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RE: Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project

Dear Carl:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to improve the existing Lyle Falls Fishway.

The Forest Service, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, administers the Lower Klickitat Wild and Scenic River. The Lyle Falls Fishway is located within the boundaries of the Lower Klickitat Wild and Scenic River. Our primary issue with the Lyle Falls Fishway project is the consistency of the project with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Lower Klickitat River Wild and Scenic River Management Plan (river plan). My staff has provided a copy of the river plan to you.

The river plan specifically addresses potential improvement of the fish passage facility. Goal 1 (river plan page B-9) states:

> *"Improvements to the existing fish passage facility may be consistent with the intent of the Act to the extent that these enhance or reduce the potential for negative impacts to river resources. Activities related to the practice of traditional; Native American dip-net fishing – such as repair, replacement or addition of fishing platforms- are not affected."*

As the NEPA process progresses, the Forest Service will evaluate the consistency of the proposed fish passage improvement with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the river plan.

For more information, please feel free to contact Sue Bake, Wild and Scenic River Manager at , or Virginia Kelly, Planner at

Sincerely,

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