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A001 Implementation of the Management Plan and National Scenic Area Act

All counties of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area administer land use policies set forth by the Gorge Commission, with the exception of Klickitat County. (The Commission implements these policies for Klickitat County.) The Commission reviews county-approved plans for development to ensure consistency with the National Scenic Area Act and Management Plan and disperses grant funding to Clark and Skamania counties to provide planning and permitting services required by the Management Plan. It also reviews federal monies dispensed by Oregon and Washington investment boards in the form of economic development loans and grants.

	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennial Total
FTE's	5.3	5.0	5.2
GFS	\$230,000	\$237,000	\$467,000
Other	\$236,000	\$233,000	\$469,000
Total	\$466,000	\$470,000	\$936,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington’s natural resources

Statewide Strategy: Preserve, maintain and restore natural systems and landscapes

Expected Results

A Management Plan for the Gorge that is implemented in a consistent way, and that meets the intent of Congress. Development in the National Scenic Area that complies with the guidelines that are set forth in the Act and Management Plan. Increased employment and economic vitality in urban areas of the Columbia River Gorge counties, while maintaining the resource protections required in the Scenic Areas of the Columbia River Gorge.

Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	18		
	4th Qtr	18		
2005-07	8th Qtr	13	21	8
	4th Qtr	13	13	0
2003-05	8th Qtr	10	10	0
	4th Qtr	10	12	2

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Percentage of county development decisions that are reviewed during the land use permitting process by Columbia River Gorge Commission staff				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	95%		
	4th Qtr	95%		
2005-07	8th Qtr	80%	100%	20%
	4th Qtr	80%	78%	(2)%
2003-05	8th Qtr	55%	75%	20%
	4th Qtr	55%	41%	(14)%

A002 Policy Making and Hearing Citizen Appeals

The primary function of the agency is to set land use policies for counties with land in the National Scenic Area. The counties of the Gorge area carry out these policies and issue land use decisions. Citizens may appeal county decisions to the Commission, which acts as a quasi-judicial body by reviewing the facts of the case and rendering a final decision. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private Local)

	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennial Total
FTE's	4.0	4.0	4.0
GFS	\$189,000	\$193,000	\$382,000
Other	\$185,000	\$191,000	\$376,000
Total	\$374,000	\$384,000	\$758,000

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Expected Results

A cohesive set of land use ordinances for the National Scenic Area. Protection and enhancement of the Gorge resources, as mandated by the National Scenic Area Act. Consistency among Gorge counties in administering land use ordinances and issuing building permits that comply with Scenic Area regulations. The ability of the citizens to approach the Commission to hear issues and make determination of correctness of county land use decisions. Note - this activity also contributes to the decision review measure listed at the Implementation of the Management Plan and National Scenic Area Act activity.

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Number of appeals resolved by alternative dispute resolution methods.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	3		
	4th Qtr	3		
2005-07	8th Qtr	3	0	(3)
	4th Qtr	3	0	(3)

Number of presentations to civic and community groups each year				
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2007-09	8th Qtr	18		
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A003 Public Outreach and Technical Assistance to Counties

This activity increases public awareness of the National Scenic Area Act and Management Plan, and provides assistance to counties in its implementation. The Commission is developing a Geographic Information Systems database for the Gorge, which will include a digitized map, parcel identification, and location of scenic, plant, animal and cultural resources. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private Local)

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	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennial Total
FTE's	2.2	2.2	2.2
GFS	\$105,000	\$107,000	\$212,000
Other	\$103,000	\$106,000	\$209,000
Total	\$208,000	\$213,000	\$421,000

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Expected Results

Increased understanding of the Scenic Area Act by the citizens and counties of the Gorge. Decreased appeals by citizens due to an increased understanding of the guidelines, and increased development that meets those guidelines. Land use decisions by the county planning departments that are consistent with Scenic Area guidelines. Understanding of the guidelines by the county planners that will result in decisions that comply with Scenic Area guidelines. A greater ability of the county planners to explain Scenic Area guidelines to citizens of their counties. This will result in fewer appeals to the Commission of county decisions. Note - this activity also contributes to the decision review measure listed at the Implementation of the Management Plan and National Scenic Area Act activity.

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Grand Total

	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennial Total
FTE's	11.5	11.2	11.4
GFS	\$524,000	\$537,000	\$1,061,000
Other	\$524,000	\$530,000	\$1,054,000
Total	\$1,048,000	\$1,067,000	\$2,115,000