

VICTOR ATIYEH
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August 8, 2011

Jill Arens
Columbia River Gorge Commission
P.O. Box 730
White Salmon, Washington 98672

Dear Friends,

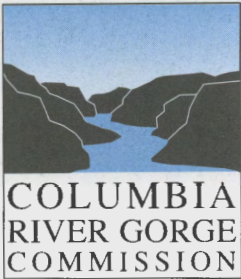
It is with very real regret that I am unable to join all of you in celebration of the 25th anniversary commemoration of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (that is a lot of words but each one is deserved). As it turned out I had three important events on the same day—Saturday August 13. It would work out for me to be at two—our 25th anniversary and the major fund raiser of the museum at Warm Springs where I am a board member. However, it was the third that was of longer standing and in the opposite direction.

The passage of the Scenic Act was a moment in Oregon history that will assure those yet unborn to see the same awesome beauty that our eyes behold today. In addition to your work and loyalty I take pride to have been alive to start and finally see the act become a reality. Senator Mark Hatfield did the heavy lifting in Congress and I am positive he managed to accomplish this because of his stature and respect among his colleagues. It is so very sad he cannot now hear our grateful thanks.

My passion for the gift nature gave to us in the grandeur of the Gorge began over seventy years ago and has not waned in the years that followed. I am proud to be among all of you who saw the future and claimed it for those yet to come.

Very Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh



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August 22, 2011

Governor Victor Atiyeh
519 SW Park Avenue, Suite 208
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

On behalf of the Columbia River Gorge Commission I want to thank you for your thoughtful and kind letter regarding the 25th Anniversary of the National Scenic Area Act. A portion of your letter was read to the audience at the Recognition Event at Skamania Lodge, and it was warmly received.

Your awe of the beauty of the Gorge and your passion in protecting the resources and assisting economic vitality are evident in your writing.

Thank you again for contributing to a successful 25th Anniversary Event, as well as your support for the last 25 years.

Regards,

Jill Arens
Executive Director

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Norm Dicks, Congressman
Ron Wyden, Senator

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF

National Scenic Area Treaty Tribes of
Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs
and Yakama

Vic Atiyeh, Oregon Governor
Les AuCoin, Congressman
Don Bonker, Congressman
Rod Chandler, Congressman
Dan Evans, Senator
Tom Foley, Congressman
Booth Gardner, Washington
Governor

Slade Gorton, Senator
Mark O. Hatfield, Senator
Sid Morrison, Congressman
Bob Packwood, Senator
Bob Smith, Congressman
Denny Smith, Congressman
Al Swift, Congressman
Jim Weaver, Congressman
Nancy Russell, founder of the Friends
of the Columbia Gorge

The 25th Anniversary Committee invites you to a

RECOGNITION RECEPTION

to acknowledge and celebrate
the dedicated individuals who worked
tirelessly for the passage of the
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act
and the achievements that have followed

Saturday, August 13, 2011
2:00 - 3:30pm
Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington

Following the reception and short program, journey with us
to the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum
below the lodge to enjoy a Traditional Blessing
led by Chief Davis Washines

Reception at Skamania Lodge
1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way
Stevenson, WA 98648

Traditional Blessing at
Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum
990 SW Rock Creek Drive
Stevenson, WA 98648

Local food, wine and beer provided

RSVP by Friday, July 22nd to
Phaedra Booth at ptbooth@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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West Columbia Gorge Chamber of
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District
Travel Oregon
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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish
Commission
Gorge Guide Magazine
Peter Marbach, Gorge Photographer
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Yakama Nation
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
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Oregon Department of Transportation
Columbia Gorge Community College
Oregon State Parks
Hood River County

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October 20, 2011

**Jill Arens
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Dear Jill,

Some time ago I sent you a copy of the agreement between Governor Spellman of Washington and myself that ignited the reality of national legislation creating the Columbia River Gorge Commission. As you all know it was Senator Hatfield who carried the heavy load in Congress. You have the copy and the original will go in my archives at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

I only repeat the above to make a distinction between that agreement and the *original* I enclose today. This little note paper records (in my hand) the precise time the commission measure became a reality after too many years of hoping. A small piece of paper that meant so much!!!

I do this to show my confidence and high regard to all of you who have guided the intent and purpose of protecting a natural gift like no other in America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Atiyeh", written over a horizontal line.

Victor Atiyeh

(I am making a copy of this record on the back of this letter to assure the provenance)

Victor Atiyeh
GOVERNOR OF OREGON



COLUMBIA RIVER COLLEGE BILL PASSED
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCT. 16, 1986

DURING ROLL VOTE THE MAGIC #
OF 218 AYE VOTES OCCURRED @
2:50 PM (PDT)

OCT 16 1986
Governor Atiyeh