

FOREST HIGHWAY PROJECT AGREEMENT

State: Washington

Forest Unit: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Project No. and Name: WA DOT 14(2)/CRGNSA Sign Project

Project Location: SR-14 and auxiliary routes in Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Parties to this Agreement: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (CRGNSA)
and
Port of Skamania County

Purpose of this Agreement: This agreement documents the intent of the parties and sets forth the responsibilities of each in the development, construction and future maintenance of thematic and interpretive signs installed under project WA DOT 14(2)/CRGNSA Sign Project.

Authority: This agreement is entered into between the undersigned parties pursuant to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 204, and the Forest Highway Regulations issued jointly by the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Description of Work: See Attachment A.

Funding: Costs of project development and construction are the responsibility of CRGNSA through Federal Lands Access Program funds administered by the US Department of Transportation, Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) . Costs for maintenance of the completed facility will be the responsibility of PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY.

Project Development: CRGNSA will obtain environmental clearance and complete reviews for Consistency with the CRGNSA Management Plan where applicable. CRGNSA, through WFLHD, will obtain all necessary Federal, State and local permits. CRGNSA, through WFLHD, is responsible for contract award, preparation, and administration for thematic sign installations.

CRGNSA will seek input (assistance and approval for items such as sign type, mounting specifications, graphic layout and location of facility) from PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY throughout development of the project. PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY will participate in the project's development to the extent that its capabilities and resources permit.

Standards: Thematic signs will be designed in accordance with the Columbia River

Gorge National Scenic Area Graphic Sign System's "Sign Type Specifications and Schematic Details" developed by Meeker and Associates, 1/10/91 and adopted by the U.S. Forest Service on 10-23-91. Standards for interpretive signs will be mutually agreed to by the affected parties.

Rights-of-Way: Easements needed for signs will be acquired or provided by PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY or their agent.

Construction: As soon as practical after the plans are complete and funds are available, CRGNSA, through WFLHD, will solicit bids for thematic sign installation.

During the construction phase, CRGNSA, through WFLHD, will oversee and inspect thematic sign work to ensure a quality product. Upon completion of construction, a final inspection will be held by CRGNSA and PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY. The CRGNSA shall provide a list of products (including paint manufacture and color reference) and suppliers of products used in the manufacture of signs. If it is determined that the work has been completed in substantial conformity with the approved plans and specifications, PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY will accept signs for maintenance.

Maintenance: After acceptance, PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY shall maintain the signs at their expense and become the owner of the sign. Maintenance is defined as the preservation of the sign's appearance and structural integrity, including replacement and repair of damaged signs.

The CRGNSA will, at the request of the PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY, provide sign maintenance services. PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY will reimburse the CRGNSA for all costs for such services and necessary materials purchased by CRGNSA.

Amendments to the Project Agreement: This Project Agreement may be modified by mutual agreement of the affected parties.

This agreement shall be effective as of the ____ day of _____, ____.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA**

By: _____
Donna Mickley
Forest Supervisor

Date: _____

PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY

By: _____
Pat Albaugh
Executive Director

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A
TO FOREST HIGHWAY PROJECT AGREEMENT

Project Sign List

WA-20 Beacon Rock Golf Course
WA-30 Skamania Port Waterfront

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