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Ms. Jill Arens, Executive Director
Columbia River Gorge Commission
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Dear Ms. Arens:

On December 20, 2006 The City of White Salmon Council voted to support the Broughton Landing development proposed in Skamania County.

The economic impact on employment, lodging, recreation and retail businesses will be a profound benefit to this area, positively affecting not only The City of White Salmon, but also the broader Columbia Gorge area.

The current use of this area as a derelict industrial site is an unfortunate reflection on this area. As with many abandoned industrial sites, this area could serve as a magnet to undesirable and criminal activities. Furthermore, as was the practice in prior years at industrial sites, there may well be unknown hazardous wastes buried and possibly leaking into the nearby Columbia River. These wastes will not be discovered and removed until the site is developed in a positive manner.

In closing, The City of White Salmon Council supports the Broughton Resort Proposal and a plan amendment for the Brought Mill Site to permit the conversion of an industrial site not located in an urban area into a commercial recreational resort.

Sincerely,


Francis H. Gaddis, Mayor

cc: Jason Spadaro
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