

SDS CO. LAND EXCHANGE  
WHITE SALMON WILD & SCENIC RIVER  
GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST & COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is studying a proposal for the land exchange described below. We invite your comments regarding this proposal. Please submit your written comments to the Area Manager, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031 by August 15, 1997. If you have questions, please contact Cynthia Swanson, Realty Specialist at 541-386-2333.

FACTS ABOUT THE EXCHANGE PROPOSAL

Proponent: SDS Co, Bingen, Washington

Proposal: To exchange approximately 803 acres of SDS Co. lands for 1,582 acres of National Forest System lands, equalized for market value.

Approximately 723 acres of SDS lands located within the White Salmon Wild & Scenic River, Klickitat County, WA and 80 acres near Hood River, in Hood River County, OR within the Columbia River Gorge NSA - General Mgt. Area would become publicly owned. The White Salmon lands would become a part of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest; the Hood River lands a part of the Mt. Hood National Forest. Administration for these lands would be the responsibility of the Columbia River Gorge NSA. Lands would be managed under the direction of the White Salmon W&SR Mgt. Plan primarily for public recreation and protection of visual resources and wildlife habitat. Hood River lands would remain GMA - Open Space.

Approximately 1,582 acres of National Forest System lands, all within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Klickitat and Skamania Counties, WA, would become privately owned. The federal parcels are more specifically located near Augsberger Mtn. and northwest of Willard in Skamania County, and east of Guler Mtn. in Klickitat County. Intended management of these lands by SDS Co. would be for timber production.

