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Ms. Judy Davis, Chair
Columbia River Gorge Commission
288 E. Jewett Blvd.
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Dear Chair Davis:

On behalf of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, I am writing to support the Broughton Advisory Committee's Plan Amendment Application regarding the proposed Broughton Landing Project. I understand the committee will submit the application to the Columbia River Gorge Commission on Friday, October 13, 2006.

The state of Washington is committed to developing seven key industry sectors, including the Tourism Industry. The Broughton Landing Project will transform a former lumber planing mill into a premier outdoor recreation-oriented resort. The project will appeal to visitors seeking outdoor experiences and recreational adventures, add economic value in the form of tax base, and respect the scenic, natural, and historic resources of the site and the region. Plus, the prospectus estimates construction will yield 288 short-term jobs and resort operations will create 60 ongoing jobs.

Most important, the Broughton Advisory Committee's deliberate effort to include a broad community of interests in the development process deserves high praise. The result is a project that makes sense in its context and can be supported as a responsive and well-balanced approach.

Thank you for considering all of the positive aspects of this project as you conduct your deliberative process on the Plan Amendment Application.

Sincerely,



Larry Williams
Assistant Director

cc: Jill Arens, Executive Director, Columbia River Gorge Commission
Peggy Bryan, Executive Director, Skamania County Economic Development Council

