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Application for Management Plan Consistency Review

Project Name: CD-26-05-S Ruckel Creek Emergency Response	
Date of Application:	
Name of Applicant(s)	Name of Property Owner(s)
USDA Forest Service – Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	Same as applicant
Mailing Address	Mailing Address
902 Wasco St, Suite 315 Hood River, OR 97031	Same as applicant
Applicant's Signature and Date	Property Owner's Signature and Date
Phone: 541-308-1700	Phone:
E-Mail: SM.FS.r6crgnsawfb@usda.gov	E-Mail:
Location of Property (Township, Range, Section, Quarter Section And Tax Lot)	Property Address (If Applicable)
T02N R07E, Sec 23 and NW ¼ Sec PB 39 Tax lots 02N07E00200 and 02N07E00300	
Parcel Size (Acres): approximately 3,700 acres (proposal is only 3 acres in size)	County, State: Hood River, Oregon
Existing Land Use: SMA Public Recreation, SMA Open Space	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following is required to complete your application:

	Application form completed and signed
	Project Description
	Site Plan
	Key viewing areas checklist
	Names and addresses of property owners within 200 feet of project parcel
	Any additional information as required by the CRGNSA Management Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In December 2025, following a period of heavy precipitation, a landslide covered the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail near Ruckel Creek, just east of the Eagle Creek Fish Hatchery. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of materials were deposited on and around the HCRH State Trail. Continued instability prevented safe inspection of the slide until June 2026.

The HCRH State Trail right of way traverses National Forest System Lands at this location. The Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (OPRD), which manages the trail with cooperation from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to respond to the slide. Following inspection in July 2026, FEMA authorized funding to OPRD to clear the trail. In order to provide for public safety and to protect the HCRH, CRGNSA authorized OPRD to use National Forest System Lands to clear the trail and to place slide materials in a designated disposal area north of the slide. Response actions included mechanical removal of slide materials, deposit of slide materials in a designated 150 foot by 50 foot area, contouring, and revegetation. Approximately 3 acres of NFS Lands are within the project footprint.

The landslide repair work will be reviewed under the Management Plan's guidelines for Emergency/Disaster Response Actions. The Forest Service prepared a Special Use Permit authorizing the response actions, and reviewed the response actions under NEPA Categorical Exclusion USDA-28d-USFS for "Approval, modification, or continuation of special uses that require less than 20 acres of NFS lands" and issued a Finding of Applicability and No Extraordinary Circumstances (FANEC) on August 21, 2026. Because the Forest Service is the action agency, initial notification was provided to the Gorge Commission on August 21, 2026, consistent with the notification requirements for Emergency/Disaster Response Actions.

PROJECT SITE PLAN

A plan drawn in black ink at a scale of about 1 inch equal to 200 feet (1:2400) or at a scale providing greater detail must be included with the application.

If the parcel is very large, you may show the project on the portion of the parcel affected by the proposed use. Be sure, however, to show enough of the parcel or some adjacent features, such as roads, so that the reviewers can orient themselves on your map. A small vicinity map showing the subject parcel and surrounding parcels may help. If you are unsure whether you have provided sufficient detail, please contact the planner for assistance.

At a minimum, you must show the following features:

	Applicant name(s)
	Scale and north arrow
	Location and size of existing and proposed structures
	Boundaries of parcel with dimensions and size in acres
	Location and width of existing and proposed roads, driveways, and trails
	Location of existing and proposed services including wells or other water supplies, structures, power and telephone poles and lines and outdoor lighting.
	Location and depth of all proposed grading and ditching
	Significant terrain features or landforms
	Groupings and species of trees or other vegetation on the parcel
	Location and species of vegetation that would be removed or planted
	Water courses, bodies of water, and <u>applicable buffers of existing waterbodies</u>

KEY VIEWING AREAS

Key viewing areas are important public viewpoints and areas that afford opportunities to view the Gorge scenery. Key viewing areas are listed below. Please check the box for those sites which can be seen from your property. If you are unsure, contact the planner you are working with for assistance in determining your visibility.

Key Viewing Areas for all projects

X	Columbia River
X	Highway I-84 (including rest stops)
X	Washington State Route 14
X	Historic Columbia River Highway (including the HCRH State Trail)
	Sandy River
	Portland Women's Forum State Park
	Crown Point
	Rooster Rock State Park
X	Cape Horn
	Bridal Veil State Park
	Multnomah Falls
	Larch Mountain (including Sherrard Point)
X	Beacon Rock
X	Bonneville Dam Visitor Centers (OR and WA)
X	Pacific Crest Trail
	Dog Mountain Trail
	Cook-Underwood Road
	Washington State Route 141
	Oregon Highway 35
	Panorama Point Park
	Rowena Plateau and Nature Conservancy Viewpoint
	Washington State Route 142

Key Viewing Areas for projects located in a Special Management Area

	Larch Mountain Road
	Wyeth Bench Road (also known as Wyeth Road)
	Old Highway 8 (previously known as Old Washington SR 14 and County Road 1230)

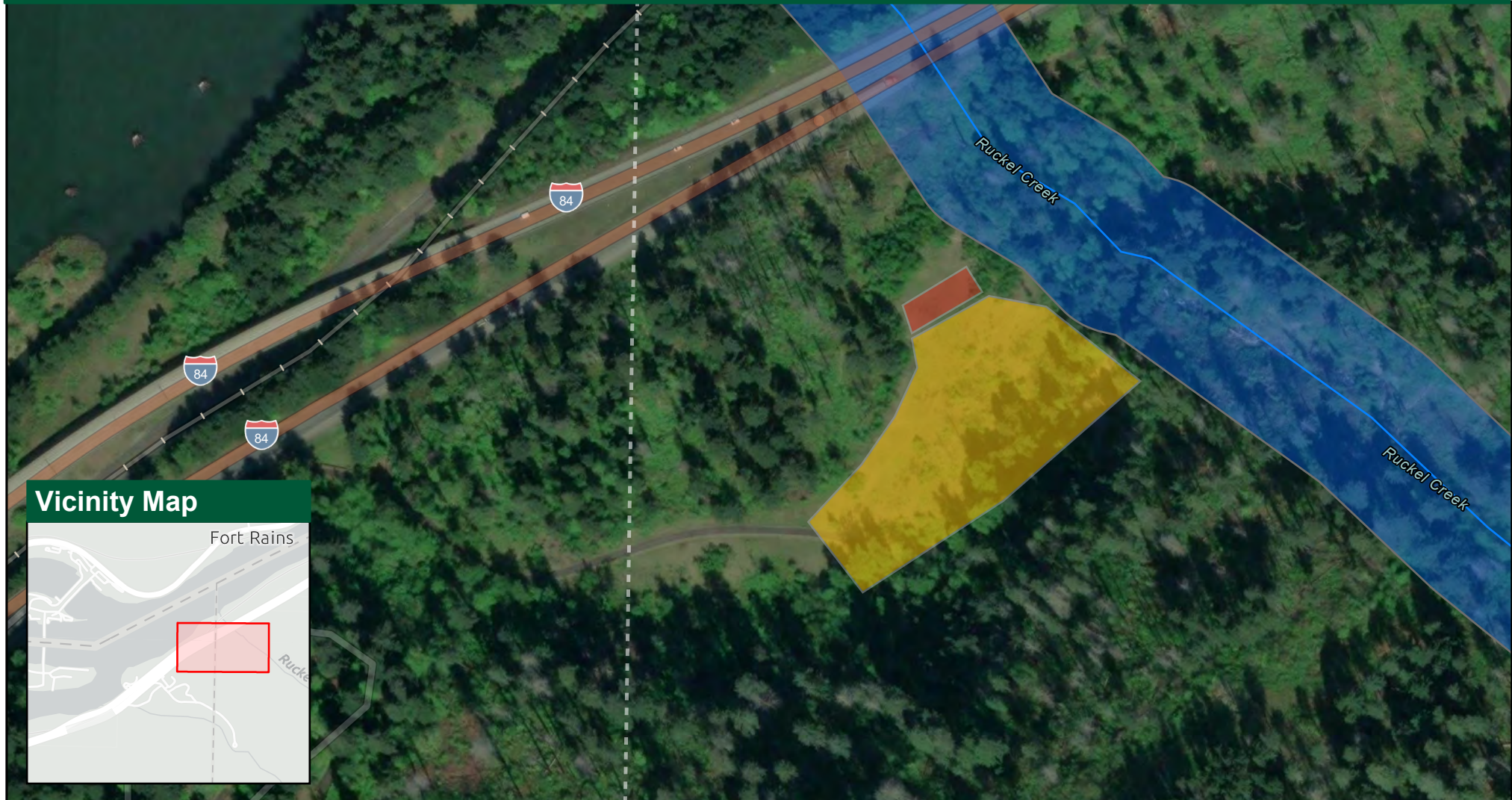


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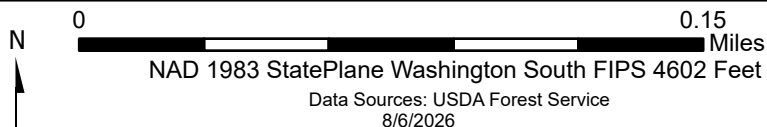
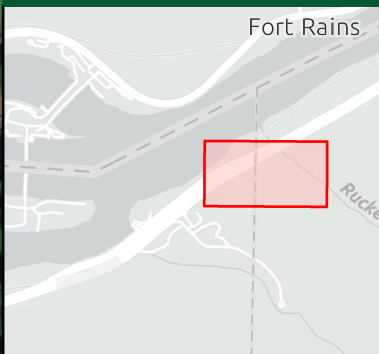
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Ruckel Creek Slide

Authorized Emergency Response



Vicinity Map



LEGEND

- NSA Boundary
- Streams
- Ruckel Creek & 200 foot Buffer
- Disposal Area
- Project Area

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