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 COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA  
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## FOREST PRACTICE REVIEW APPLICATION

DATE OF APPLICATION:

<b>APPLICANT(S)</b>			<b>PROPERTY OWNERS</b>		
Washington Dept. of Natural Resources			Same		
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<b>APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE AND DATE</b>			<b>PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE AND DATE</b>		
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<b>LOCATION OF PROPERTY</b>			<b>PROPERTY ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)</b>		
TOWNSHIP: See address	RANGE: See address	SECTION: See address	T2N 6E Sections 29, 30 and 3N 7E Sections 29,32 and 2N 7E Section 5		
QUARTER SECTION:		TAX LOT:			
PARCEL SIZE (ACRES): 541 acres (Columbia Falls) and 2,837 (Table Mtn )			COUNTY: Skamania		
EXISTING LAND USE: Natural Area Preserve			STATE: WA		

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Describe your proposed forest practice including:

1. Details on the purpose for the forest practice, the existing stand conditions (approximate percent canopy closure, trees per acre, tree sizes, and species composition), and the desired future vegetation structure and reforestation plan (species, spacing),
2. The silvicultural prescription, (regeneration mosaic, overstory removal, shelterwood, small group selection, uneven-age partial cut, even-age thinning, thinning from above to release understory, thinning from below to thin understory layer, or salvage of standing dead).
3. The volume and species to be removed and the approximate percent canopy closure and trees per acre after treatment,
4. The size and shape of the treatment units and associated natural features such as streams, talus slopes, rock outcrops located on a color aerial photo or copy of a color aerial photo and the location of roads, culverts, skid trails or other ground disturbing activities (see site plan, p.3),
5. Slash treatment (no treatment, lop and scatter, chip and scatter, hand pile and burn, grapple pile and burn, jackpot burn.) Use additional Sheets as necessary.

### Project Description

The objective of this project is to abandon 2.5 miles of road in the Table Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) and 1.7 miles at Columbia Falls NAP, (See Figure 1 and 2). Sections of the road to be abandoned run through patches of old growth forest while other sections traverse older natural forest that regenerated after the Yacolt Burn. The road to be decommissioned will utilize light abandonment techniques such as water barring and ripping with some limited pullback side-cast material. Two small log puncheons will be removed on Table Mountain NRCA.

Road abandonment will protect these two sensitive Natural Areas by restricting public access to the more sensitive portions of the preserves, thus reducing the threat of introduction of weeds, tree theft, disturbance of wildlife, trash dumping, potential for human caused wildfire, and erosion caused by illegal off-road vehicle use. In recent years, access into these natural areas via all terrain vehicles has increased dramatically. Recently, individuals built a permanent structure that is likely part of a hunting camp, and others cut down alders to make an opening for a small marijuana plantation at Table Mountain. The project will also ultimately benefit the rare features these sites were established to protect by reducing habitat fragmentation and by reducing human disturbance to wildlife.

Waterbars will be installed along abandoned road at a spacing that will insure proper drainage and minimize erosion and sedimentation. Waterbars will be placed perpendicular to the road centerline on road grades of less than 3% and close to 30% on grades greater than 3%. Where there is poor regrowth of native trees, road surfaces will be decompacted by ripping them with 12-inch teeth attached to a bulldozer. Abandoned roads will be blocked to prevent motorized vehicle access either by obliterating the roadbed or by digging out a tank trap.

During the course of puncheon removal and other road abandonment work, a few young, non-merchantable trees may need to be felled. These trees are growing on the existing road prism or on fills and will only be removed when absolutely necessary to complete road abandonment work. None of these trees that may need to be removed are large enough to provide suitable nesting habitat for spotted owls. Trees to be felled will be left on site.

All roads are under the forest canopy and cannot be seen from any gorge viewpoints. All soil disturbance will be minimized and restricted to soils that have been disturbed in the past.

**Application Checklist: the following is required to complete your application:**

- Application form completed and signed
- Site Plan
- Key viewing areas checklist (attached)
- Names and addresses of adjacent property owners within 200 feet of parcel
- Any additional information as required:

**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 those sites which can be seen from your property.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Columbia River Highway             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington State Route 14             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy River                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Route 142                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Women's Forum State Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Route 141                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crown Point                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook-Underwood Road                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rooster Rock State Park                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Mountain Trail                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah Falls                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beacon Rock                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larch Mountain                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Horn  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway I-84, including rest stops          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Columbia River                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonneville Dam Visitor Centers              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest Trail Oregon Highway 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sherrard Point on Larch Mountain            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rowena Plateau/Nature Conservancy Viewpoint |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larch Mountain Road                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wyeth Bench Road                            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Road 1230 (Old WA St. Route 14)      |   |

**Forest Practice SITE PLAN:** A plan drawn in black ink at a scale of 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 forest practice 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.

Use a copy of an aerial photo to show units, rock sources, natural features, roads, skid trails, landings, etc.

**At a minimum, you must show the following features:**

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



For Your Information:

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