

intervene in that" [land sale]. . . and, "we have some tentative interest in acquiring particularly the part that's inside the river boundary. However, it's highly unlikely that we would acquire and in any long term way maintain the full parcel." (p.6) Columbia Gorge Audubon Society asked them to intervene on that land sale, the Forest Service apparently had no knowledge of it before we brought it to their attention, and that is not the worst interpretation of what happened. The Forest Service should have more than a tentative interest in this land. It has already been clear-cut of marketable trees and the land is being marketed for residential development. Do we really want McMansions overlooking our Wild and Scenic River? One way this scenario could be avoided is through acquisition of a conservation easement, but the Forest Service has a history of not liking this solution. If the Weyerhaeuser property is sold for development, in all likelihood other nearby properties will be converted from forest management to residential development. Fortunately, the up-side of the Forest Service failure to conduct proper reviews and studies brings into question the wisdom of ignoring the Alternative 2 boundary proposal (that includes much of Weyerhaeuser's property), especially since that land is now facing the likelihood of residential development, which would have a huge impact on the ORVs in the Management Corridor.

Although it was not included in this story, just down river another Forest Service disaster is unfolding. PacifiCorp's Condit Dam was removed in 2011. That portion of the river had not been included in the Wild and Scenic River corridor because of the dam, but now the river runs free to it's mouth. Eight years have passed and the Forest Service has not requested Congress to bring this part of the river into the Wild and Scenic River system. It appears that the Yakama Nation may acquire PacifiCorp lands nearest to the mouth of the river, but the up-river portion of their land is in the process of being offered to leaseholders and developers. All because the Forest Service has failed to request that this section of the river be brought into the Wild and Scenic system, as it obviously should have been. They can still act on this problem, but we are betting that the Forest Service will simply continue to do nothing.

And what about the section of the river above BZ Corners to Trout Lake? The Forest Service Task Force (with all of the conflicting stakeholders on board) unanimously recommended that this section of the river be brought into the Wild and Scenic River system. A Congressionally mandated river study was completed in 1990 and the Department of Agriculture recommended that this section of the river be included in the Wild and Scenic River system; and there it has languished all these years, a situation that seems acceptable to the Forest Service, as they have done nothing to further the enactment of this portion of the river.

Columbia Gorge Audubon Society have requested that our US Senators and Representative investigate blatant Forest Service neglect and mismanagement of the White Salmon and Klickitat National Wild and Scenic Rivers. It is a little known fact that, when Congress was considering the creation of the Columbia River Gorge NSA, the Forest Service tried to avoid becoming lead management agency of the NSA (and adjoining Wild and Scenic Rivers). We believe that they knew from the outset that they