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Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

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Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

It is with great pleasure that the Pacific Crest Trail Association supports to the Port of Skamania County in their effort to restore the bank and trail on the Columbia River in downtown Stevenson, Washington.

Hikers and equestrians come from all over the world to enjoy the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. In particular, the place where the PCT passes through the Gorge is renowned for its rich concentration of world-class trails. Stevenson is therefore a hub for trail-lovers, and Stevenson's waterfront path is an important part of that trail system.

It was a tremendous loss to the community when the trail that had existed eroded into the Columbia River. From pre-Columbian natives to the early pioneers and Lewis and Clark to the modern recreational trail hiker, the area of Skamania County has been a community of trail users. Restoring this trail is vital to promote trail tourism and recreation in the City of Stevenson and the surrounding area.

Therefore, please approve the grant requested by the Port of Skamania County and help us to maintain our trail culture and heritage.

Sincerely,

Dana Berthold
Regional Representative
Pacific Crest Trail Association