

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

WINTER 1993 NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

Every week new issues arise and we must decide whether our resources can be stretched to undertake yet a new challenge. We all feel the loss when we are unable to pursue everything that needs to be done. But that is the nature of small nonprofits. We are driven by our mission, ambitious to accomplish as much as possible, and disappointed in ourselves when we cannot meet our own high expectations of our staff, our members and the public.

This year we will continue to take the leadership role in monitoring all of the decisions related to the protection of the National Scenic Area; our "watchdog" role will ensure that the intent of the National Scenic Area Act is carried out. This includes being actively involved in public process opportunities for recreation planning, county ordinance development, special protection issues, state legislation that effects the Gorge, federal appropriations for the Gorge, and keeping Gorge residents informed on land use planning and other decisions affecting their counties. Within many of these broad categories there are important projects that go unattended.

*If you are interested in becoming a hands-on activist ---if you have a few hours a week to play a critical role in the protection of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area by attending appropriate meetings, keeping us advised about all the agencies who are involved in an issue, helping plan strategy and being part of a small cadre of dedicated, mission-driven, group of volunteers, **WE NEED YOU!***

It has been six years since the Act was passed. The intensity of our work continues daily. If you are interested in an active role in protecting the Gorge, give us a call. We would like to add you to our "Key Contact" list and invite you to a future orientation for volunteers. We can do so much more with your help.

Best wishes for the coming spring.



Friends of the Columbia Gorge Announces Third Annual Spring Series of Sensationally Scenic Saturdays

Hiking Leaders are gearing up for Friends of the Columbia Gorge's third annual series of eleven day-hikes. Hikers young and old will again benefit from the skilled leaders available to share their knowledge of wildlife and flowers of the spectacular Columbia Gorge.

The trips are designed as hikes, so participants should be in good physical condition. A donation of \$1.00, payable at the hike, will support our Education Outreach Program. Carpools are available. For more information see page 5 of this newsletter. Special thanks to Board Members Julia Ferreira and Nancy Russell who organized this important program.



Hikers atop Wind Mountain.

Photo: Ken Denis

Outreach Program Begins 1993 with Many Public Opportunities Ahead



"Gorge in Winter"

Photo: Ray Atkeson

County Ordinance Development

The cool temperatures and the east wind of the Gorge have not slowed down activities in the National Scenic Area. Our work and participation has continued in the development of consistent county ordinances implementing the National Scenic Area Act Management Plan.

Once an ordinance is adopted by a county it is then submitted to the Gorge Commission and Secretary of Agriculture for a consistency determination. Similar to the public review at the county level, the Gorge Commission will offer opportunities for public input on the review of the county ordinances. Thus far Multnomah and Skamania Counties have submitted ordinances to the Gorge Commission; as yet, no date has been scheduled for hearings at the Commission level. To receive economic and recreation development funds made available by the Act, a county must implement a consistent ordinance.

In reviewing the Multnomah County ordinance for lands in the National Scenic Area, Friends of the Columbia Gorge found it to be consistent and praised the County for its effort toward preservation of the Gorge. Although our efforts for adoption of a consistent ordinance were triumphant, we were less successful in persuading the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners to retain existing language stronger than that in the Management Plan, which (under the existing state laws) offered additional protection to small scale resource lands.

On December 31, 1992, Skamania County Commissioners adopted an ordinance which Friends of the Columbia Gorge found to be inconsistent. In addition to the ordinance omitting "Open Space" land use designations and regulations pertaining to rock and mineral extraction, it contains both inadequate buffers to maintain natural areas, and map changes not permissible under the Act. Friends of the Columbia Gorge will be involved at the Commission level and fully expects the Commission to determine this ordinance to be inconsistent. At that time the ordinance will go back to Skamania County for another try.

Under the Act, if a county does not submit an ordinance, the Gorge Commission must develop and implement an ordinance

for that county. The Gorge Commission staff is currently working on ordinances for Klickitat, Clark, Hood River and Wasco Counties. Klickitat County notified the Commission that they will not be developing a county ordinance. Clark County has not begun the development of an ordinance due to budget and staff limitations. A county can at any time submit an ordinance to the Commission.

Wasco County completed development of an ordinance in February of 1992 but has withheld final adoption until concerns regarding the county's taking liability and funding can be resolved. Recently the county notified the Gorge Commission of its intent toward adoption which will follow county hearings. We will notify residents of these hearings once they are scheduled.

Hood River County recently notified the Gorge Commission of its plans to begin development of an ordinance. Friends of the Columbia Gorge will soon begin working with residents to keep them informed on that progress and to solicit their input and support for a strong consistent ordinance. Hood River County also reminded the Gorge Commission that there still remain unresolved issues over the "Open Space" designation of the county lands located along the abandoned Historic Columbia Highway. This five-mile stretch between Hood River and Mosier is being proposed as a park which would include opening the Mosier Twin Tunnels. Hood River County owns both timber and a rock quarry along this stretch. The Forest Service, with state and local agencies, has been working over a year with Hood River County to look at alternative rock sources, but no replacement has yet to be found. As for the timber lands, a possible solution has been identified which involves a three way exchange among Oregon Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service and Hood River County. Friends of the Columbia Gorge has followed this issue closely due to the opportunity for a park along the old highway.

Planning Begins for Sandy River Delta

The U.S. Forest Service has begun the planning process for site development and management of the Sandy River Delta. The Sandy River Delta property is approximately 1,400 acres located at

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the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia Rivers. The area, known as the "Reynolds Tract", was purchased in 1991 from the Trust for Public Land with funds made available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Of the 1,400 acres, 150 acres are designated for public recreation under the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan. The site is identified as a location for an orientation and information center that will serve as a "Gateway" to the National Scenic Area. The remainder of the site is designated "Open Space".

To date the Forest Service has offered a site visit and open house to provide an opportunity to review the information collected to date, to make comments, and to discuss possibilities and constraints for various uses and to consider potential development scenarios.

The Forest Service will now begin putting together alternatives for site development, including design guidelines and placement of facilities and trails, landscape restoration and enhancement, and appropriate vegetation management. They will then present these options to the public in the form of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, expected later this year.

Friends of the Gorge will be actively involved with this project and ask members' support to see that the natural integrity of the area is preserved. This future "Gateway" to the National Scenic Area is especially important due to its close proximity to the Portland metropolitan area and the resulting pressures to overdevelop the site. Management of the area will require a careful balance between proposed uses. **Please contact Tamra Lisy, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Education Outreach Coordinator to help with this project, (503)241-3762.**

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SCENIC HIGHWAY NEEDS YOUR HELP

In our last newsletter, we printed a photo of the Oregon Department of Transportation's splendid work at Ruthton Point in restoring a section of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Recently, in its Winter Newsletter, Viewpoints, Scenic America of Washington, D.C., listed the "The Ten Most Outstanding Scenic Byways" in the nation. Not surprisingly, the Gorge Scenic Highway is on the list.

We are disappointed to say that, despite the good news and acclaim reported above, not one important Gorge highway reconnection project has received the funding which is available from state and federal programs. Connecting abandoned segments of the Scenic Highway is a longtime goal of the State of Oregon, as well as The Friends. The 1988 state Study of the Historic Columbia Highway embodies the master plan for connecting these abandoned segments for hiking and biking trails. The time has certainly arrived to encourage the state to move ahead with funding these exciting, worthy, and well-supported projects. A good place to start would be connecting and restoring the 7.1 mile Warrendale to Cascade Locks segments of the

abandoned highway. This part of the old road traverses the most scenic and historic part of Old Oregon --the pioneer path along the Columbia at the Great Cascades.

The State Department of Transportation is making an important decision on funding for the Gorge Highway reconnection projects at its February 17, 1993, meeting in Salem. O.D.O.T. Chairman Mike Hollern needs to hear of your support as soon as you can put pen to paper. **Write to Mr. Hollern that it is time for the state to provide funds to make good on its commitment to restore and reconnect segments of the old highway for a bicycle and pedestrian trail. Send your letter to:**

**Mr. Mike Hollern, Chair
Oregon Department
Transportation Commission
135 Transportation Building
Salem, OR 97310**

Please send us a copy of your letter.

FOCG

Legal Update

Birkenfeld

This lawsuit seeks a determination that "Open Space" and similar Land Use Designations in the National Scenic Area Management Plan are illegal and constitute a taking of private property without compensation. The most recent development in this case is a complaint filed by the plaintiffs, Birkenfeld Trust, S.D.S. Lumber, Broughton Lumber, Ellett Construction, et al, which deletes the states of Oregon and Washington and the Gorge Commission as defendants. Instead, the suit adds the 13 individual Commissioners serving at the time the Plan was adopted.

This new development is a result of the plaintiffs wishing to keep the case under federal jurisdiction. Plaintiffs are attempting to retain the case in federal court by naming individuals as defendants. All the defendants, including Friends of the Columbia Gorge, will be filing a motion to dismiss this complaint.

Miller v. Columbia River Gorge Commission

This is the first appeal from a Gorge Commission decision in the state of Oregon. The appellants sought permission to divide a 1.65 acre parcel into two parcels of approximately 0.8 acre, and build a house on the newly formed lot. A house already exists on the parcel located in Rowena, just west of The Dalles, adjacent to the Historic Columbia River Highway. The Commission denied the application, contending that approval would set a precedent with a possible result of ninety-nine 0.8 acre parcels in the area.

The appellants contend the Commission decision is wrong and that denial constitutes a taking of their private property without compensation. Friends of the Gorge was granted status to intervene. The matter was argued before the Oregon Court of Appeals on January 20, and a decision is expected within the next two months.

Reflections of the Gorge

Taking the Slow Lane, Washington's Evergreen Highway, Part II

By: James L. Olmsted

Mr. Olmsted is a land use and real estate attorney in Clark County, Washington. The following article is the second part of a two-part article which is an outgrowth of Jim's research on local environmental and historic preservation issues. Jim also serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Columbia Gorge, the Heritage of Clark County and the Friends of the Evergreen Highway.

As one might imagine, fitting a major highway between the waters of the Columbia and the steep walls of the Gorge presented a formidable engineering challenge. The failed attempt of the Hazard and Sturgill contracting firm to blast a roadway across the face of Cape Horn in November, 1927, dramatically exemplifies the difficulty of the project and, in afterthought, the lack of aesthetic concern on the part of the state engineers in charge.

Attempting to force the roadbed across the mighty cliffs of Cape Horn, the contractors placed literally thousands of tons of explosives in the sheer rock face of the imposing formation. When the explosives were detonated--creating what one newspaper described with qualified flamboyance as the "most stupendous blast ever fired in southwestern Washington"--the force blew away not only the rock above the proposed roadbed, but the entire cliff as well. The resulting avalanche blocked the S.P. & S. Railroad right-of-way and so destabilized the cliff that a huge rock shed had to be built over the road (it remained there until 1954). The ill conceived blast triggered a successful lawsuit against the state by the railroad and brought financial ruin to the contractor, whose bonding company was forced to underwrite that portion of the roadway.

Ironically, years earlier the prominent geologist and naturalist Henry J. Biddle had persuaded the S.P. & S. Railroad to tunnel through Cape Horn rather than mar the grand formation by cutting a right-of-way into its face. We are left to wonder whether H.J. Biddle (who died the next year at the age of 66) had, unsuccessfully, exerted similar persuasions on the state highway engineer in charge of planning the highway's route.

As each section of the roadway was paved, the contractor responsible for that section stamped his name and the date of completion into the highway surface. In portions of the Evergreen Highway that have not been resurfaced, most notably the six mile stretch between Vancouver and Camas in Washington's Clark County, it is still possible to discern these stamps in the aging concrete--small reminders that the highway is itself a historic structure.

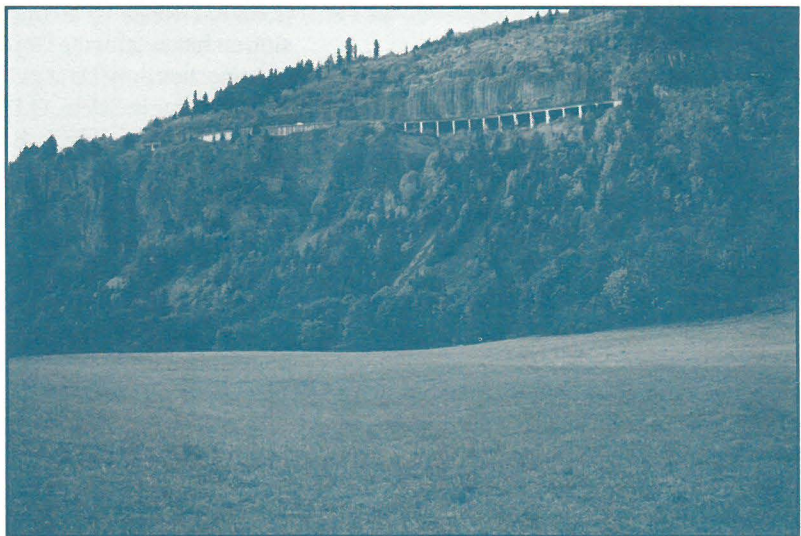
One of the more colorful chapters in the Evergreen Highway's history involves the controversy over its naming. The original name for the roadway was the "North Bank Highway." When the state highway system was reclassified in 1923, the bureaucratic denomination "State Road Number 8" replaced the somewhat more descriptive appellation "North Bank Highway," at least for official purposes. However, by 1928 a "grass roots" movement was proposing yet another name, the "Evergreen Highway."

The movement gained momentum, and in February 1928 the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce referred to its civic committee for full consideration the matter of endorsing the name Evergreen Highway. Commercial interest undoubtedly supplied some of the motivation for the name change, which could be expected to draw attention (and thus more tourists) to the Washington side of the river. Enthusiasm for the new name was not universal, however. The proposed name change sparked considerable debate, igniting what the Columbian newspaper described as the "age-old animosity of Camas and Washougal leaders, who for many years have been opposed to [the name] Evergreen."

The naming controversy culminated on August 13, 1929, at a meeting held at Fort Rains near the Bridge of the Gods and attended by representatives of communities along the entire length of the highway from Vancouver to Goldendale. Despite objection by representatives of Camas and Washougal, a unanimous decision to "advertise the road as the Evergreen highway" was eventually reached. Four years later, the name became official as a matter of state law when the Washington legislature passed a bill, sponsored by Dr. R.D. Wiswal (whose descendants still live along the Evergreen Highway), designating the stretch of highway between the city of Vancouver and the town of Maryhill the "Evergreen Highway."

I'm sure many readers in the Gorge have their own stories, recollections and memorabilia concerning the construction and history of the Evergreen Highway. Those who would be willing to share, please contact me at the Friends of the Gorge office.

-James Olmsted



The Evergreen Highway at Cape Horn.

Photo: Ken Denis

Savor the Gorge this Spring on our 1993 Series of Sensationally Scenic Saturdays

- WHAT** : A series of eleven day-hikes, sponsored by Friends of the Columbia Gorge, to follow the wildflower bloom as it unfolds in the Gorge. These are designed as hikes, so participants should be in good physical condition.
- WHERE** : Leave 8:30 AM from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) parking lot, NE 60th & Glisan, Portland. Second meeting places are given to accommodate persons living outside the Portland area.
- WHAT TO BRING** : Daypack containing lunch, water, rain gear, extra clothing, insect repellent, camera, binoculars, first aid, and personal items. No animals, please.
- WHAT TO WEAR** : Long sleeves and long pants recommended. Sturdy hiking shoes that are lug-soled and waterproof.
- FEE** : \$1.00, payable at the hike, to support FOCG's educational outreach program.
- CAR POOLING** : Will be arranged among participants at ODOT each Saturday. Donation to drivers of 5¢ per mile is recommended. Bridge tolls are shared.
- GENERAL INFO.** : Prior sign-up is not necessary. Hikes will not be canceled because of rain. Remember, weather near Hood River is usually great! Participants accept responsibility for their own safety. All mileages given are round trip. For more specific information, contact FOCG, (503) 241-3762.

April 3 - Lyle Cherry Orchard. Wildflower expert Barbara Robinson will lead us up a series of benches, gaining 1000 ft. in the first 0.75 mile, to the wind-swept, flower-studded plateau and a deserted cherry orchard. This is a very scenic 4-mile hike with 1400 ft. total elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:30 AM is Bridge Mart, just east of the north end of Hood River Bridge.

April 10 - Catherine/Major Creek Loop. FOCG Chairman Emeritus Nancy Russell will lead us past the natural arch and up to the open plateau with wide-ranging views, then down to explore Major Creek Ranch and wildflowers south of the road. Hike 5 miles with 1000 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:30 AM is Bridge Mart, just east of the north end of Hood River Bridge.

April 17 - Memaloose/Hudson Hill. Gorge expert Nancy Russell will lead us into new wildflower areas and to new viewpoints near Mosier on State Parks and Forest Service lands. Hike 5 miles with 1500 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:45 AM is Memaloose Rest Area, on south side of I-84 east-bound shortly after Milepost 72.

April 24 - Deschutes River Trails. Desert Trail Association President Ross Edginton will lead us on three loop trails along the lower Deschutes River in a high desert setting with desert flora and fauna, historic sites, terrific views. Hike 8 miles with 750 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 10:00 AM is Deschutes River State Park, Celilo Exit 97, then 4 miles east.

May 1 - Viento Park/Starvation Ridge Loop. Hood River activist Mimi Macht will lead us on a 9-mile hike, gaining 1750 ft. in elevation, visiting exceptionally fine viewpoints and wildflower areas and four waterfalls. Second meeting place at 9:30 AM is Viento State Park, Exit 56, at first parking area.

May 8 - Angels Rest via Wabkeena Falls. Gorge trail expert Elinor Levin will lead this diverse and delightful hike up cascading Wabkeena Creek, then traversing cool woods, then arriving at a spectacular viewpoint. We'll observe wildflower regeneration after the October 1991 fire and perhaps glimpse the namesake angel. Hike 7 miles with 1750 ft. elevation gain, using a car shuttle. Second meeting place at 9:00 AM is trailhead parking triangle on Scenic Highway at junction with Bridal Veil Exit 28.

May 15 - Ruckel Creek Trail. Political Pundit Tim Hibbits will lead us up the steep trail to a unique basin of lichen-covered rocks, several spectacular viewpoints, and the impressive hanging gardens of Ruckel Creek. This is a demanding 7-mile hike which gains 2800 ft. in elevation—definitely not for the weak-kneed! Second meeting place at 9:15 AM is Eagle Creek Exit 41, by the stone restrooms near the fish hatchery.

May 22 - Grassy Knoll. Long-time Gorge enthusiast Helen Running will lead us to a former lookout site along the Cascade Crest Trail with banks of flowers and sweeping, panoramic views. Then we'll follow an open ridge in an alpine setting 1½ miles farther to a flower-carpeted saddle. Hike 8 miles with 1500 ft. elevation gain. Second meeting place at 9:45 AM is west end of the Dog Mountain trailhead parking lot, on Hwy. 14 about 12½ miles east of Bridge of the Gods.

May 29 - Dog Mountain. Climbing guidebook author Nick Dodge will lead this classic Gorge wildflower hike with slopes of wildflowers in bloom and remarkable Gorge and Cascade views. Hike 7 miles with 2900 ft. elevation gain, and well worth it! Second meeting place at 9:45 AM is trailhead parking lot on Hwy. 14 about 12½ miles east of Bridge of the Gods.

June 5 - Hamilton Mountain. For National Trails Day, the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act, FOCG Chairman Debbie Craig will lead this all-time favorite Gorge hike during its prime wildflower-blooming period. FOCG Chairman Emeritus Nancy Russell will accompany us to help identify the varieties we should encounter. Hike 9 miles with 2200 ft. elevation gain passing beautiful waterfalls, rocky outcroppings, dramatic cliffs, and enjoying far-ranging views. Second meeting place at 9:30 AM is trailhead parking area in Beacon Rock State Park, ½ mile north of Hwy. 14.

June 12 - Larch Mountain Loop. Conservation activist Mary Mason will lead a 6-mile loop hike which enters a majestic old growth forest, passes by Multnomah Marsh, follows an old logging railroad grade, then tops out on Sherrard Point for a Cascade panorama. Second meeting place at 9:00 AM is Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18, in front of the stone restrooms.

June 19-20 - Lucky 13th Annual Gorge Hiking Weekend. Brochure will be available from FOCG by May 15th.

Opinion

Gardner aides left gift to undercut Gorge idea

Although former Gov. Booth Gardner sometimes expressed personal support for the idea of preserving the rare character of the Columbia River Gorge from the ravages of exploitive development, his record on the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area was decidedly mixed.

Perhaps, as the scion of a timber baronage, his green streak insufficiently covered his nostalgia for exploitation. Perhaps his regard was more for local officials besieged by outside agitators. Whatever the reason, he left his responsibility for the bi-state national treasure largely in the hands of his economic development staff, who felt in turn responsible to local business interests and developers rather than to environmentalists and tree-huggers.

Those aides — specifically Dean Foster — saw to it during several years that local people and developers opposed to preservation got the upper hand over Friends of the Gorge and others who had worked so long and hard to get Congress to create the scenic area.

They also got one last laugh just before Gardner gave up his seat to Gov. Mike Lowry, whose green streak is wide and deep. They had two vacancies on the Columbia Gorge Commission that advises the U.S. Forest Service on plans and management. They didn't advertise the vacancies much, and they passed over a considerable list of Gorge backers who have been seeking slots on the commission. They gave Gardner the names of Tim Southworth of Goldendale and Karen Bennett, a relative newcomer to Skamania Landing who was in turn nominated by a port commissioner and former county economic development manager.

Lowry's staff is said to be checking whether the appointments require the advice and consent of the state Senate, in which case they might be reconsidered. However that query turns out, the case can serve as an early lesson to Lowry that saving something precious requires more effort than just passing a law.

Whatever vacancies henceforth occur on the commission, Lowry should be at pains to restore the balance in favor of preservation. Gardner and his crew tipped things too far the other way.

The Columbian, February 1, 1993

Friends of the Gorge Earth Day Litter Pick-up, Saturday, April 17, 1993

Volunteers are needed for our Earth Day litter pick-up. The day's event will be organized by Ken Denis, chairperson of the newly formed Friends of the Columbia Gorge Adopt-A-Highway Program. Working with the Department of Transportation we will be responsible for a two-mile stretch of the Historic Columbia River Scenic Highway, from the trailhead of Oneonta Trail to the Multnomah Falls viaduct.

All needed tools will be provided, including safety vests. This will be a great opportunity to have direct positive impact on the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Please call our office, (503)241-3762, to be part of this event.

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State of Washington

On January 18, Friends of the Columbia Gorge participated in a Citizens Lobby Day with the Washington Environmental Council and other Washington environmental groups. Residents from Skamania County and officers of the Chinook Trail Association joined us in meeting with senators, representatives and staff to stress the importance of the preservation of the Columbia Gorge.

With the new administration in Washington State we are optimistically predicting a renewed commitment to the preservation of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. We will work for open communication with Governor Lowry, as well as with state senators and representatives from the area.

State of Oregon

The 1992 Oregon Legislature is expected to consider a Bill to deal with the dual jurisdiction of lands in the National Scenic Area by both Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (D.L.C.D.), and the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Currently, Oregon Gorge counties in the National Scenic Area must comply with both Oregon state-wide land use goals and standards of the Gorge Permanent Management Plan.

In 1987, House Bill 3391 was passed to develop a framework for Gorge planning. Section 5 of HB 3391 provided for D.L.C.D. review of the adopted N.S.A. Permanent Management Plan. This review would then determine if the Management Plan "achieves on balance the purposes of the state-wide planning goals", and if this was accomplished, would then exempt the land within the N.S.A. from the state-wide goals. This Bill expired July, 1991, when the Management Plan was expected to be completed.

The issue must now be reintroduced. It is important that any bill under consideration include D.L.C.D.'s review and approval of any changes or amendments to the Management Plan. The areas that must have D.L.C.D.'s continued jurisdiction are:

1. Urban Area Boundary Adjustments
2. Plan Amendments
3. D.L.C.D.'s continued jurisdiction within Urban Areas. These are exempt from the National Scenic Area Act.
4. All major transportation developments must comply with the Oregon Transportation Rule, OAR 660-Division 12.

Write your representatives and senators NOW to bring this to their attention. It is unknown as to when this will be presented to the full House. Please call Friends of the Columbia Gorge for more information, (503)241-3762.

What's Happening in the Gorge

February

Steve Terrill: The Art of Light, A 10 - Year Retrospective. The exhibit highlights this acclaimed Oregon photographer's first decade of work. Mr. Terrill's photographs can be seen daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the World Forestry Center, through April 4th. For more information please call the World Forestry Center at (503)228-1367.

11th. Columbia Gorge Audubon Membership Meeting. All interested people welcome. Klickitat Valley Bank in White Salmon, 7:00 p.m. Contact Dan Dancer for more information, (509)493-1757.

26th. Skamania Lodge Grand Opening. This is the official opening of the Skamania Lodge, made possible by the National Scenic Area Act, in Stevenson, Washington. Please call the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for more information, (509)427-8911.

Enjoy a Vicarious Trek on the Oregon Trail with Nancy Russell

On Oregon Statehood Day of 1981, our Chairman Emeritus, Nancy Russell, presented to the Oregon State Legislature her narrative and slide presentation on the historic Oregon Trail. After ten years of use by the Oregon Historical Society, this program will be presented in the Oregon State Parks this summer as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the old trail.

Mrs. Russell has offered to present this slide show and to speak about the trail to your group in return for \$100 honorarium payable to The Friends of the Columbia Gorge. If you are interested call The Friends at 241-3762, and we will put you in touch with Mrs. Russell.

March

7th. Northwest Trails Fair '93. A one-day event featuring more than 50 outdoor clubs, organizations, and trail experts. Experts in the field will give ongoing presentations on the best places to hike, trail safety, equipment, and techniques. Beginners and advanced hikers are welcome. The Trails Fair is sponsored by Recreation Equipment Incorporated and the World Forestry Center, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children 2-18 yrs. For more information call the World Forestry Center at (503)228-1367.

11th. Columbia Gorge Audubon Membership Meeting. All interested people welcome. Klickitat Valley Bank, White Salmon, 7:00 p.m. Contact Dan Dancer for more information, (509)493-1757.

15th. "West to the Oregon Trail." Maryhill Museum re-opens for the season. The opening exhibit will be a combination of photos and paintings of the Oregon Trail. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$1.50 for children 6-16 yrs. Call Maryhill Museum for more information, (509)773-3733.

7th. Skamania Lodge Walk. This is a 10 km (6.2 miles) walk with the start and finish at the newly opened Skamania Lodge. Contact Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for more information, (509)427-8911.

25th. Lower Deschutes River Loops Hike. Sponsored by Lake Oswego Recreation Department. Meet 8:45 a.m. at Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 off I-84. For more information call (503)636-9673.

28th. Historic Maryhill Loops Walk. This 12km (7.5 mile) walk will offer spectacular views of the Columbia Gorge. Walk begins at 8 a.m. Contact the Maryhill Museum for more information, (509)773-3733.

April

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1st. Tom McCall Point & Rowena Plateau Hike. Sponsored by Lake Oswego Recreation Department. Meet 8:45 a.m. at Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 off I-84. For more information call (503)636-9673.

8th. Starvation Ridge & Warren Creek Loops Hike. Sponsored by Lake Oswego Recreation Department. Meet 8:45 a.m. at Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 off I-84. For more information call (503)636-9673.



Wahkeena Falls.

Photo: Ken Denis

If you know of upcoming events to be included, please send information to FOCG, c/o Tamra Lisy, 319 S.W. Washington, #301, Portland, Oregon 97204. Deadline for Spring Newsletter in March 11th.

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of the Columbia Gorge shall vigorously protect the scenic, natural, cultural, historic and recreational values of the Columbia River Gorge, encourage compatible economic development within the urban areas, and educate people about the Gorge in order to gain the public support necessary for effective implementation of the National Scenic Area Act.

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