

Lorelei Haukness – Abstract

Presentation Title: Managing Recreation to Protect Natural Resources on National Forest System Lands in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

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Abstract (not to exceed 300 words): Increasing demand for recreational opportunities on National Forest System lands in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area has highlighted the need to manage recreational use in a manner that protects scenic, natural and cultural resources. My presentation provides a broad overview of regional visitor use trends; related impacts on cultural resources, vegetation, wildlife, and water resources; and agency-wide approaches to minimizing those impacts. I also examine several recent recreation planning efforts to underscore the unique challenges and opportunities associated with enhancing recreation opportunities while protecting scenic, natural and cultural resources in the Columbia River Gorge.