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Bike/Pedestrian Crossing on the Bridge of the Gods- Endorsement Letters

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Hello,

The Port of Cascade Locks is currently in the process of putting together a proposal and application to submit to the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for funding to build a Bike/Pedestrian structure on the Bridge of the Gods. We are aware that such a structure would greatly improve pedestrian safety and access at the Bridge of the Gods, which is the Oregon/Washington link of the Pacific Crest Trail. The proposal we are working on will be submitted the first week of March and we are hopeful that the 1st phase of our projected is selected for funding. This first phase would provide for around a million dollars for the planning study.

Most of you have been involved in prior Bike/Pedestrian stakeholder meetings and have a good background with this project. Included in our proposal will be a list of all of our supporting agencies with this project. Attached is a copy of the standardized endorsement letter which we are giving out to potential supporters. The document can be copied and pasted to a letterhead for your convenience. If anyone has questions or needs more information on the project, please ask. I am hoping to have these support letters back from supporting agencies in the next 4 or 5 weeks. Also feel free to pass this letter along to other organizations that you feel appropriate. Thanks for your continued support in this exciting project!

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