

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA POLICY

This Section contains the following policy:

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In 1986 Congress passed the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (Public Law 99-663) which designated 292,600 acres in six counties in the states of Oregon and Washington as a National Scenic Area. Approximately 33,280 acres of that area are within Multnomah County.

The purposes of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area are to protect and provide for the enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge, and to protect and support the economy of the Columbia River Gorge by allowing future development which supports those purposes. The purposes are implemented by the document entitled *Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area* and the Multnomah County document entitled *The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Rural Area Plan Policy Document*.

The Management Plan is organized into five parts. Part I of the Plan addresses land use designations, and the colored map by this title is used in conjunction with this section of the Plan. Individual chapters set forth the goal, objective, policy, and guideline elements for each land use category: agricultural land, forest land, open space, residential land, commercial land, and recreation designations. The land use designation chapters are followed by a chapter on general policies and guidelines that affect all uses in the Scenic Area, regardless of designation.

Part II sets forth goals, objectives, policies, and guidelines for resource protection and enhancement. Individual chapters cover scenic resources, cultural resources, natural resources, and recreation resources. The accompanying landscape settings map is used in conjunction with the scenic resources chapter, and the recreation intensity classes map is used with the chapter in Part II on recreation resources.

Part III outlines an action program, with chapters devoted to the recreation development plan, economic development, enhancement strategies, and interpretation and education. Part IV focuses on the role of the Gorge Commission and the U.S. Forest Service, Indian tribal treaty rights and consultation, and public involvement. Part V consists of a glossary of definitions.

The *Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Rural Area Plan Policy Document* is an element of the Multnomah County Comprehensive Framework Plan. The *Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Rural Area Plan Policy Document* is organized into seven parts. The first part states the purpose of the *Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Rural Area Plan Policy Document*. The introduction includes the general policy statement. Introduction to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act describes the enactment and the establishment of the Gorge Commission. Introduction to the *Management Plan For The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area* lists the chronology of the preparation and revision of the *Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area* and describes the Multnomah County implementation process. The fifth section describes the relationship of the *Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Rural Area Plan Policy Document* to other existing plans and

regulations, including the *Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area*, *Land and Resource Management Plan for the Mt. Hood National Forest*, Indian Tribes rights and treaties, Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, applicable Oregon Revised Statutes, and the Multnomah County Comprehensive Framework Plan. The authority section establishes the authority of the Gorge Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, the Tribes, Metro, Multnomah County, and the City of Troutdale within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The final section establishes policies for issues not specifically addressed in the *Management Plan For The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area*. These are the Hillside Development District, off-street parking and loading, land divisions, planned development, and variances to dimensional standards.

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The County's policy is to implement the goals, objectives, policies, and guideline elements contained in the *Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area* and attendant maps (including any future amendments) for that portion of the County designated by Congress as the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

STRATEGY

As a part of the ongoing planning program, the County should amend the Zoning Code to include zoning districts and review procedures which implement the goals, objectives and policies of the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and its attendant maps.