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COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA – December 13, 2016

Best Western Hood River Inn, Riverview Room
1108 East Marina Way, Hood River, Oregon

- 10:00 a.m. Committee Meetings**
- Outreach Committee
 - Communications Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 11:05 a.m. Welcome: Maui Meyer, Hood River County Commissioner**
- 11:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2016 Commission Meeting**
- 11:15 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission**
As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 11:20 a.m. Public Comment ***
- 11:30 a.m. Information Item: Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge Restoration Project--** Debrah Marriott, Executive Director, and Chris Collins, Principal Restoration Ecologist, Lower Columbia Estuary Program, will present their project to breach dikes and restore habitat at the wildlife refuge. BPA is funding project design. The Estuary Partnership is in line for a Floodplains by Design grant from the Department of Ecology, pending legislative approval.
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Director's Report**
- Management Plan Update
 - Buildable Lands Inventory
 - County Development Review Process and Status (and Klickitat County update)
 - Public Listening Sessions/Local Government Meetings Schedule
- 1:20 p.m. Information Item: *Historic Columbia River Highway 100th Year Anniversary Update--*** Kristen Stallman, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Wayne Stewart, Chair of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee, will provide an overview of the new \$29 million grant awarded by FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) to complete the last connection of the HCRH.
- 2:00 p.m. Information Item: *Community Attitudes Toward Tourism*, Sam Lankford, Ph.D.** Professor and Chair, Department of Recreation Administration, Fresno, CA will discuss the study he conducted in the Columbia River Gorge in 1989 and is in the process of replicating that study to better understand attitudes toward tourism using the Tourism Impact Attitude Scale (TIAS).
- 2:30 p.m. Committee Reports: *Communications* and *Outreach*** Committees will present information about the outcomes from the morning discussions. Other committees may also provide updates as needed
- 2:45 p.m. U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager's Report: Lynn Burditt**
- 3:00 p.m. Elections for Commission Officers**
- 3:30 p.m. Other Business**
- 3:45 p.m. Break**

- 4:00 p.m. **Special Afternoon Session on the 30TH Anniversary of the National Scenic Area: Reflections on the last 30 Years and New Horizons with “Gorge 2020: Focus On Our Future” Initiative**
- Bowen Blair, Chairman, Columbia River Gorge Commission: “The National Scenic Area, Then and Now”**
- 4:15 p.m. **Dan Little, First Gentleman of Oregon: “The Gorge as a Bridge--Connecting Oregonians with Our Outdoors”**
- 4:30 p.m. **Bruce Nissen, Owner, LDB Beverage, Stevenson, WA: “LDB Beverage--Investing in the Gorge”**
- 4:45 p.m. **Peter Marbach, Fine Art Photographer, Hood River, OR: *Photographic Journey Presentation “Born Free—the Wild Columbia”***
- 5:45 p.m. **Networking with Commissioners and Staff**
- 7:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

NOTE: The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers’ schedules.

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please carefully and completely fill out a sign-up sheet clearly indicating which item or items in you wish to participate. Please respect the Commission meeting by handing your completed sheet and any written testimony or other documents to the Commission’s Assistant prior to the start of the public comment on that item(s). The Commission’s Assistant sits at the end of the side table closest to the audience.

NOTE: The chair reserves the right to not to hear comments if a comment sign-up sheet is incomplete or illegible.

Be courteous and professional.

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone. Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

Effective use of public comment time.

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting’s time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

Submitting written comments.

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please bring a printed original for the record. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 printed copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.