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Columbia River Gorge Commission
P.O. Box 730
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Dear Gorge Commission Members:

Skamania County has an opportunity for a quality resort to be constructed by private development interests on the site of the inactive, deteriorating Broughton Mill site located in an area of Skamania County known as Hood.

A new resort would greatly improve the visual quality of the site, create local employment, improve recreation access, and further the economic development purpose of the act while minimizing the visual and natural impact of the site. The site already has considerable infrastructure, was an active industrial site for decades, and retains residential uses. The Skamania County Board of Commissioners supports the Broughton resort proposal.

However, the management plan does not allow an industrial site that is not located within an urban area to be converted into a viable resort within the current limits of the commercial recreation regulations without a plan amendment.

Skamania County Commissioners supports the Broughton resort proposal and a plan amendment for the Broughton Mill site at Hood.

Sincerely,


Paul Pearce
Chair


Jim Richardson
Commissioner


Albert E. McKee
Commissioner