



# CITY OF STEVENSON

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Jason Spadero  
Broughton Lumber  
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RE: Broughton Development Proposal

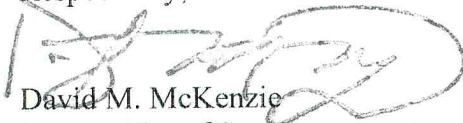
Dear Mr. Spadero:

For the past twenty years we have watched the communities in the Columbia River Gorge develop our region into a prime tourist destination. We have built world-class wineries and destination resorts, developed windsurfing and kiteboarding sites that attract the best sailors, and continue to provide an extraordinary natural setting for the outdoor enthusiast. Although the eastern portion of Skamania County is set in a unique mixed oak/fir habitat with access to a myriad of outdoor recreational activities there has been very little resource-based recreational development in this area. The Broughton Development Proposal will fill that void and provide a different alternative for the recreational visitor.

The proposed development will convert the existing mill site and buildings into an architectural design that celebrates our timber heritage while adopting current sustainable construction practices. The resort will add a variety of accommodations including cabins, cottages and condos to the transient lodging inventory. It will provide an economic boost and local jobs for the eastern portion of the County. And it will contribute to the tax base to help sustain critical public services.

We fully support the Broughton Development's efforts to convert the mill to a well designed resort sensitive to its setting and the visual concerns of the Columbia Gorge Commission. This is a unique opportunity to improve an existing eyesore, recognize the community's timber heritage, provide for the economic well being of our community, and create an outstanding recreational facility.

Respectfully,

  
David M. McKenzie  
Mayor, City of Stevenson