



TO: Weyerhaeuser Corporation
The Board of Directors
220 Occidental Ave. South
Seattle, WA 98104

FROM: Columbia Gorge Audubon Society
Dave Thies, President
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DATE: August 16, 2019

RE: Our request that you remove from the market 240 acres that are within and along the White Salmon Wild and Scenic River in Klickitat County, Washington.

Kind People,

First, a little history about this property. It was previously owned by Longview Fiber, and when Congress was considering Wild and Scenic River status for the White Salmon River, Longview Fiber reached a handshake agreement with the Forest Service that this land would only be used for forest management if it was kept out of the Wild and Scenic management boundaries. With this understanding, the Forest Service set the boundaries to exclude most of the land now in question. Longview Fiber honored this agreement. Perhaps even without knowing of this agreement, Weyerhaeuser has also used this land only for forest management.

But now Weyerhaeuser has listed this land with Copper West Real Estate, with offices in the Columbia River Gorge, and they are giving the option of smaller lots and are offering them for sale based on "highest and best use," two hallmarks of forest land soon to be converted to residential development.

As a timber management company, you must realize that timberland converted to residential development will never grow timber again, and that encroaching residential development may conflict with and hinder nearby timber growing operations and lead to further conversion of timber lands to residential development.

We are hopeful that, as you engage in the process of selling off your land and leaving the area, you will give some consideration to the neighbors that you are leaving behind, and for the White Salmon National Wild and Scenic River. Will you sell your land to the highest bidder, or will you think more long term, and give weight to the legacy that you will be leaving behind?

Many of us were actively involved in establishing this Wild and Scenic River 33 years ago, and we have been committed and involved every step along the way to keep this river truly wild and scenic. This letter reaching out to you is but one more step for us.