point is to be more protective of resources in the gorge until these legal challenges are resolved.

You have asked for a work plan and schedule for adoption to assist in coordinating with our staff on the status of the litigation prior to critical decision making dates. At this time, I can provide only general timeframes, with Planning Commission hearings likely to occur in early March and April of 2005 followed by hearings before the Board of Commissioners in mid May and early June. I expect we will have a more specific schedule in the upcoming weeks, as we proceed with implementation, and will ask our staff to provide you with this information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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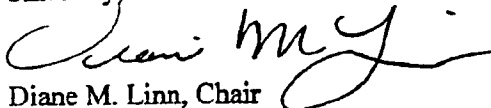

Diane M. Linn, Chair

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**Exhibit D: Proposed Amendments to the Multnomah County Code
Historic Properties Plan Amendment in the National Scenic Area
Multnomah County Planning Commission Case File # PC 06-004
April 17, 2006 Public Hearing**

<p>§ 38.7380(C)(3). Commercial Indoor commercial events that take place within the building or on the subject property, and that are incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the property.</p>	<p>Proposal #1: Require commercial events to be indoor events that take place within the historic building.</p> <p>The majority of the objections to the plan amendment involve outdoor commercial events. Multnomah County should limit commercial events to those that take place entirely within historic buildings. This would better protect scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources; would reduce conflicts involving traffic, safety, and noise; and would allow the events to be more connected to the historic buildings and therefore better provide for their appreciation, protection, and enhancement.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(A)(1). The term “historic buildings” refers to buildings included on either on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Eligibility for the National Register shall be determined pursuant to MCC 38.7380(F)(1)(a).</p> <p>§ 38.7380(C). The following uses may be allowed as established in each zone on a property with a building included on either on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and that was 50 years old or older as of January 1, 2006 subject to compliance with the standards of MCC 38.7000–38.7085, MCC 38.7300 and parts (D), (E), (F), and (G) of this section.</p> <p>§ 38.7380(F)(1)(a). All applications for uses listed in MCC 38.7380(C) shall include a historic survey and evaluation of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, to be prepared by a qualified professional hired by the applicant. The evaluation of eligibility shall not be required for buildings previously determined to be eligible. For such</p>	<p>Proposal #2: Limit the scope of the amendments to buildings actually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>The original plan amendment as proposed by the owners of the Viewpoint Inn would have applied to properties with buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Despite widespread support for this component, the Gorge Commission greatly expanded the scope of the plan amendment to apply not only to National Register buildings, but all old buildings “eligible” for listing on the National Register.</p> <p>Multnomah County should limit the scope of the amendment to buildings actually listed on the National Register</p>

~~properties, documentation of a prior eligibility determination shall be included in the application. The historic survey shall meet the requirements specified in MCC 38.7045(D)(3). The evaluation of eligibility shall follow the process and include all information specified in the National Register Bulletin “How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation” [National Park Service, National Register Bulletin #15].~~

~~Eligibility determinations shall be made by the County, based on input from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The local government shall submit a copy of any historic survey and evaluation of eligibility to the SHPO. The SHPO shall have 30 calendar days from the date this information is mailed to submit written comments on the eligibility of the property to the local government. If the County’s determination contradicts comments from the SHPO, the County shall justify how it reached an opposing conclusion.~~

§ 38.7380(D)(4). A maximum of 18 events may be held on the property during each calendar year.

of Historic Places. This would increase protection and enhancement of historic buildings because it would require landowners to take the extra step of achieving National Register status prior to applying for new commercial uses. National Register status carries with it additional, protections, guidelines, and rewards for the buildings under federal and local law. For example, last summer, the Oregon legislature extended its special assessment “property tax freeze” program to 30 years for residential properties on the National Register if the program is endorsed by the local government. Oregon House Bill 2776 (2005) (Oregon Laws 2005, ch. 2776, § 2.)

Apparently, neither the Gorge Commission nor Multnomah County have a complete list of exactly which properties are “eligible” for listing on the National Register or could become “eligible” in the future. Given the uncertainty involving the scope of the proposal and its impacts, and given the additional safeguards that come with National Register status, the County should take the important step of limiting the amendment to properties that are actually listed on the National Register.

Proposal #3: Limit the impact of commercial events by applying the Gorge Commission’s 2004 guidelines involving the frequency of events.

As it stands, the draft ordinance language contains no limitation on the number of events per year. This gap in the ordinance is very likely to cause commercial events to exceed the requirement to be incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the property and to harm resources and

	<p>uses on adjacent properties.</p> <p>The commercial events guidelines adopted by the Gorge Commission in 2004 limited commercial events to 18 per year. (See County Staff Report at Attachment 7.) Multnomah County should follow this precedent. Limiting the number of events per year would better protect surrounding uses and resources, would apply uniformly and fairly to all applicants, and would provide applicants and neighboring landowners with more certainty.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(D)(5). Each event shall host no more than 100 guests on the property.</p>	<p>Proposal #4: Limit the size, scope, and impact of commercial events by applying the Gorge Commission's 2004 guidelines involving the number of guests per event.</p> <p>As it stands, the draft ordinance language contains no limitation on the size of each event. This gap in the ordinance is very likely to cause commercial events to exceed the requirement to be incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the property and to harm resources and uses on adjacent properties.</p> <p>The commercial events guidelines adopted by the Gorge Commission in 2004 limited commercial events to 100 persons per event. (See County Staff Report at Attachment 7.) Multnomah County should follow this precedent. Limiting the size of events would better protect surrounding uses and resources, would apply uniformly and fairly to all applicants, and would provide applicants and neighboring landowners with more certainty.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(D)(6). Each event shall host no more than 50 vehicles on the subject property.</p>	<p>Proposal #5: Limit the size and scope of commercial events and related traffic by applying the Gorge Commission's 2004 guidelines</p>

	<p>involving the number of vehicles per event.</p> <p>As it stands, the draft ordinance language contains no limitation on the number of vehicles for each event. This gap in the ordinance is very likely to cause commercial events to exceed the requirement to be incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the property and to harm resources and uses on adjacent properties.</p> <p>The commercial events guidelines adopted by the Gorge Commission in 2004 limited commercial events to 50 vehicles per event. (See County Staff Report at Attachment 7.) Multnomah County should follow this precedent. Limiting the number of vehicles per event would better protect surrounding uses and resources, would apply uniformly and fairly to all applicants, and would provide applicants and neighboring landowners with more certainty.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(D)(7). Use of the subject property by buses, vans, shuttles, and similar vehicles for shuttling passengers to and from an event shall be limited to pickup and drop off only, with a maximum of 20 minutes per visit.</p>	<p>Proposal #6: Limit the impacts of shuttle vehicles by limiting their use to pickup and drop off only.</p> <p>The County Staff Report states at pages 3 through 4 that “[u]nder this proposed code, a landowner could seek to shuttle clients to their property from areas outside of the County’s jurisdiction, such as Portland or Gresham, provided they can substantiate in their conditional use application that the shuttles and other vehicles associated with the commercial use will be parked onsite.”</p> <p>The parking of shuttle vehicles on the property during commercial events could cause significant impacts to scenic, natural, and recreational</p>

	<p>resources. In the recent past, a Corbett resident who held commercial events without a valid land use permit allowed large tour buses to be parked on the property for hours at a time immediately adjacent to neighboring residences and fully visible from key viewing areas. The County should ensure against this kind of disruption by limiting shuttle vehicle use to pickup and drop off only.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(G)(9). All sanitary facilities associated with a use allowed under MCC 38.7380 shall be located within permanent buildings on the subject property.</p>	<p>Proposal #7: Require sanitary facilities to be located within permanent buildings on the subject property.</p> <p>Allowing the use of portable restroom facilities would likely increase the scope, size, and impacts of individual events and has the potential to adversely affect scenic, natural, recreational, and cultural resources. The County should address these concerns by requiring all sanitary facilities to be located within permanent buildings on the subject property.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(G)(10). The owner of the subject property shall live on the property and shall operate and manage the use.</p>	<p>Proposal #8: Apply the Gorge Commission's 2004 guideline requiring the owner of the subject property to live on the property and to operate and manage the use.</p> <p>In 2004, when the Gorge Commission adopted provisions authorizing commercial events on historic properties, the Commission required that the owner of the subject property live on the property and operate and maintain the use. (See County Staff Report at Attachment 7.) The County should follow that precedent. Requiring the owner/manager to live on site has the potential to better ensure compliance with applicable rules and conditions of approval, and in many</p>

	<p>cases could ensure that commercial events remain incidental and subordinate to residential use. In addition, requiring the owner/operator to live on site could ensure that such persons are more available and responsive to addressing neighbors' concerns about traffic, noise, safety, and related issues.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(F)(2)(b). New parking areas associated with the proposed use shall be visually subordinate from Key Viewing Areas, and shall to the maximum extent practicable, use existing topography and existing vegetation to achieve visual subordination. New screening vegetation may be used if existing topography and vegetation are insufficient to help make the parking area visually subordinate from Key Viewing Areas, if such vegetation would not adversely affect the historic character of the building's setting. All parking areas shall be fully screened from key viewing areas.</p>	<p>Proposal #9: Apply the Gorge Commission's 2004 guideline requiring all parking areas to be fully screened from key viewing areas.</p> <p>All of the types of uses authorized by the plan amendment have the potential to generate great amounts of traffic. Regardless of whether commercial events are indoor or outdoor and regardless of whether shuttle buses or individual vehicles are used, the potential for adverse scenic impacts is very high.</p> <p>The draft ordinance language fails to protect scenic resources. Although the draft language purportedly would require "new" parking areas to be "visually subordinate [as viewed] from Key Viewing Areas," it contains exceptions that swallow the rule (e.g., the screening requirements do not apply "if such vegetation would . . . adversely affect the historic character of the building's setting").</p> <p>In 2004, when the Gorge Commission adopted provisions authorizing commercial events on historic properties, the Commission required all parking areas to be fully screened from key viewing areas. This helped ensure that allowing commercial events would not adversely affect scenic resources in violation of the Scenic Area Act. The</p>

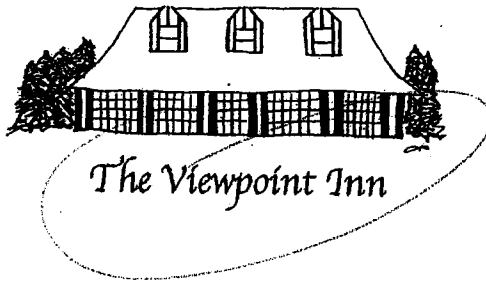
	County should follow that precedent and simply require all parking areas associated with special uses authorized by these amendments to be fully screened from key viewing areas.
<p>§ 38.7380(G)(1). Outdoor uses Except for overnight lodging and restaurant use as provided below, all commercial uses shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 9:00 p.m., except that between Memorial Day and Labor Day afternoon activities may extend to as late as 10:00 p.m. Non-event-related restaurant use may extend to as late as 10:00 p.m. for restaurant patrons seated prior to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Proposal #10: Require a year-round 9:00 p.m. cutoff time for events and other commercial uses.</p> <p>The draft language would allow outdoor uses to continue until 10:00 p.m. and would allow indoor commercial events to continue 24 hours per day. This is unacceptable. The County should apply a cutoff time of 9:00 p.m. year-round to all commercial uses, whether indoor or outdoor. This will reduce noise impacts and conflicts with surrounding properties. Even indoor events have the potential to cause disruption as party guests exit the building and congregate on decks and parking areas.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(G)(2). The use of outdoor amplification and amplified music in conjunction with a use authorized under this section is prohibited. All amplified amplification and music must be contained within the historic building associated with the use.</p>	<p>Proposal #11: Prohibit all outdoor amplification and outdoor music.</p> <p>Sound travels very easily in residential and rural parts of the Gorge, especially in summer months when Gorge landowners are likely to be outside and likely to keep their windows open to enjoy summer breezes. In order to minimize impacts to neighboring landowners and recreational uses, the County should prohibit all outdoor amplification and outdoor music.</p>
<p>§ 38.7380(B). As established in each zone, the following uses shall may be allowed on properties with buildings included on the National Register of Historic Places. All uses authorized under this section shall be subject to the provisions of MCC 38.7000–38.7085 and MCC 38.7300.</p> <p>§ 38.7380(B)(1). The properties shall may be permitted to be open for public viewing, interpretive displays, and an associated gift shop that is no larger</p>	<p>Proposal #12: Change “shall” to “may” where allowed uses are listed.</p> <p>In several places, the draft ordinance erroneously uses the word “shall be allowed” rather than “may be allowed.” All references to “shall” should be corrected to “may,” in order to clarify that proposals for special uses in historic buildings must comply with all</p>

<p>than 100 square feet and incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the property, subject to compliance with 38.7380(G) and 38.7380(F) except 38.7380(F)(1)(a), 38.7380(F)(1)(b)(iii) and 38.7380(F)(1)(b)(iv). This use is not subject to the parking limits and associated “Facility Design” Guidelines” in MCC 38.7080.</p> <p>§ 38.7380(B)(2). Properties which were former restaurants and/or inns shall may be permitted to re-establish these former uses, subject to compliance with MCC 38.7380(G) and 38.7380(F) except 38.7380(F)(1)(a), 38.7380(F)(1)(b)(iii) and 38.7380(F)(1)(b)(iv).</p> <p>§ 38.7380(B)(3). Properties shall may be permitted to hold commercial events, subject to compliance with MCC 38.7380(G) and MCC 38.7380(F) except 38.7380(F)(1)(a).</p>	<p>the applicable criteria before they may be approved.</p> <p>While the plan amendment itself uses the word “shall” in several places, this is the organic document authorizing certain uses throughout the Scenic Area. It would not be appropriate for the County implementing ordinance to repeat the word “shall.”</p> <p>In numerous similar situations (<i>e.g.</i>, bed and breakfast inns) the Management Plan uses the phrase “shall be allowed,” while the Multnomah County ordinance uses the phrase “may be allowed.” In only two places does the current Multnomah County ordinance expressly state that a specific category of uses “shall be allowed”: (1) fences meant to exclude wildlife from gardens and other sensitive areas (MCC § 38.7065(E)(1)), and (2) public docks open and available for public use (MCC § 38.7325(C)). Both cases should be considered <u>typographical errors</u>.</p>
<p>MCC § 38.7380(E). Land use approvals for Special Uses in Historic Buildings shall be subject to review every five two years from the date the original approval was issued. This review shall follow the Type II procedure established in MCC 38.0530(B). This review shall not be processed using Revocation of Decisions provisions of MCC 38.7060.</p>	<p>Proposal #13: Require review of special use approvals every two years.</p> <p>The draft ordinance language would require the County to review special use approvals only once every five years. Because the plan amendment is extremely controversial and, if adopted, would likely be newly tested for the first time in Multnomah County, approvals should be reviewed more frequently than every five years.</p> <p>A review requirement of once every two years would provide better County oversight, allow for more citizen input, result in more applicant accountability, and more effectively protect and</p>

<p>MCC § 38.7380(E)(3). The County shall revoke the land use approval if the owner has failed to substantially implement the actions described in the “Protection and Enhancement Plan” according to the schedule for completing such actions in this plan or if the property has not been used in compliance with applicable County rules or conditions of approval. The County may, however, allow such a use to continue for up to one additional year from the date the County determines the applicant has failed to implement the actions if the applicant submits a written statement describing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Unforeseen circumstances that prevented the applicants from completing the specified actions according to the approved schedule; (b) What progress the applicants have made towards completing such actions; and (c) A proposed revised schedule for completing such actions. 	<p>enhance historic resources.</p> <p>Proposal #14: Authorize revocation of land use approvals if the property has not been used in compliance with applicable County rules or conditions of approval.</p> <p>The County should adopt language authorizing the revocation of land use approvals if the property has not been used in compliance with applicable County rules or conditions of approval. These issues should be addressed during the county’s periodic review of land use approvals, in addition to separate enforcement actions.</p>
<p>MCC § 38.7380(C)(4). A winery upon a showing that processing of wine is from grapes grown on the subject parcel or the local region, within a historic building, as the building existed as of January 1, 2006. For the purposes of this section, “local region” shall use the same definition as “local agricultural area” in OAR 660 Division 33.</p>	<p>Proposal #15: Do not define “local region” with regard to wineries in this ordinance amendment.</p> <p>The draft ordinance would define “local region” with regard to wineries. The proposed interpretation for “local region” would be inconsistent with the Scenic Area Act and interpretations by other counties and should not be adopted within this narrow context pertaining only to historic properties.</p> <p>The phrase “local region” is used throughout the Multnomah County Scenic Area ordinance with regard to wineries and fruit and produce stands. <i>See, e.g.,</i> MCC §§ 38.2025(A)(17)(b), 38.2025(A)(17)(c), 38.2225(B)(10), 38.2230(A)(1), 38.2230(A)(2), 38.3030(A)(13). Nowhere is the phrase defined in the current ordinance.</p> <p>In recent Scenic Area decisions, other agencies and counties have interpreted the phrase “local region” much more</p>

narrowly than Multnomah County is proposing to do here. For example, a recent Skamania County approval for a fruit stand was limited to fruits grown in the Underwood Mountain region in Skamania County. (Skamania County File No. NSA-05-63.) Other decisions have limited wineries to grapes grown within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Expanding the meaning of “local region” is not necessary here and would invite confusion, given the number of times the phrase appears elsewhere in the ordinance. This is a larger policy discussion that should be taken up at another time and via a more appropriate forum.



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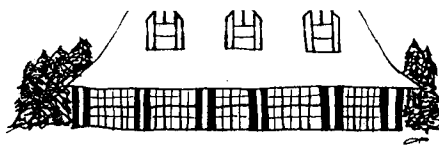
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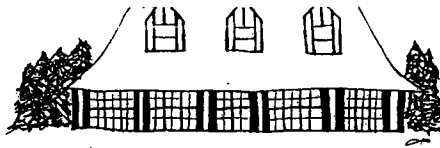
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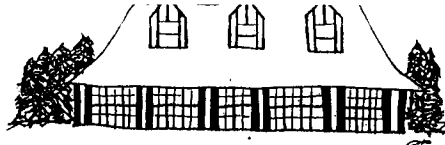
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We have been neighbors with the Viewpoint Inn for 35 years. For most of those years it has been an unkept eyesore. Under Geoff and Angelo's care it has become a beautiful and well kept tribute to the Gorge.

marriage is an extremely difficult process. Getting people started in building a life together in such beautiful and somewhat mystical surroundings has to serve as a positive social value to the community.

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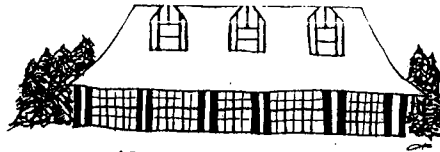
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Petition of Support for The Viewpoint Inn

We the undersigned support opening the Nationally Registered Historic Viewpoint Inn & Restaurant in Corbett, Oregon for public viewing and interpretive displays combined with reestablishing the historic use of the facility.

Print Name

Signature

Address

My name is Chris R. Snide from 40415 E. Larch Mtn.
Rd. Corbett. I live right next to View Point Inn
for over ten years now. What I have seen of
thier business is they control thier traffic good and
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