



February 24, 2020

Mr. Robert Liberty
Chair
Columbia River Gorge Commission
PO Box 730
White Salmon, Washington 98672

Dear Chair Liberty,

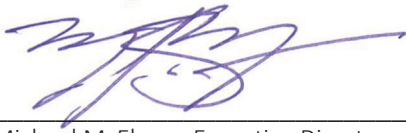
One of the Focus Priorities for OneGorge, is to encourage the Gorge Commission to develop and adopt a clear process and guidelines to facilitate urban area expansions that may be requested by various jurisdictions identifying a need. We are encouraged by the Commissions recent discussions regarding this issue and hope that you will see fit to complete this much needed procedure soon.

OneGorge is an informally organized advocacy group made up of local governments, private businesses and others focused on the economic development goal of the NSA. There are over 200 participants in our OneGorge effort, and all are highly supportive of the NSA and its goals. We all share a belief in both goals of the NSA and the importance they serve in achieving the long-term purpose of the scenic area as established by Congress. We are also committed to working together to deliver on the Congressional intent of the NSA.

We appreciate the potential difficulty of this endeavor, but also feel that it is time for all of us to work together to establish that procedure so that if the need arises, we all know what to do. We are aware that over the years various attempts have been made to deal with this issue, and we are hopeful that the Commission can take the time now to work out a formal procedure.

OneGorge strongly encourages the Gorge Commission to continue work on this issue and we stand ready to assist you. We feel that now is the time to create this needed procedure.

Sincerely,
The Undersigned, facilitated by OneGorge



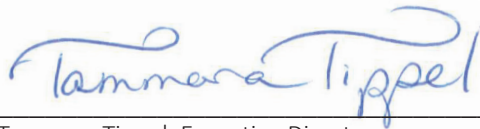
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