



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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The Honorable Dan Erickson
Wasco County Judge
511 Washington Street, Ste. 302
The Dalles, OR 97058-2237

William Dick, Chairman
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
5000 Discover Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058

Dear Judge Erickson and William Dick:

Your letter requesting the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center project be designated as an Oregon Solutions project has just come to my attention. After reviewing your letter and the assessment conducted by the Oregon Solutions staff, I agree that the project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives, and by this letter I am designating this project as an Oregon Solutions project. I am appointing Keith Mobley and Todd Davidson as the co-conveners who will lead a team of public, private and civic partners toward innovative solutions to address the objectives outlined in the project assessment.

As the official interpretive center for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center is an important asset cherished by many. Both Oregonians and visitors to our state can learn more about the fascinating physical and cultural history of the Columbia River Gorge while enjoying the phenomenal natural beauty of the area. There is great potential to capitalize on the existing partnerships that currently support the Center, while fostering new partners to help sustain this wonderful resource for the future.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you bring together the potential partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address the opportunity at hand. By integrating and leveraging investments, this project has the potential to strengthen the ties between the public, private and civic sectors to create lasting positive change for the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore R. Kulongoski".

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