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Columbia River Gorge Commission

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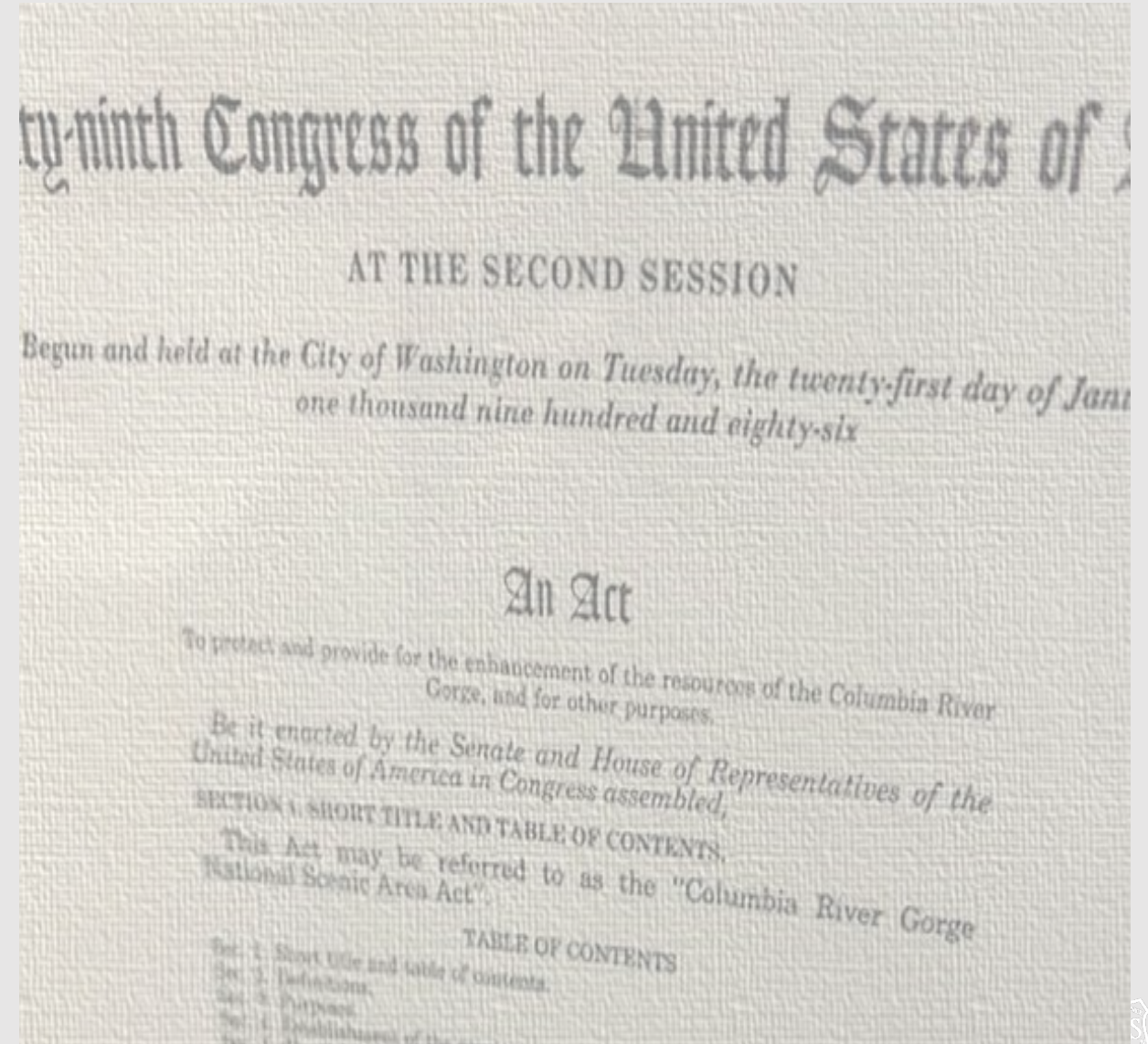
Scenic Area staff report

Guess the location?



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act – Forest Service authority

- Special Management Areas -- Act provided *authority* for the Forest Service to acquire lands in SMA areas. *The FS could also acquire lands under other authorities that apply to National Forests.*
- Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit -- provided people the ability within this area of historic and ongoing land movement the opportunity to have the FS purchase their lands
- Land exchanges were authorized and candidate areas were identified on the Gifford Pinchot, Mt Hood, Willamette, and Siuslaw NFs that could be considered for exchange from NFS to obtain lands within CRGNSA boundary



Scenic Area acres acquired in Skamania County (since 2008)

RECORDED ACRES	PILT_IND	PAYMENTTYPE	ACTION Calendar YEAR
4.19	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2008
80	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2014
1	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2015
273	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2016
2.78	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2016
1.23	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2016
1.92	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2018
29.2	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2021
13.02	FS Subject to	NF 25% receipts	2024
406.34 Total acres acquired in Skamania County since 2008			

Payments to Local Governments (p 945) – 1% payments to counties – originally was for 5 years and adjusted to 8 years (in 2000)

Implementation of Secretarial Memo 1078-006



Actively manage our nation's forests:

- **To reduce the risk of destructive wildfire by creating and sustaining healthy and resilient forests and watersheds**
- **Support rural economies and forest product industry partners**
- **Build capacity through workforce alignment and partnerships**



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