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Take Action Today! Safeguarding Our Special Places

Land acquisition protects spectacular Gorge views like this one from the Cape Horn trail.

Photo: Aubrey Russell

Friends of the Columbia Gorge plays a leading role in protecting Gorge landscapes that boast irreplaceable scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational values. One way we accomplish this is by encouraging Congress to appropriate federal funds to the U.S. Forest Service for purchase of Gorge land with high conservation value.

This year Friends is asking Congress for \$1 million to purchase properties currently offered for sale to the Forest Service. Please take a few minutes today to contact the chairs of the House and Senate Interior Appropriations subcommittees.

Urge them to support \$1 million in funding to protect valuable Gorge landscapes for future generations.

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Active citizen support makes the difference! Your actions for Gorge protection are crucial to our success. Contact your Senators and Representatives using the information below, or check www.senate.gov or www.house.gov for other offices.

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On the cover: View from the lower section of the Cape Horn trail. Photo: © Chris Carvalho • Lensjoy.com

Director's Letter

To say that the Columbia River Gorge Commission's recent decision to allow development of a massive destination resort on the Broughton mill site in the National Scenic Area will set a dangerous precedent is a dramatic understatement. The Commission's decision, as well as its process and attitude during the process, all demonstrate a troubling shift.

The first concern, of course, is the direct impact of the decision allowing a nearly nine-fold increase in development capacity on the property. Next is the real precedent this decision may set for other Gorge properties, since three are already zoned similarly to Broughton. Third is that, while Broughton's proposal for a unique zoning modification was allegedly allowed because it is adjacent to a world-class recreation site, the Commission's decision does not ensure that the public will continue to have access to the site.

For me personally, the most disturbing aspect of the Broughton process was the attitude demonstrated by individual Gorge Commissioners. The Broughton case brought out a significant

number of Gorge residents in opposition to this resort. Many of these Gorge citizens were not Friends members, and for quite a number, this was their first foray into a public process. Some reported being criticized by commissioners for bothering them with emails and phone calls about this issue. And many were shocked to find that some commissioners had not even read the materials they were being asked to approve.

Finally, there was the level of unveiled hostility expressed by some commissioners toward our organization. Just before the final Gorge Commission meeting, one commissioner said to one of our staff, "I hope we kick your a**."

It is tragic and outrageous that public officials who hold legal responsibility



Friends of the Columbia Gorge works to ensure that the beautiful and wild Columbia Gorge remains a place apart, an unspoiled treasure for generations to come.

to protect the Columbia River Gorge as a national scenic area are gleeful at the opportunity to hand it over to developers.

Friends' board of directors is currently considering our legal options regarding the Broughton decision, but the bigger issue to wrestle with is the make-up and tone of this decision-making body. The question we are asking is how we can encourage a return to a Gorge Commission that takes seriously its mandate to protect what Congress and the American people consider to be a shared national treasure.

Kevin Gorman
Executive Director

Friends Executive Director Kevin Gorman addressing members. Photo: Ken Denis

Friends' Annual Meeting was held at Skamania Lodge, an example of successful commercial development within an urban area in the Gorge.

Photo: Courtesy Skamania Lodge

Cape Horn Campaign in the Homestretch

Forest Service's Cape Horn planning process will include Cleveland property

Kevin Gorman, Executive Director, kevin@gorgefriends.org

The most ambitious fundraising effort in the history of Friends of the Columbia Gorge is coming to a close. Eighteen months ago, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust launched the Campaign for Cape Horn, a \$4 million fundraising effort to secure two rim-view properties on top of Cape Horn. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$3.5 million and is on track to be completed by this summer.

Led by Friends Development Director Jane Harris, with dedicated effort from key supporters including Mary Bishop and Al Jubitz, the Land Trust has raised significant individual contributions, notably a \$1 million gift from Anthony Hovey and a \$1 million pledge from Friends founder Nancy Russell. The Campaign for Cape Horn brings a quarter-century effort full circle. What started as an attempt to

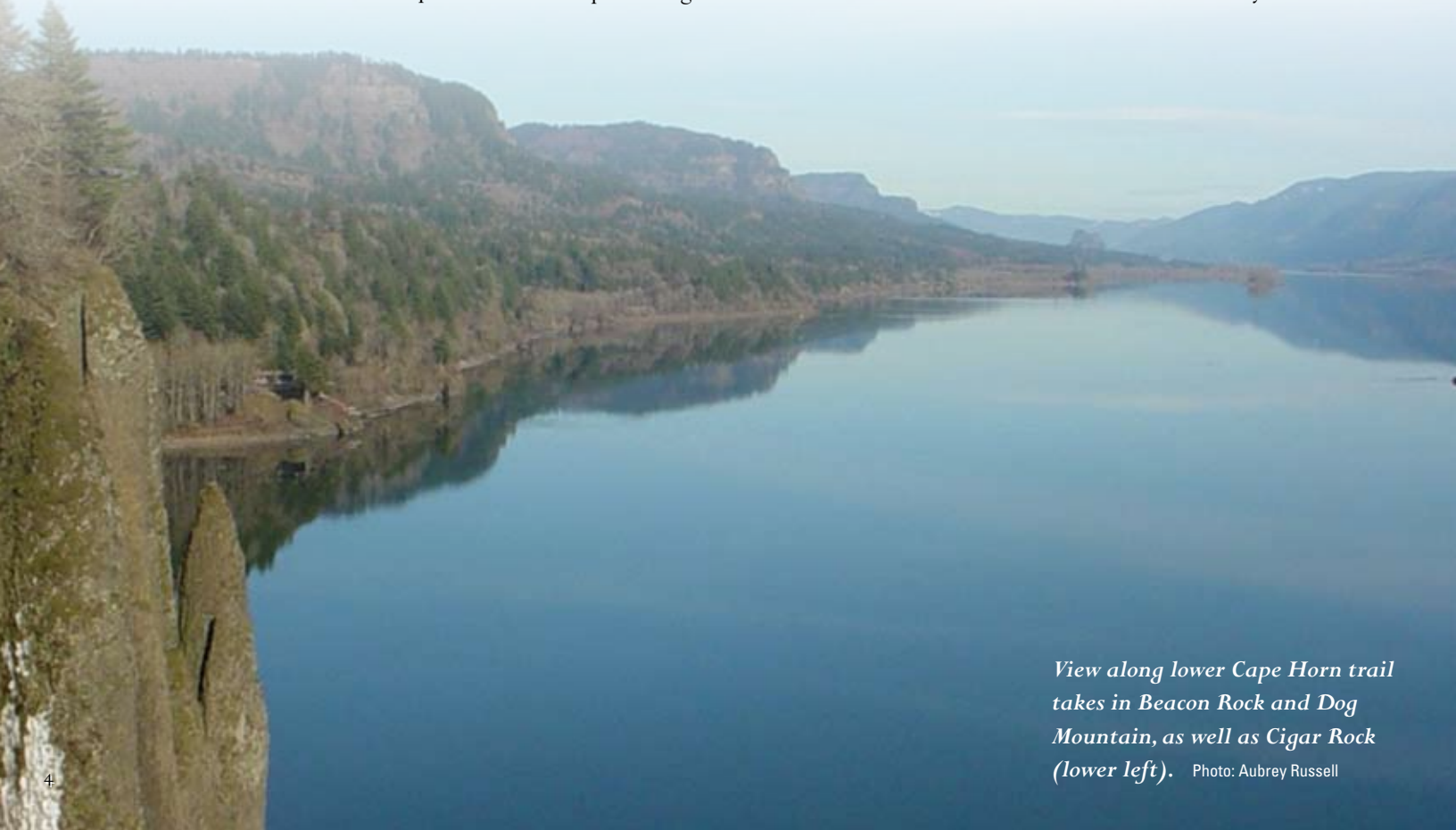
stop a subdivision before the passage of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act is now on the brink of creating a recreation legacy for generations to come.

Cape Horn: *The View*

Cape Horn is a rocky promontory on the Washington side of the Gorge approximately 25 miles east of Vancouver. The view from the Cape Horn overlook on Washington SR-14 is one of the most spectacular and most photographed views in the Columbia Gorge. Approximately 400 feet above the highway overlook, a pastoral setting offers even more impressive views, removed from the dangers and noise of the highway below. It is a landscape that could provide outstanding recreation for present and future generations. Twenty five years ago, the only plan for the area was a housing subdivision. That plan changed because of one woman.

Cape Horn: *The Vision and the Visionary*

In the early 1980s, Harriet Burgess of the Trust for Public Land took Nancy Russell up to the top of Cape Horn to show her the idyllic setting that had been divided into 16 private lots. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area was not yet established and there was no legal way to stop the development. Nancy and her husband Bruce decided to take out a \$300,000 personal loan and provide a no-interest loan to the Trust for Public Land to purchase 12 of the 16 lots. The Forest Service eventually purchased the 12 properties, and with the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act in place, then purchased more than 1,000 acres at Cape Horn with help from the Trust for Public Land, the Columbia Land Trust, and from Nancy herself.



View along lower Cape Horn trail takes in Beacon Rock and Dog Mountain, as well as Cigar Rock (lower left). Photo: Aubrey Russell

Today, two privately developed properties sit on the rim, standing in the way of a truly outstanding recreation opportunity. One, the Cleveland property, was the only developed property from that original subdivision. Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust made the Cleveland property its first purchase and will soon remove the structures on the property (see page 6), and then convey title to the Forest Service. The other parcel, the Collins property, is currently held under option by Friends' land trust and will likely be transferred to the Forest Service at a later date.

The \$4 million cost of the Campaign for Cape Horn includes purchase of the Cleveland and Collins properties, removal of unnecessary structures, and the creation of a modest overlook to honor Nancy and Bruce Russell for their extraordinary vision.

To date, major contributors of gifts and pledges of \$50,000 and more include Anthony Hovey, Nancy Russell, Nancie McGraw, Al Jubitz, Ned and Sis Hayes, John Gray, Wes and Diane Hickey, Brot and Mary Bishop, Holly Bard, Steve and Jan Oliva, and the Columbia Land Trust.

With approximately \$500,000 remaining to complete the campaign, Friends will be looking to its membership to help us fulfill this vision that Nancy Russell first ignited more than 25 years ago. Expect to receive a letter soon and consider making a generous contribution to the Campaign for Cape Horn.



The Cleveland (above) and Collins (below) properties make up the \$4 million Campaign for Cape Horn.

Photo: Dan Huntington



View from Pioneer Point along the Cape Horn trail.

Photo: Aubrey Russell

Lyle Residents Join Land Trust Board

Two residents of Lyle, Washington have been named trustees of the Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust.

Bob Hansen serves on the board of Friends of the Columbia Gorge and is founder of the Klickitat Trail Conservancy. Bob is retired from his former position as Public Works Director of Marion County, Oregon and has led the annual Great Backyard Bird Count each winter in Lyle.

Bill Weiler is a habitat biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Skamania and Klickitat Counties. A published author and the founder of the Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute in Hood River, Bill's latest book is titled *Don't Run From Bears...and Other Advice on Living in the Columbia River Gorge*.

The expertise that Bob and Bill bring will greatly enhance the knowledge base of the Land Trust. We also say goodbye with great appreciation to former trustee Jurgen Hess, who will continue to work on other conservation projects in the Gorge.



Trustees Bob Hansen and Bill Weiler bring natural resource experience and knowledge of Gorge lands to Friends' land trust.

Photos: Kate McBride



The trophy home and barn on the Cleveland property at Cape Horn will be deconstructed this summer. Photo: Dan Huntington

Deconstruction of Cape Horn House Goes Green

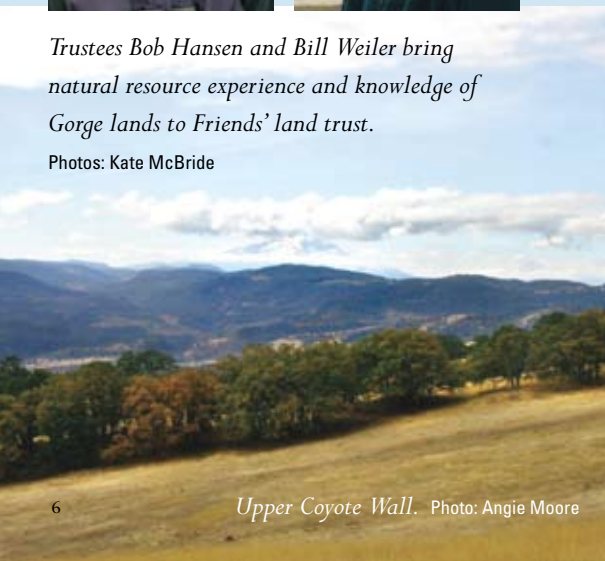
Kate McBride, Land Trust Manager, kate@gorgefriends.org

Removing nearly 10,000 square feet of development on top of Cape Horn will be a great benefit to the Gorge environment. But Friends' land trust isn't stopping there. We are taking it one step further by ensuring that the deconstruction will include recycling the building materials and will be as environmentally sensitive as possible.

Green Home Construction of Mosier, Oregon will deconstruct the buildings on the Cleveland property this summer. More than 90% of the materials will be salvaged and resold for new uses through Hood River's Gorge Rebuild-It Center. The barn on the property will be carefully disassembled and then reassembled at the Gorge Re-Build It Center's location in Hood River.

Keeping these materials out of local landfills and in productive use in the Gorge economy makes this a win-win project for everyone.

Following deconstruction and removal of the buildings this summer, the Forest Service intends to acquire the property and conduct a planning process to determine the best use of the land. Public ownership will ensure that this magnificent property is available to be enjoyed by the public for many years to come.



Upper Coyote Wall. Photo: Angie Moore

Scenic Area Benefits Gorge Businesses

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When Angus Ruck purchased the beautiful Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge in Stevenson, Washington, the benefits of the National Scenic Area were clear to him. His 2001 purchase was made possible in part by the Columbia Gorge Revolving Loan Fund, a program of the National Scenic Area Act.

In turn, Angus supports protections that ensure that the Gorge’s scenic beauty and natural values won’t be overrun by unrestricted development. He commented recently, “The beauty of the Gorge brings visitors and keeps my lodge full. The National Scenic Area protects the Gorge for all of us.”

Like many Gorge residents, he is concerned about the potential impact of the proposed Gorge casino and has written letters and testified to his local city council. According to Angus, “The Gorge is a treasure. Let’s keep it this way.”



Gorge business owner Angus Ruck supports Scenic Area protections. Photo: Peter Cornelison

Coyote Wall and Catherine Creek

The U.S. Forest Service is planning to create a formal trail system for the Coyote Wall and Catherine Creek natural areas in the eastern Gorge.

The exceptional beauty of these landscapes has drawn increasing numbers of visitors as well as intensive recreational use. To ensure that sensitive resources are protected, the Forest Service conducted a series of public meetings to solicit input from wildflower enthusiasts, hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, hunters, land owners, and agency experts.

Forest Service staff will now incorporate input from those meetings into a draft recreation plan that will be available for public comment during a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. The final proposal will ensure that recreation activities can be enjoyed in these beautiful areas while making sure that wildflowers and other sensitive natural resources stay protected.



Hikers atop Coyote Wall. Photo: Ken Denis

Marianne Nelson: Volunteer of the Year

With boundless enthusiasm for the Columbia Gorge, Marianne Nelson has volunteered hundreds of hours for Friends over the past year. She has served as a hike shepherd, office assistant, and an activist in the field, and was recognized as Volunteer of the Year at our annual meeting in March.



Marianne Nelson (left) and Conservation Organizer Kelley Beamer at Friends’ annual meeting.

Photo: Ken Denis

Marianne’s most impressive accomplishment for Friends has been the creation of an electronic photo archive. She tirelessly sorted through thousands of photos, carefully tagging and identifying them, and then archiving them online. Photos of the Gorge are vital to Friends’ work, and Marianne’s system will enable staff to access images easily for use in emails, articles, legal documents, newsletters, and other publications.

Thank you, Marianne, for doing so much to help protect the Gorge!

Gorge Commission Weakens Protections

Resort housing development approved, appeal is likely

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This spring, the Columbia River Gorge Commission voted 10-2 to amend the Gorge-wide management plan to allow an urban-scale housing development and resort in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

The new plan amendment would allow a private housing resort development with at least 245 units on the banks of the Columbia River, outside of existing designated urban areas. This decision paves the way for the largest development ever allowed in the Scenic Area outside of an urban area. It is likely that this decision will be appealed.

Public comments ran 6-1 opposed to the amendment. Thousands of citizens commented in opposition, as did numerous environmental groups, many Gorge-based businesses, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, and former

The future site of 250 condos and townhouses? Friends will fight to keep urban scale development out of the scenic area.

Photo: Peter Cornelison



Congressmen Les AuCoin and Jim Weaver, who co-sponsored legislation in the 1980s to protect the Columbia Gorge.

Votes to uphold protections and oppose the resort/housing development amendment came from Commissioner Jim Middaugh (Multnomah County) and Commissioner Honna Sheffield (appointed by Washington Governor Chris Gregoire).

Commissioners favoring the Broughton Landing resort/housing development amendment included Chair Jeff Condit, Doug Crow, and Lonny Macy (all appointed by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski); Harold Abbe and Jane Jacobsen (appointed by Washington Governor Chris Gregoire); Joe Palena (Clark County); Joyce Reinig (Hood River County); Judy Davis (Wasco County); Walt Loehrke (Skamania County); and Carl McNew (Klickitat County).

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is urging citizens to take action. Please

contact the governors of Oregon and Washington with the following message:

- The Governors must appoint people to the Columbia River Gorge Commission who support the National Scenic Area Act and will oppose urban-scale development within the National Scenic Area.
- Commissioners Honna Sheffield (Washington Governor’s appointment) and Jim Middaugh (Multnomah County) are upholding the Scenic Area Act and deserve our support.
- The following Governor’s appointees failed in their duties to protect the Gorge by recently voting to allow an urban-scale housing and resort development in the Scenic Area: in Washington, Gorge Commissioners Harold Abbe and Jane Jacobsen; in Oregon, Gorge Commissioners Jeff Condit, Lonny Macy, and Doug Crow.

Contact Your Governor Today

Urge the Governors to appoint Gorge Commissioners who support strong protections for the Gorge and remove those who don’t.

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski
www.oregon.gov/Gov/contact_us.shtml
(503) 378-3111

Washington Governor Chris Gregoire
www.governor.wa.gov/contact/
(360) 902-4111

A destination resort would dramatically change the rural character of this area east of Stevenson.

Photo: Friends of the Columbia Gorge archives



Chenoweth Creek, currently protected by the National Scenic Area Act, has been proposed for Urban Area zoning by the City of The Dalles. Photo: Kate McBride

Next on the Commission's Docket: Urban Expansion

Rick Till, Land Use Law Clerk, rick@gorgefriends.org

On the heels of approving an amendment to allow urban-scale development outside designated urban areas in Skamania County, the Gorge Commission now turns its attention to the potential of “urban area expansions” within the National Scenic Area. The City of The Dalles, Oregon is proposing to expand its urban area by more than 600 acres, by taking in lands currently protected by the National Scenic Area Act. Hood River also has a proposal pending to expand its urban boundary by approximately 20 acres.

The National Scenic Area Act created 13 urban areas that are exempt from the Act's protections for scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources. The Scenic Area Act allows “minor revisions” to urban area boundaries only if specific conditions are met: if there is a demonstrable need to accommodate population growth; if agricultural, forest, and open space lands would be protected; if the revision will ensure the maximum efficiency of land uses in all existing urban areas; and if the revision would be consistent with the purposes of the Act and its resource protection standards.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge will actively participate in the Commission's consideration of these proposals to ensure that urban sprawl does not occur and that Gorge protection laws are upheld.

Casino Report Flawed

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In mid-February, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) released the long-delayed draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for a proposed casino in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge. The DEIS, produced by consultants paid by the applicant tribe, is riddled with flaws. The DEIS favors locating a 600,000-square-foot casino resort, convention center, and six-story hotel in Cascade Locks in the Gorge.

As the threat of a Gorge casino resurfaced, so did an outpouring of public opposition. In March, the BIA held five public meetings to discuss the proposed casino. Each meeting drew hundreds of people, with many opponents offering personal testimony about the impacts of a casino on a federally protected conservation area. Hood River Mayor Linda Streich stated, “I believe siting a casino in the Gorge

would not only be a mistake, it would be a mistake of catastrophic consequences affecting the livability and quality of life in our region for all time.”

Friends recently obtained a memo from the National Marine Fisheries Service stating that the Cascade Locks proposal would harm six species of endangered salmon, including salmon and steelhead runs in nearby Herman Creek.

Friends continues to support an on-reservation alternative that would protect endangered salmon runs, protect the Columbia River Gorge, and provide jobs for tribal members who live in Warm Springs on the Tribes' reservation.

The public comment period ended on May 15, with more than 7,000 statements on record opposing a casino in the Columbia River Gorge.



Cascade Locks residents protested the proposed casino at a BIA meeting in March. Thousands of statements have been submitted in opposition to a Gorge casino. Photo: Kelley Beamer



Donor Reaches Out to Next Generation

Kevin Gorman with young hikers at Wahclella Falls.

Photo: Michelle Kinsella

Jane Harris, Development Director, jane@gorgefriends.org

One of Friends' earliest supporters, Phyllis Clausen, has established a fund within our Endowment in honor of her late husband, Vic Clausen, to support outreach and education to school-aged children. The *Vic Clausen Youth Fund* addresses the great responsibility we all share to ensure that the next generation feels a connection to the outdoors and takes an active role in enjoying and protecting the Columbia River Gorge.

"Vic placed great emphasis on educational values in his own life and that of his family," Phyllis explained recently. "It is most fitting that his memory be honored through providing to others educational outdoor experiences similar to those that enriched his life. I believe he would feel that when citizens understand the critical importance of preserving the Gorge, they will be active on its behalf."

Our first project will take place this spring with the Washougal School District, where the entire seventh grade class will spend a day in the Gorge with Friends learning about Lewis and Clark, wilderness survival skills, Native American history, and Gorge geologic history, and taking a great hike at Beacon Rock.

To contribute to the Vic Clausen Youth Fund and support this educational program, please log on to www.gorgefriends.org and go to our "Join" page. We hope many members will choose to support this new school-based outreach program as we work to instill a passion for the Columbia Gorge in the next generation.

Cape Horn Campaign

The Campaign for Cape Horn is nearing completion (see page 4), with \$3.5 million of our \$4 million goal raised. Watch for a letter in May inviting our entire membership to participate in this historic project.

Annual Meeting

More than 220 members and supporters attended Friends' Annual Meeting at Skamania Lodge in early April. Over lunch, attendees heard about the extraordinary success Friends has achieved in the past decade, growing from assets of \$750,000 in 1999 to \$7.5 million in 2008.

Geologist Ellen Morris Bishop shared her wealth of knowledge on the Gorge's geologic history as she carefully placed the cataclysmic events that created the Gorge in geologic time for us. Also that day, Marianne Nelson was named Volunteer of the Year (see page 7) for her outstanding service to Friends.



Young no-casino activists attended Friends' 2008 Annual Meeting. Photo: Ken Denis



View north from Dog Mountain to Mount St. Helens. Photo: Greg Lief. More wildflower photos and trip reports at www.OregonWildflowers.org.

Featured Hike: Dog Mountain

Distance: Strenuous 6.9 miles, 2820-ft. elev. gain

Renee Tkach, Outdoor Programs Coordinator, renee@gorgefriends.org

A visit to Dog Mountain in late May promises a rewarding experience of cascading carpets of brilliant yellow balsamroot, bright Indian paintbrush, and tall blue lupine. The strenuous climb up the mountain's flower-strewn switchbacks guarantees hikers will relish the views from the top. Dog Mountain's panoramic vistas sweep from Mount St. Helens to Mount Hood, all framed in one of the best wildflower

shows in the Gorge. To avoid enthusiastic Dog Mountain crowds, try to enjoy this spring treasure on a weekday.

Directions to trailhead: From I-84, take Exit 44 Cascade Locks and cross the Bridge of the Gods. Turn right on Washington SR-14 and continue through Stevenson. Drive 10 miles east from Stevenson to the Dog Mountain trailhead. \$3 Day Use fee.

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Know Your Gorge *Oaks Rise Above the Rest*

Oregon white oak is the only native oak of the Columbia River Gorge, and the only oak species found in Washington State. Due to the tree's acorn crop (mast) and propensity for forming multiple holes or cavities in its trunk and branches, the white oak is considered the most important wildlife tree in the Pacific Northwest.

Oregon white oak woodlands in the Gorge are home to an abundance of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Many invertebrates, including various moths, butterflies, gall wasps, and spiders, are found exclusively in association with this oak species. Oak/conifer associations provide contiguous aerial pathways for the Washington State threatened western gray squirrel, and they provide important roosting, nesting, and feeding habitat for wild turkeys and other birds and mammals. For example, the Nashville warbler exhibits unusually high breeding densities in oak woodlands, and Lewis's Woodpeckers are common sights in the oak woodlands near Catherine Creek.

The Forest Service is commencing efforts to restore oak woodlands in the Catherine Creek area through selective thinning and the reintroduction of prescribed fire.



Oak woodlands define eastern Gorge landscapes. Photo: Oliver Dalton
Lewis's Woodpecker. Photo: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



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