

Help is an interesting word. We have seen a lot of "help" over the years that is actually a cover-up for subverting something that really should happen. We are good at recognizing that kind of PRBS, and it is definitely not what we are looking for. Real help is, well, helpful, and it is patient and not easily put off by obstacles. Real help gets the job done.

We believe that if a billion dollar corporation such as Weyerhaeuser, and the US Forest Service, really tried to bring this property into public ownership - as it should be - it would happen. Since obstacles tend to be resolved quicker under the public spotlight, that is where we intend to keep this story as it unfolds.

We are seeking your involvement in this matter. We have awaited your reply for two months. If you really do "seek opportunities to protect areas" as you claim, now is the time to prove it. We would appreciate the courtesy of your reply.

Sincerely,

Dave Thies, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society

Copies to: US Senators Cantwell and Murray, and US Representative Herrera Butler, and the news media.