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Skamania County Commissioners and Port of Skamania County Sign Agreement

A new phase in developing the old Wind River Nursery site from growing trees to growing new job opportunities for Skamania County is underway. Last week the County Commissioners and the Port of Skamania County entered into an agreement to allow the Port to manage and research development options that would create a business park at the site capable of sustaining existing and attracting new businesses to Skamania County. The site was once the world's largest producer of tree seedlings to replant harvested timber in our National Forests. "Today we begin the process of repositioning this great asset to create new jobs in the county" said County Commissioner Bob Anderson. "This process has been in the planning stage for the past year by our current and former commissioners and now the process is moving to the next level. We chose to work with the Port of Skamania County because of their success at developing properties and filling those properties with businesses."

John McSherry, Executive Director for the Port of Skamania County adds "This opportunity fit perfectly with the Port's mission of fostering job creation through industrial, commercial and recreational development. For the past few years, the port's existing facilities have been fully leased. The facilities at Wind River Nursery site provide an excellent opportunity for us to meet the expansion needs of our existing tenants and provide opportunity for new business development."

"This is an exciting project for all of us because of the potential benefit to the people of Skamania County. We believe that our county is a very desirable place for businesses to thrive because of the rural lifestyle, magnificent scenery and workforce availability. This piece of property complements that message with its forested locale and ample spaces" said Anderson.

The Port will ensure the Wind River Business Park is properly developed and put into long-term productive use. "With proper development, the Wind River Business Park is capable of creating and sustaining hundreds of jobs, jobs needed for our citizens and critical to our community's economic base," Said Port Commissioner Kevin Waters. The Port's mission is to foster job creation through industrial, commercial and recreational development that diversifies the economy and ensures a high quality of life for citizens of Skamania County. Additional information about the Port of Skamania County is found at: <http://www.portofskamania.org>. For further information please contact the following:

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