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Jason Spadaro
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RE Broughton Development Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Spadaro:

The Port of Skamania County is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Broughton Landing Development at the former Broughton Lumber Mill site in Skamania County.

The situation in Skamania County is unique. Eighty nine percent (89%) of Skamania County's lands are in public ownership or owned and controlled, or the uses limited by, city, state, and federal government agencies. Ninety percent (98%) of the county is forest land, including the 78% that is part of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The southernmost portion of the county is included in the Columbia River National Scenic Area, and over 50% of the County's total private land base is classified as a National Scenic Area. Therefore, it is critical for the future of Skamania County and its residents to wisely use the few land assets it does have to create a sustainable tax base.

The Port of Skamania supports this project because it is one of the few opportunities we have to create new jobs and generate vital taxes needed to sustain services provided by Skamania County. Feel free to contact me at (509) 427-5484 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John McSherry
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