



April 14, 2016

Port of Vancouver
Board of Commissioners
3103 N.W. Lower River Road
Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Port Commissioners Wolfe, LaBrant and Oliver:

The Columbia River Gorge Commission submitted a letter to Ms. Sonia Bumpis of EFSEC on January 22, 2016 commenting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tesoro-Savage Petroleum Terminal Application No. 2013-01. We expressed our extreme concern over the proposed terminal because of the exponential increase in fossil fuel train traffic through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and the additional risk to communities and resources that would result. The Commission also passed a resolution and attached it to the letter that further expressed our concerns. Both the letter to Ms. Bumpis and the Commission's resolution on oil transport through the National Scenic Area are attached for your information.

It has come to our attention that The Port of Vancouver is considering lease options with Tesoro-Savage Petroleum. While considering whether or not to renew the lease, we hope you take into account the Gorge Commission's deep concerns regarding the increase in oil by rail that would result if the Tesoro-Savage Vancouver Energy Project moved forward. We know many communities within the National Scenic Area such as the Stevenson, Hood River, Mosier, Washougal, as well as the Skamania Fire District, have all encouraged you to end the lease with Tesoro Savage. The Gorge Commission must protect the National Scenic Area to meet the goals of the National Scenic Area Act and strongly supports the position of the communities within the Columbia River Gorge and the concerns they also expressed to the Port of Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director
Columbia River Gorge Commission