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The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Seeks Public Comment on the The Coyote Wall (Syncline)/Catherine Creek Trail Project Environmental Assessment

HOOD RIVER, OR – The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, USDA Forest Service, has completed the Environmental Assessment for the Coyote Wall, Burdoin and Catherine Creek Area Recreation (Trail) Plan and is seeking public comments on the Plan. A public meeting will be held on February 3, 6:00-8:00 pm at Pioneer Center in White Salmon, Washington. The meeting will introduce the alternatives being considered, rational behind them and provide a time for questions. Participants may also submit any comments during the meeting.

All comments must be received by February 28, 2009. Comments may be emailed to comments-pacificnorthwest-columbia-river-gorge-nsa@fs.fed.us or in writing to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area office at 902 Wasco Ave., Suite 200, Hood River, OR, 97031. The Environmental Assessment can be viewed at the following link: www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/projects/. Look for Environmental Assessment under the heading "Recreation Use at Coyote Wall (Syncline), Burdoin Mountain and Catherine Creek."

"I would like to thank the many concerned citizens and stakeholders who have worked hard and provided comments to help us develop this recreation/trail plan. We will continue to work with you throughout the rest of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process and during implementation of the plan" said Dan Harkenrider, Area Manager.

Please contact Stan Hinatsu at (541-308-1708), Diana Ross (541-308-1716) or Greg Cox (541-308-1732) with any questions.

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