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**CRGNSA CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION**  
**SEUFERT PARK FENCE AND BULLETIN BOARD, CD-15-04-G**  
**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**SEUFERT COUNTY PARK**  
**COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA**  
**WASCO COUNTY, OREGON**  
**MAY 13, 2016**

**BACKGROUND**

The proposed development of a fence and installation of a bulletin board at Seufert County Park by Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers is required to be consistent with the purposes of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act as determined by the Forest Service pursuant to Section 14(d) of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. A consistency review application received by my office was determined to be complete in February, 2016.

**DECISION**

I find that the above proposal is consistent with the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (CRGNSA) Management Plan provided that it is implemented as described in the application materials, the CRGNSA Consistency Determination Findings of Fact (referenced as CD-15-04-G), and provided the following conditions are applied:

1. The bulletin board and its support posts shall be of a dark earth-tone color compatible with the site.
2. The posts for the bulletin board shall be placed in the exact holes excavated by the archaeological shovel test probes, and no deeper than the current depth of those holes.
3. Should any historic or prehistoric cultural resources be uncovered during project activities, the applicant shall cease work and immediately notify the CRGNSA office and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. The applicant will also notify the Indian Tribal governments within 24 hours if the resources are prehistoric or otherwise associated with Native American Indians.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (APPEAL) OPPORTUNITIES

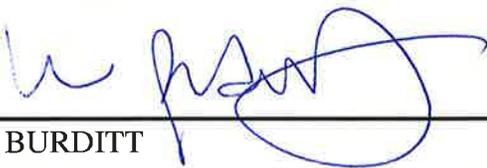
A written request for review of the Consistency Determination, with reasons to support the request, must be received within 20 days of the date shown with the Area Manager signature below. Requests for review should be addressed to: Request for CRGNSA Review, Regional Forester, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208.

## IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This project may begin immediately as long as it complies with the conditions as described in items (1-3) above. This decision expires two years after the date on this determination. If implementation has not commenced before that date, a new consistency review or request for an extension shall be required.

## CONTACT

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area staff prepared an analysis file in conjunction with this project. For further information, contact Robin Shoal at the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, phone: (541) 308-1716, e-mail: rshoal@fs.fed.us.

  
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Date

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## FINDINGS OF FACT

<b>LANDOWNER:</b>	US Department of the Army , Corps of Engineers
<b>PROPOSED ACTION:</b>	Construction of ~1200' of fence and installation of bulletin board
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Township Range Section: T02N, R14E, S31 Tax lot ID: 2N 14E 0 200 Near The Dalles Dam
<b>NATIONAL SCENIC AREA DESIGNATION:</b>	<b>General Management Area (GMA)</b>
<b>LAND USE DESIGNATION:</b>	<b>Public Recreation, RIC2</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE SETTING</b>	<b>River Bottomlands</b>



Project location: Seufert County Park, northeast of The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon.

## FINDINGS OF FACT:

The following findings of fact contain the applicable standards and guidelines from the CRGNSA Management Plan. The Management Plan, as adopted in 2004 and updated in 2011, is in effect. The CRGNSA Management Plan standards and guidelines are displayed in regular type. The findings are displayed in **bold type**.

### A. PUBLIC COMMENT

A notice describing the project was sent to a mailing list of known interested parties and adjacent landowners on April 7, 2016. A period of 23 days was allowed for public comment. The following two comments were received:

- The Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group commented: *“We have no concerns or issues with this project and see no reason [this project] should not move ahead quickly.”* They also commented that *“the degree of approval process for [minor] projects such as this is overkill and unnecessary.”*

USFS response: The proposed fence is not considered a Use Allowed Outright or an Expedited Review Use under the CRGNSA Management Plan. A determination of consistency is required for this proposal.

- Friends of the Columbia Gorge commented: *“Friends encourages the development of the recreation resource in the NSA when it comports with the Management Plan.* Their letter included additional comments about the requirements of NEPA and the Management Plan review criteria that should be applied to the project.

USFS Response: The Decision and Findings of Fact document the project’s compliance with the relevant guidelines of the CRGNSA Management Plan. Army Corps of Engineers completed the required NEPA documentation for the project.

### B. PROJECT PROPOSAL

The US Army Corps of Engineers proposes to install a bulletin board near the Seufert Park Visitor Center parking lot, and to construct approximately 1,200 feet of buck-and-rail fence north of the Visitor Center. The bulletin board is located at the edge of the parking lot, at the beginning of the existing trail. It would be approximately eight feet tall, and would require two 1-foot diameter by 4-foot deep postholes. The bulletin board would be used by the Army Corps of Engineers to display regulatory information.

The buck-and-rail fence would be made of untreated wood, and would be 4 feet tall and 4 feet wide. It would sit on top of the ground adjacent to an existing trail, and would require no machinery or ground-disturbance to install. The fence would be prepared off-site, and installed on-site by hand. The purpose of the fence is to:

- Define a walking path to guide visitors to areas optimum for viewing natural and cultural

resources;

- Lessen the impacts and allow for rehabilitation of established social trails;
- Minimize the proliferation of new social trails;
- Guide visitors away from natural and culturally sensitive areas;
- Encourage visitor safety by guiding them to viewing areas away from cliffs.

## C. LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

The land use designation of the site is General Management Area (GMA), Public Recreation. The recreation intensity class (RIC) of the site is RIC 2.

*The Management Plan, Part I, Chapter 4 (Recreation Resources), GMA guidelines, states:*  
Allowable Uses:

2. Recreation Intensity Class 2 (Low Intensity)
  - A. All uses permitted in Recreation Intensity Class 1.
  - C. Simple interpretive signs and displays, not to exceed a total of 100 square feet.

*The Management Plan, Part II, Chapter 6 (Recreation Designations), GMA guidelines, states:*  
Review Uses

1. The following uses may be allowed on lands designated Public Recreation, subject to compliance with guidelines for the protection of scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources and compliance with numbers 1.A, 1.C, 1.D, 1.E, 1.F, and 1.G (where applicable) of the "Approval Criteria for Recreation Uses" contained in the recreation intensity class guidelines (Part I, Chapter 4: Recreation Resources):
  - A. Publicly-owned, resource-based recreation uses, consistent with recreation intensity class policies and guidelines (Part I, Chapter 4: Recreation Resources).

**Finding: The proposed fence and bulletin board are improvements associated with an existing publicly-owned, resource-based recreation use. They are an allowed review use in GMA Public Recreation, RIC 2.**

## D. SCENIC RESOURCES

*The Management Plan, Part II, Chapter 1 (Scenic Resources), GMA guidelines, states:*

1. New buildings and roads shall be sited and designed to retain the existing topography and to minimize grading activities to the maximum extent practicable.

**Finding: No new buildings or roads are proposed. Guidelines 1-5 in this section do not apply.**

6. For all new production and/or development of mineral resources and expansion of existing quarries, a reclamation plan is required to restore the site to a natural appearance that blends with and emulates surrounding landforms to the maximum extent practicable.

**Finding: No production and/or development of mineral resources or expansion of existing quarries is proposed. Guidelines 6-7 in this section do not apply.**

## Key Viewing Areas

### *GMA Guidelines*

1. The guidelines in this section shall apply to proposed developments on sites topographically visible from key viewing areas.  
**Finding: The site is topographically visible from two key viewing areas: I-84 and the Columbia River. Selected guidelines in this section apply.**
2. Each development shall be visually subordinate to its setting as seen from key viewing areas.
3. Determination of potential visual effects and compliance with visual subordination policies shall include consideration of the cumulative effects of proposed developments.  
**(See overall findings at the end of this section.)**
4. The extent and type of conditions applied to a proposed development to achieve visual subordination shall be proportionate to its potential visual impacts as seen from key viewing areas.
  - A. Decisions shall include written findings addressing the factors influencing potential visual impact, including but not limited to:
    - (1) The amount of area of the building site exposed to key viewing areas.
    - (2) The degree of existing vegetation providing screening.
    - (3) The distance from the building site to the key viewing areas from which it is visible.
    - (4) The number of key viewing areas from which it is visible.
    - (5) The linear distance along the key viewing areas from which the building site is visible (for linear key viewing areas, such as roads).
  - B. Conditions may be applied to various elements of proposed developments to ensure they are visually subordinate to their setting as seen from key viewing areas, including but not limited to:
    - (1) Siting (location of development on the subject property, building orientation, and other elements).
    - (2) Retention of existing vegetation.
    - (3) Design (color, reflectivity, size, shape, height, architectural and design details and other elements).
    - (4) New landscaping.
5. New development shall be sited to achieve visual subordination from key viewing areas, unless the siting would place such development in a buffer specified for protection of wetlands, riparian corridors, sensitive plants, or sensitive wildlife sites or would conflict with guidelines to protect cultural resources. In such situations, development shall comply with this guideline to the maximum extent practicable.
6. New development shall be sited using existing topography and/or existing vegetation as needed to achieve visual subordination from key viewing areas.
7. Existing tree cover screening proposed development from key viewing areas shall be retained as specified in the Landscape Settings Design Guidelines section of this chapter.  
**(Guidelines 8 and 9 are specific to new buildings, and do not apply. No new landscaping is proposed or required (see findings) – guidelines 10 and 11 do not apply.)**
12. Unless expressly exempted by other provisions in this chapter, colors of structures on sites visible from key viewing areas shall be dark earth-tones found at the specific site or in the surrounding landscape. The specific colors or list of acceptable colors shall be included as a

condition of approval. The Scenic Resources Implementation Handbook will include a recommended palette of colors.

**(Guidelines 13-30 are not applicable to the proposal.)**

**Findings:** The proposed fence and bulletin board would be visually subordinate from key viewing areas. The fence is constructed of untreated wood and would be 4 feet tall by 4 feet wide. The open buck-and-rail style allows the viewer to see through the fence, and does not present a visual barrier.

**Columbia River KVA:** Although the site is topographically visible from the Columbia River, a casual observer on the river would be looking up from below at a vertical bluff; the fence and bulletin board would not be visible from the Columbia River KVA.

**I-84 KVA:** (see photo below), the low, linear, natural wood fence would blend into the surroundings and would be partially obscured by vegetation and an existing wooden fence of similar height. The bulletin board would be located near the existing visitors center, and would be largely screened from view by existing vegetation and by the visitors center building.

No removal of vegetation, including screening vegetation, is proposed. No new landscaping is proposed or needed for screening.

A condition of approval should be included specifying that the bulletin board and its support posts be of a dark earth-tone color compatible with the site.



View of site from I-84

### Cumulative effects analysis (item 3 above):

#### *Potentially Adversely Affected Resource within Project Area*

The scenic resource affected by this proposal is the River Bottomland setting along a short portion of I-84, and the Columbia River. The temporal boundary is from the present indefinitely into the future.

#### *Past Actions*

The cumulative effects analysis includes an analysis of past actions by including them in the assessment of current conditions. Current conditions within the Columbia River Gorge have been impacted by innumerable actions over the last century (and beyond), and trying to isolate the individual actions that continue to have residual impacts would be nearly impossible. Providing the details of past actions on an individual basis would not be useful to predict the cumulative effects of the proposed action or alternatives. Focusing on individual actions would be less accurate than looking at existing conditions, because there is limited information on the environmental impacts of individual past actions, and one cannot reasonably identify each and every action over the last century that has contributed to current conditions. Additionally, focusing on the impacts of past human actions risks ignoring the important residual effects of past natural events, which may contribute to cumulative effects just as much as human actions. The current conditions serve as an aggregate of all past actions, so by looking at current conditions, we are sure to capture all the residual effects of past human actions and natural events, regardless of which particular action or event contributed those effects.

#### *Present Actions*

Currently on the project site are an existing visitors' center structure and parking lot, an accessory structure, split-rail fence, and paved and native-surface trails. Visible developments off-site include I-84, and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The Dalles Dam and the urban areas of The Dalles and Dallesport are also visible from the site.

#### *Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions*

Continued use of the site for public recreation consistent with the current RIC 2 level. Due to Scenic Area Management Plan guidelines, present and reasonably foreseeable activities on the project site will continue to be visually subordinate.

#### *Cumulative Impacts*

The proposed fence and bulletin board meet the visually subordinate scenic standard. The current proposal would not contribute any adverse effects to the scenic resource.

**Finding: The proposal would not result in an adverse effect to the scenic resource, and therefore would not result in cumulatively significant impacts to scenic resources.**

## Landscape Settings

The site is in the River Bottomlands landscape setting.

*The Management Plan, Part I, Chapter 1 (Scenic Resources), Landscape Settings, River Bottomlands, states:*

### Design Guidelines

1. In portions of this setting visible from key viewing areas, the following guidelines shall be employed to achieve visual subordination for new development and expansion of existing development:

A. Except as is necessary for site development or safety purposes, existing tree cover screening the development from key viewing areas shall be retained.

B. At least half of any trees planted for screening purposes shall be species native to the River Bottomland setting. Public recreation developments are encouraged to maximize the percentage of planted screening vegetation native to this setting. Such species include black cottonwood, big leaf maple, red alder, Oregon white ash, Douglas-fir, western red cedar and western hemlock (west Gorge), and various native willow species.

C. At least one-quarter of any trees planted for screening purposes shall be coniferous for winter screening.

**Findings: The proposed fence and bulletin board are visually subordinate as designed. No removal of vegetation is proposed. No planting of screening vegetation is needed to achieve the visually subordinate scenic standard.**

## Scenic Travel Corridors

### GMA Guidelines

1. For the purposes of implementing this section, the foreground of a scenic travel corridor shall include those lands within 1/4 mile of the edge of pavement of the scenic travel corridor roadway.

**Finding: The proposed fence and bulletin board are within ¼-mile of I-84, a scenic travel corridor. (The remaining guidelines in this section pertain to new buildings, alterations or additions to existing buildings or parking lots, vegetation management projects, utilities, production or development of mineral resources, or expansion of existing quarries. These guidelines are not applicable to this proposal.)**

## E. CULTURAL RESOURCES

*The Management Plan, Part II, Chapter 2 (Cultural Resources), GMA Policies, states:*

3. A four-step process shall be used to protect cultural resources: performing cultural resource reconnaissance or historic surveys before proposed uses are authorized; assessing the effects of proposed uses on significant cultural resources; and preparing mitigation plans to avoid or minimize impacts to significant cultural resources.

14. Mitigation measures shall ensure that a proposed use would have no adverse effect on significant cultural resources. Uses that would adversely affect significant cultural resources shall be prohibited.

*The Management Plan, Part II, Chapter 2 (Cultural Resources), GMA Guidelines, states:*

Determination of potential effects to significant cultural resources shall include consideration of cumulative effects of proposed developments that are subject to any of the following: 1) a reconnaissance or historic survey; 2) a determination of significance; 3) an assessment of effect; or 4) a mitigation plan. *(Added: CRGC adoption 7/13/10; U.S. Sec. Ag. concurrence 11/1/10)*

### **Conclusion of Cultural Resource Protection Process**

1. The local government shall make a final decision on whether the mitigation plan would reduce an adverse effect to no effect or no adverse effect. If the final decision contradicts the comments submitted by the SHPO, the local government shall justify how it reached an opposing conclusion.

**Findings: A report was prepared for the project and reviewed by the Forest Service Archaeologist. The archaeological report recommends that the posts for the bulletin board be installed in the exact same spots where the shovel probe tests were conducted, and to the same depth as the existing shovel probe holes. The Oregon State Archaeologist found that the project would have no effect to archaeological resources. Forest Service Archaeologist Marge Dryden has concurred that, with reuse of the shovel probe holes, project would have no adverse effect to any known archaeological sites.**

**A condition of approval should be placed that the posts for the bulletin board shall be placed in the exact holes excavated by the archaeological shovel test probes, and no deeper than the current depth of those holes.**

**A further condition of approval should be placed stating that, should any historic or prehistoric cultural resources be uncovered during project activities, the applicant shall cease work and immediately notify the CRGNSA office and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The applicant should also notify the Indian Tribal governments within 24 hours if the resources are prehistoric or otherwise associated with Native American Indians.**

**The proposal, with the above condition about placement of the post holes, will have no adverse effects to cultural resources; therefore, there will be no unresolved adverse cumulative effects on significant cultural resources within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.**

### ***Cultural Resources Discovered After Construction Begins***

1. The following procedures shall be effected when cultural resources are discovered during construction activities. All survey and evaluation reports and mitigation plans shall be submitted to the local government and the SHPO. Indian tribal governments also shall receive a copy of all reports and plans if the cultural resources are prehistoric or otherwise associated with Native Americans.

- A. **Halt of Construction.** All construction activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resource shall cease. The cultural resources shall remain as found; further disturbance is prohibited.
- B. **Notification.** The project applicant shall notify the local government and the Gorge Commission within 24 hours of the discovery. If the cultural resources are prehistoric or otherwise associated with Native Americans, the project applicant shall also notify the Indian tribal governments within 24 hours.
- C. **Survey and Evaluation.** The Gorge Commission shall survey the cultural resources after obtaining written permission from the landowner and appropriate permits from the SHPO. (See Oregon Revised Statute [ORS] [273.705](#), [ORS 358.905 to 358.955](#), and Revised Code of Washington [RCW] [27.53](#)). It shall gather enough information to evaluate the significance of the cultural resources. The survey and evaluation shall be documented in a report that generally follows the guidelines in the "Reconnaissance Survey Reports--Large-Scale Uses" and "Evaluation of Significance: Evaluation Criteria and Information Needs" sections of this chapter.

Based on the survey and evaluation report and any written comments, the local government shall make a final decision on whether the resources are significant. Construction activities may recommence if the cultural resources are not significant.

A mitigation plan shall be prepared if the affected cultural resources are significant.

- D. **Mitigation Plan.** Mitigation plans shall be prepared according to the information, consultation, and report guidelines contained in the "Mitigation Plans: Mitigation Plan Criteria and Information Needs" section of this chapter. Construction activities may recommence when the conditions in the mitigation plan have been executed.

### ***Discovery of Human Remains***

1. The following procedures shall be effected when human remains are discovered during a cultural resource survey or during construction. Human remains means articulated or disarticulated human skeletal remains, bones, or teeth, with or without attendant burial artifacts.

- A. Halt of Activities. All survey, excavation, and construction activities shall cease. The human remains shall not be disturbed any further.
- B. Notification. Local law enforcement officials, the local government, the Gorge Commission, and the Indian tribal governments shall be contacted immediately. In Washington, the state forensic physical anthropologist shall also be notified.
- C. Inspection. The county coroner, or appropriate official, shall inspect the remains at the project site and determine if they are prehistoric/historic or modern. Representatives from the Indian tribal governments shall have an opportunity to monitor the inspection.
- D. Jurisdiction. If the remains are modern, the appropriate law enforcement officials shall assume jurisdiction and the cultural resource protection process may conclude.
- E. Treatment. In Oregon, prehistoric/historic remains of Native Americans shall generally be treated in accordance with the procedures set forth in [ORS 97.740 to 97.760](#). In Washington, the procedures set forth in RCW [27.44](#) and [68.05](#) shall generally be implemented if the remains are prehistoric/historic.

If the human remains will be reinterred or preserved in their original position, a mitigation plan shall be prepared in accordance with the consultation and report requirements specified in the "Mitigation Plans: Mitigation Plan Criteria and Information Needs" section of this chapter.

The mitigation plan shall accommodate the cultural and religious concerns of Native Americans. The cultural resource protection process may conclude when the conditions set forth in the "Mitigation Plans: Conclusion of the Cultural Resource Protection Process" section of this chapter are met and the mitigation plan is executed.

## F. NATURAL RESOURCES

*The Management Plan, Part II, Chapter 3 (Natural Resources), GMA guidelines, states:*

### Wetlands

**Findings: the proposed bulletin board and fence are not located within a wetland or wetland buffer zone. The guidelines in this section do not apply.**

### Streams, Ponds, Lakes, and Riparian Areas

#### *GMA Guidelines*

#### Review Uses

1. The following uses may be allowed in streams, ponds, lakes, and riparian areas, subject to compliance with guidelines for the protection of scenic, natural, cultural and recreation resources and "Approval Criteria for Modifications to Serviceable Structures and Minor

Water-Dependent and Water-Related Structures in Aquatic and Riparian Areas" in this section.

A. The modification, expansion, replacement, or reconstruction of serviceable structures, provided that such actions would not (1) increase the size of an existing structure by more than 100 percent, (2) result in a loss of water quality, natural drainage, and fish and wildlife habitat, or (3) intrude further into a stream, pond, lake, or buffer zone. New structures shall be considered intruding further into a stream, pond, lake, or buffer zone if any portion of the structure is located closer to the stream, pond, lake, or buffer zone than the existing structure.

B. The construction of minor water-related recreation structures that are available for public use. Structures in this category shall be limited to boardwalks; trails and paths, provided their surface is not constructed of impervious materials; observation decks; and interpretative aids, such as kiosks and signs.

C. The construction of minor water-dependent structures that are placed on pilings, if the pilings allow unobstructed flow of water and are not placed so close together that they effectively convert an aquatic area to dry land. Structures in this category shall be limited to public and private docks and boat houses, and fish and wildlife management structures that are constructed by federal, state, or tribal resource agencies.

2. Except uses allowed outright and review uses in Guidelines 1.A through 1.C, above, proposed uses may be allowed in streams, ponds, lakes, and riparian areas, subject to compliance with guidelines for the protection of scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources and "Approval Criteria for Other Review Uses in Aquatic and Riparian Areas" in this section.

**Finding: No uses in streams, ponds, lakes, or riparian areas are proposed.**

### **Stream, Pond, and Lake Buffer Zones**

1. Buffer zones shall generally be measured landward from the ordinary high watermark on a horizontal scale that is perpendicular to the ordinary high watermark. On the main stem of the Columbia River above Bonneville Dam, buffer zones shall be measured landward from the normal pool elevation of the Columbia River. The following buffer zone widths shall be required:
  - A. Streams used by anadromous or resident fish (tributary fish habitat), special streams, intermittent streams that include year-round pools, and perennial streams: 100 feet.
  - B. Intermittent streams, provided they are not used by anadromous or resident fish: 50 feet.
  - C. Ponds and lakes: Buffer zone widths shall be based on the dominant vegetative community and shall use the same guidelines as in the "Wetlands Buffer Zones" section of this chapter, substituting the term "pond or lake" as appropriate.
2. Except as otherwise allowed, buffer zones shall be retained in their natural condition. When a buffer zone is disturbed by a new use, it shall be replanted with native plant species.
3. The project applicant shall be responsible for determining the exact location of the ordinary high watermark or normal pool elevation. The local government may verify the accuracy of, and render adjustments to, an ordinary high watermark or normal pool delineation. If the adjusted boundary delineation is contested by the project applicant, the local government shall obtain professional services to render a final delineation, at the project applicant's expense.

**Finding: A portion of the proposed fence is within the 100-foot buffer zones of two perennial streams: the Columbia River and Fifteenmile Creek. The project and the buffer zones are on top of a dry bluff well above the ordinary high watermark of either stream. The buck-and-rail fence would be made of untreated wood, sit on top of the ground, and require no machinery or ground-disturbance to install. The fence would be prepared off-site, and installed on-site by hand. There will be no new disturbance to the buffer zone, and no mitigation is required.**

## Wildlife Habitat

### *GMA Guidelines*

#### Review Uses

1. Except uses allowed outright, proposed uses may be allowed within 1,000 feet of a sensitive wildlife area or site, subject to compliance with guidelines for the protection of scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources and "Approval Criteria for Review Uses Near Sensitive Wildlife Areas and Sites" in this section. Updated lists of species included in sensitive wildlife sites can be found on the websites for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Species of Concern list) and the Wildlife Division of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. A list also is maintained by the USDA Forest Service – Scenic Area Office and available at the Gorge Commission office and on its website.

**Findings: The proposed fence and bulletin board are within 1000' of the Columbia River and Fifteenmile Creek, which support threatened anadromous fish species including Chinook, Chum, Coho, Steelhead, Pacific lamprey, and Coastal Cutthroat trout. The guidelines in this section apply.**

#### Site Plans and Field Surveys for Review Uses Near Sensitive Wildlife Areas and Sites

1. In addition to the information required in all site plans, site plans for uses within 1,000 feet of a sensitive wildlife area or site shall include a map prepared at a scale of 1 inch equals 100 feet (1:1,200), or a scale providing greater detail.

**Finding: The application materials include a sufficient site plan.**

2. A field survey to identify sensitive wildlife areas or sites shall be required for (1) land divisions that create four or more parcels, (2) recreation facilities that contain parking areas for more than 10 cars, overnight camping facilities, boat ramps, or visitor information and environmental education facilities, (3) public transportation facilities that are outside improved rights-of-way, (4) electric facilities, lines, equipment, and appurtenances that are 33 kilovolts or greater, and (5) communications, water and sewer, and natural gas transmission (as opposed to distribution) lines, pipes, equipment, and appurtenances and other project related activities, except when all of their impacts will occur inside previously disturbed road, railroad or utility corridors, or existing developed utility sites, that are maintained annually.

Field surveys shall cover all areas affected by the proposed use or recreation facility. They shall be conducted by a professional wildlife biologist hired by the project applicant. All sensitive wildlife areas and sites discovered in a project area shall be described and shown on the site plan map.

**Finding: The proposed uses are not among the new uses described in this guideline. No field surveys are required.**

**Approval Criteria for Review Uses Near Sensitive Wildlife Areas and Sites**

1. Uses that are proposed within 1,000 feet of a sensitive wildlife area or site shall be reviewed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The approximate locations of sensitive wildlife areas and sites are shown in the wildlife inventory. State wildlife biologists will help determine if a new use would adversely affect a sensitive wildlife area or site.
4. The wildlife protection process may terminate if the local government, in consultation with the state wildlife agency, determines (1) the sensitive wildlife area or site is not active, or (2) the proposed use would not compromise the integrity of the wildlife area or site or occur during the time of year when wildlife species are sensitive to disturbance.

**Findings: Although the proposed bulletin board and fence are within 1000' of Fifteenmile Creek and the Columbia River, the proposed uses are up on a dry bluff well above the ordinary high water mark of either stream and would have no impact on aquatic habitat. Installation would occur in the dry summer season, and would not result in ground disturbance that could lead to sedimentation or other effects to aquatic habitat. The project as proposed would not compromise the integrity of the sensitive wildlife area. The wildlife protection process may terminate.**

**Approval Criteria for Fences in Deer and Elk Winter Range**

**Finding: The proposal is not within deer and elk winter range. The guidelines in this section do not apply.**

**Rare Plants**

**Finding: The proposal is not within 1000 feet of any known populations of rare plants. The guidelines in this section do not apply.**

**G. RECREATION RESOURCES**

*The Management Plan, Part II, Chapter 4 (Recreation Resources), GMA guidelines, state:*

**Allowable Uses**

The following uses are allowable, subject to compliance with the "Approval Criteria for Recreation Uses" and "Facility Design Guidelines For All Recreation Projects" in this section.

1. Recreation Intensity Class 1 (Very Low Intensity)
  - A. Parking areas for a maximum of 10 cars for any allowed uses in Recreation Intensity Class 1.
  - B. Trails for hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking use.

- C. Pathways for pedestrian and bicycling use.
  - D. Trailheads (with provisions for hitching rails and equestrian trailers at trailheads accommodating equestrian use).
  - E. Scenic viewpoints and overlooks.
  - F. Wildlife/botanical viewing and nature study areas.
  - G. River access areas.
  - H. Simple interpretive signs and/or displays, not to exceed a total of 50 square feet.
  - I. Entry name signs, not to exceed 10 square feet per sign.
  - J. Boat docks, piers, or wharfs.
  - K. Picnic areas. L. Restrooms/comfort facilities.
2. Recreation Intensity Class 2 (Low Intensity)
- A. All uses permitted in Recreation Intensity Class 1.
  - B. Parking areas for a maximum of 25 cars, to serve any allowed uses in Recreation Intensity Class 2. Parking spaces for campground units are to be included in this number.
  - C. Simple interpretive signs and displays, not to exceed a total of 100 square feet.
  - D. Entry name signs, not to exceed 20 square feet per sign.
  - E. Boat ramps, not to exceed two lanes.
  - F. Campgrounds for 20 units or less, tent sites only.

**Finding: The proposed uses are a fence associated with an existing pathway for pedestrian use (C), and a new bulletin board for the display of regulatory information (H). These are allowed uses in Recreation Intensity Class 2.**

### Approval Criteria for Recreation Uses

1. For all proposed recreation projects outside of Public or Commercial Recreation designations, project applicants shall demonstrate compliance with the following criteria (if applicable) as a condition of project approval:

**Finding: the project is within the Public Recreation land use designation. The guidelines in this section do not apply.**

### Facility Design Guidelines for All Recreation Projects

2. The facility design guidelines are intended to apply to individual recreation facilities. For the purposes of these guidelines, a cluster or grouping of recreational developments or improvements located relatively close to one another is considered an individual recreation facility.

Developments or improvements within the same recreation intensity class are considered as separate facilities if they are separated by at least 1/4 mile of undeveloped land (excluding trails, pathways, or access roads).

**Finding: The proposal is not a new or separate recreation facility. The remaining guidelines in this section do not apply**

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## **Variations and Plan Amendments**

**Finding: No variations are requested. These guidelines do not apply.**

## **H. CONCLUSION**

The new bulletin board and buck-and-rail fence proposed for the existing recreation facility at Seufert Park are consistent with the National Scenic Area Management Plan Policy and Guidelines provided they meet the criteria and conditions listed in the Findings of Fact and Consistency Determination.

