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The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: The Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act (H.R. 5093)

We write to ask your support of the conveyance of the parcel described in the Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act (H.R. 5093). It will provide a host of substantial benefits for our rural community and preserve a historically significant site.

Skamania county has been the host to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest since its inception, for many years it provided a bounty of economic benefits to our local governments, schools, and our citizens.

Things have changed dramatically over the past 26 years. With budgets reductions, the Forest Service is no longer able to maintain many of their historic structures and buildings.

This conveyance impacts a small block of the Wind River Nursery complex, but it holds a substantial number of buildings dating back to early 1900s. All have been on the Forest Services' deferred maintenance list for years. The Forest Service supported this conveyance earlier this year in the House hearings. The Bill had unanimous support of the House.

The county is dedicated to restoring these building for the benefit of our citizens and the public-at-large. Your support of this conveyance will ensure that these building are saved from further deterioration and turned into usable and productive structures that will provide jobs for locals, preserve the character of these significant historical structures, and provide access to the public-at-large to recreate and enjoy this unique site.

Thank you for your consideration of this important opportunity to preserve this unique site and support our local economy.

Respectfully,

Scott Anderson, Mayor