Dear Friends,

For the second consecutive year, our annual report comes amidst gloomy economic times. But also for the second consecutive year, Friends of the Columbia Gorge zigged when the world zagged, and the results are more lands protected, more trails opened, and more people inspired.

If this past year has taught Friends anything, it is that when people are asked to step up – even in hard times – they usually do. Examples of this include:

• Nearly 2,500 members, activists, and elected leaders submitted comment letters through our specific campaigns to protect the Gorge;

• More than 240 volunteers answered phones, entered data, planned events, staffed outreach tables, led hikes, cleared brush, and pulled weeds for Friends;

• Record numbers of members and supporters attended our annual meeting and summer picnic;

• An anonymous donor launched a $50,000 matching challenge for our “Step Up for the Gorge” campaign;

• Other anonymous Friends supporters purchased Gorge land as conservation buyers to protect critical habitat and scenic landscapes.

The year was not entirely without setbacks, but 30 years of weathering political storms and economic turbulence has taught us to keep the long view. The Gorge’s spectacular beauty is the result of thousands of years of colliding natural forces, volcanic eruptions, and epic glacial floods. The product of powerful geologic upheaval, the Gorge brings new meaning to the term “grace under pressure.”

Protecting the Columbia Gorge is our passion, and continued protection will only come with dogged diligence, supported by more and more people stepping up and doing what they can. When we compare the thousands of years of cataclysmic drama that created the Gorge to the mere 25 years since the National Scenic Area protections were enacted, our optimism soars. This remarkable quarter century has set the wheels in motion to ensure that the majesty of the Columbia Gorge will endure for thousands of years into the future.

Today, the Columbia Gorge is recognized nationally and internationally as a world-class landscape. Tomorrow, who knows? We do know that, with your support, Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust will be here to protect this national treasure.

Kevin Gorman  Bob Hansen  Aubrey Russell
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Friends of the Columbia Gorge & Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust
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Cover: A December sunrise in the Columbia Gorge. Photo: David M. Cobb / dmcobbphoto.com
2009-2010 Conservation Advocacy and Legal Accomplishments

Political advocacy. Legal action. Citizen involvement.

Expanding Recreation Opportunities
In December 2009, the U.S. Forest Service officially added the Cape Horn Trail to its trail system. More than two decades of land acquisition efforts and years of trail planning with Friends and other community organizations have produced one of the Gorge's most outstanding trails.

Defending the Columbia Gorge Compact
Amid budget deficits and efforts to eliminate state programs, Washington’s House of Representatives voted to repeal the Columbia Gorge Compact, the joint management agreement with Oregon and the federal government to protect the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Friends worked diligently with our allies in the Washington Senate, especially Sen. Craig Pridemore (D-49), to block the bill, which Governor Gregoire was poised to veto. Kudos to our friends of the Gorge in Olympia!

Protecting Gorge Ecosystems
In 2010, Friends joined forces with the Yakama Nation and environmental groups to block an ill-conceived plan to ship 150,000 tons of garbage annually across the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii, through the Columbia Gorge to a Klickitat County landfill. After a judge temporarily halted shipping, the U.S. Department of Agriculture withdrew its support and the City of Honolulu dropped the plan.

Ensuring Wildlife Habitat Protection
This year, Friends successfully challenged a cluster development in Skamania County that failed to protect open spaces and sensitive wildlife habitat. Clustered residential development can be an effective tool for preserving open spaces and habitat, but it is also ripe for exploitation. Our success protects prime habitat for the threatened western gray squirrel.

Mixed Outcomes
In July 2009, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled in favor of Friends’ lawsuit contesting Gorge Commission revisions to the Gorge Management Plan. One year later, the Gorge Commission removed offending language that allowed expansion of industrial uses. The Commission also adopted rules for evaluating cumulative effects, which is a step in the right direction, but the rules are poorly written and probably inconsistent with the Scenic Area Act. Finally, the Commission voted to revise the Management Plan to actually prohibit protection of important geologic resources in the Gorge. This issue is likely to return to the courts in the coming year.
Outreach and Volunteer Programs

Friends' programs encourage new Gorge enthusiasts and long-time supporters to enjoy, explore, and learn about the Gorge, and become actively engaged in protection efforts. Here are some highlights of our accomplishments this year:

- Stewardship volunteers put in 140 volunteer hours on our Land Trust properties, removing invasive plants and trash, revegetating with native species, and maintaining trails.
- Our education and outdoor recreation programs inspired 122 new Gorge lovers to become members of Friends.
- Our Vic Clausen OutdoorYouth Fund also had a strong year:
  - 90 Canyon Creek middle school students in Washougal took part in a two-day outdoor education program.
  - Partnerships with Mount St. Helens Institute and Lewis and Clark Expert Roger Wendlick were expanded.
- New partners were recruited, including the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership (LCREP) and WSU Watershed Stewards.
- We funded publication of an 80-page Washougal educator and LCREP.

Thanks to our wonderful Volunteers for the Gorge!

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A spring hike at Silver Star.  
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Land Trust

This has been a busy and successful year for Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust. We acquired new parcels, improved others, and sold another into public ownership. Highlights of our work in 2009/10 include:

**Cedar Creek Cottonwoods**
An 80-acre parcel nestled between Hamilton Mountain in Beacon Rock State Park and Aldrich Butte is our land trust’s newest property. Cedar Creek tumbles down the steep mountain and bisects the property. The property is an important piece of the wildlands patchwork that protects broader landscapes to provide winter habitat for large animals; protect salmon-bearing streams; and provide important trail connections.

**Klickitat Trail Property Sold**
In June 2010, we transferred ownership of our Klickitat Trail property to Washington State Parks. Friends members Dave and Christine Vernier bought the 27-acre parcel in 2003 to block potential development. They donated the property to our land trust in 2008, and it will eventually provide an upstream trailhead for the Klickitat Trail.

**Mosier Stewardship and Trail Planning**
Stewardship restoration work continued on our Mosier Plateau property, and plans are coming together for a trail crossing the plateau, offering wonderful wildflower viewing and Gorge panoramas. Plans for a trail connecting to nearby Mosier are also in the works.

**Honoring Nancy Russell’s Legacy**
With Forest Service staff and landscape architects at Portland-based Walker Macy, Friends began work to create a public overlook at Cape Horn that will honor our founder Nancy Russell. The overlook will tell the story of Nancy’s stopping a housing subdivision at Cape Horn to create the Cape Horn Trail. Dedication is tentatively scheduled for next summer, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act.

As of June 30, 2010, our land trust’s 800-plus acre holdings are protecting critical habitat and scenic landscapes on both sides of the Columbia Gorge.

**In Washington:** Washougal Oaks, Cape Horn, Cedar Creek Cottonwoods, Carson Cove, Lyle Cherry Orchard, and Dancing Rock.

**In Oregon:** Dodson-Warrendale, Dell Road, Mosier Plateau, Memaloose Overlook, and Celilo.
In the past year, while many non-profits have had to close their doors or cut back on services, Friends of the Columbia Gorge has remained financially sound due to support from our dedicated membership.

A major factor in our financial strength is that nearly 60% of our funding comes from individual contributions. Our members are passionate in their commitment to the Gorge! Given the current economy, some members have had to lower their support but others have stepped up with additional contributions. Working together, we have been able stay vigilant for Gorge protection.

Our broad base of nearly 5,000 individual supporters gives us tremendous financial stability and flexibility. We are not dependant on any single income source. We do not receive large grants or government funding. No particular individual or corporation keeps us afloat. It is the power of many individuals who care passionately about the Gorge that makes us strong.

Because membership is so important, we monitor our membership roster very closely. Our overall membership dropped 4.5% this year, yet total income from individual contributions increased by 3% from last year. These are important parameters to watch.

One especially bright spot this year is the increase in online donation activity. We are actively utilizing social networking media and many new members are finding us on the web. This includes the vitally important younger generation, who will carry the torch in times ahead when the Gorge may face even tougher battles.

This year we also continued to hear from many members who are planning their estates and wish to leave a legacy. To learn more about opportunities for planned gifts, matching gifts, and targeted donations, contact our Development department at 503-241-3762 x102. There is no better way to leave your mark for the future than protecting what you love and passing it on to coming generations.

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Hiker at Dancing Rock. Photo: Tom Nelson

Indigenous rock art. Photo: James Holloway
**Statement of Financial Position 6/30/2010**

**Assets:**
- Cash & Short-Term Investments $4,621,356
- Long-Term Investments:
  - Russell Endowment $1,977,101
  - Clausen Endowment $51,000
  - Wilson Endowment $25,106
  - Land Trust Endowment $5,000
- Other Assets $82,237
- Land & Related $4,523,196
- **Total Assets** $11,264,996

**Liabilities:**
- Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses $33,064
- Other Liabilities $2,098
- **Total Liabilities** $35,162

**Net Assets:**
- Unrestricted - Invested in Land $4,523,196
- Unrestricted - Other $4,305,257
- Temporarily Restricted $2,181,139
- Permanently Restricted $220,242
- **Total Net Assets** $11,229,834

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets** $11,264,996

**Statement of Activities**

**Revenue:**
- Memberships $241,536
- Major Donors $161,628
- Special Appeals $272,206
- Foundations $163,500
- Corporations $6,872
- Endowment Donations $7,500
- Interest & Capital Gains (Losses) $205,982
- Gain (Loss) from Sale of Land ($77,710)
- Miscellaneous Revenue $33,466
- **Total Revenue** $769,980

**Expenses:**
- Conservation $140,953
- Casino $75,904
- Legal $125,000
- Lobbying $29,445
- Land Trust $151,295
- Outreach & Outdoor Programs $163,170
- Fund Raising $197,181
- Administration $122,839
- **Total Expenses** $1,005,787

Revenue pie chart does not include losses in Statement of Activities

**Friends of the Columbia Gorge Board of Directors**


Front: Pat Wall, Cynthia Winter, Polly Wood, Maria Hall

Not pictured: Brot Bishop, Chris Beck, Ken Denis, Karen Johnson, Mark Waller

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