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Most of you have busy, active lives that leave little time to think about things like land use planning here in beautiful Skamania County. But here is something that we think you should know. Last week there was a meeting hosted by the Columbia River Gorge Commission and Forest Service at the Hegewald Center. The two agencies are currently involved in a review and revision of the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area called “Gorge 2020” and they shared details about this process. The Management Plan essentially serves as the guideline for over 78,000 acres in Skamania County. Its policies have impacted land use for the past three decades and will continue to do so for years to come. We are asking that you take a few minutes to go online and share your opinion.

Based on initial public scoping, the main focus topics have been selected for in-depth analysis during this review. These topics are: economic vitality, urban area boundaries, emerging land uses, the development review process and recreation resources. We can attest to the importance of these issues to our county. We were pleased to see that the Gorge Commission has launched an online platform to gather feedback on potential policy solutions around these issues. We strongly encourage our citizens to take advantage of this opportunity and weigh in by using this platform to help inform solutions and help the Gorge Commission in their decision making. The platform is called “Consider It” and can be accessed at <https://gorge2020.consider.it> We appreciate you doing your part in making Skamania County a better place to live and work.

The Skamania County Board of County Commissioners