

Appendix D

REPORT ON OPEN HOUSE INPUT

**CASCADE LOCKS RESORT AND CASINO EIS
Report on Open House Input**

A. SUMMARY

Scoping open houses were held at the following dates, times and locations:

- Thursday, September 15, 2005
Port of Cascade Locks Gorge Pavilion
Marine Park, 355 Wa-Na-Pa Street;
Cascade Locks, Oregon
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 17, 2005
Port of Cascade Locks Gorge Pavilion
Marine Park, 355 Wa-Na-Pa Street;
Cascade Locks, Oregon
9:30 a.m. to Noon
- Monday, September 19, 2005
Benson High School Cafeteria
546 NE 12th Avenue; Portland, Oregon.
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 21, 2005
Hood River Inn
1108 East Marina Way; Hood River, Oregon
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 28, 2005
Rock Creek Center
710 SW Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson,
Washington
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Each open house followed a common format: The project team made either one or two presentations to provide information about the Cascade Locks Resort and Casino EIS process and answer questions from the audience. The room was set up to provide multiple opportunities for participants to receive information and provide input. Stations contained project information, maps and drawings of the proposed resort and casino. Flipcharts were set up near the information and participants were encouraged to write comments on them. Project team representatives were on hand to answer questions. Participants also could provide individual, oral comments to court reporters, who took verbatim transcripts. The table below summarizes the attendance and amount of comments received at each open house. Approximately 25% of the attendance at each open house consisted of repeat attendees.

Table 1: Open house Attendance and Amount of Comments Received

Date/ Location	Attendance	Completed Questionnaires	Court Reporter Statements	Presentation Session Questions	Written Statements
September 15 Cascade Locks	166	4	18	47	9
September 17 Cascade Locks	135	15	12	44	7

Date/ Location	Attendance	Completed Questionnaires	Court Reporter Statements	Presentation Session Questions	Written Statements
September 19 Portland	125	28	18	56	7
September 21 Hood River	121	15	10	46	6
September 28 Stevenson	127	9	12	52	4
TOTAL	674	88	70	245	33

B. QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Attendees received questionnaires, along with an open house program and Frequently Asked Questions, as they entered the room. They could either drop off completed questionnaires at drop boxes during the open house, or mail or fax them in to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Questionnaires also were distributed at other community events in the project area. A total of 88 questionnaires were completed. Responses are listed below.

1. *What are the significant issues that should be addressed in the EIS?*

Proposed Action

- Would the casino provide tourists with a “destination” point, not just a stop-over?
- Will the proposed 24,000 sq ft meeting/convention facility be used for shows, entertainment? If not to keep up with other resort/casino e.g., Spirit Mountain, Chinook Winds will a new phase for additional development be for an entertainment venue? What is “ultimate” build out for the casino/resort?
- Pro environmental planning to protect the Gorge, balanced with the mission and intended use of the casino (i.e., balance between people and environment).

Alternatives

- The option of the Casino going in Hood River rather than Cascade Locks; the wishes of the people of Cascade Locks.
- Use of non-reservation land, especially in an environmentally sensitive and vital public area shouldn't happen. Is the state being bullied – it seems like extortion.
- In considering a “no action” alternative, the following issues should be considered: 1) the impact on development potential of the Industrial Park from at-grade, RR crossing and lack of direct access to I Street (will the problems discouraging development in Cascade Locks continue?); 2) the impact on this former mill town as it tries to replace jobs lost in the 1980's with either industrial or tourist jobs if the casino jobs are rejected (economic and social impact); 3) the environmental and aesthetic impact of developing the Hood River site if the Cascade Locks casino project is rejected.

Environmental Issues

- Environmental degradation/destruction of wildlife/habitat.

- Building a large structure on fill material adjacent to a river; sewage; run-off from large asphalt parking lots.
- Sewage; salmon; traffic pollution; pollution from casino; runoff from casino into water.
- All waste/garbage be removed, properly disposed of.
- Claims of poor air quality and acid rain in the Gorge. Is that a legitimate problem? And if so, what is the real source?
- What is the expected impact on air pollution of increased traffic in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area as a result of placing a casino in Cascade Locks?
- Impacts to fish, wildlife, plants, wetlands, water and air quality. Residual impacts of all development that might result.
- Air quality. Traffic. Noise impact on hikers experiencing Gorge. Long-term impact on Oregon's primary natural attraction, the overall branding of Oregon as an eco-tourist destination.
- As far as the salmon go there is already dredging going on up and down the river.
- There must be a full disclosure of the impacts on wildlife species, including loss of habitat, fragmentation and edge affect on remaining habitat. Surveys for rare, sensitive, threatened and endangered species must be conducted.
- The EIS must disclose the potential significant impacts on air quality in the Gorge, which is already suffering from high levels of air pollution.
- The EIS must consider impacts on sensitive plant species, particularly those endemic to the Gorge.
- Air pollution from increased traffic. Impacts on existing water quality. Impacts on wildlife. Potential to preserve, restore, recreate wildlife habitat and wetland areas.
- Negative impacts on Herman Creek fish runs and the popular steelhead fishery at the creek mouth (angler access is currently at the proposed casino site). Adequacy of sewage disposal and treatment. Impacts, direct and indirect, upon Pacific Crest Trail. Aesthetic impacts (scenic, etc.) Noises, and air and water pollution. Riparian and other vegetation impacts, wildlife impacts. Expected increase in fire danger (surrounding area). Flood and dam rupture implications.
- Air quality – traffic. Flora and fauna, natural resources. Traffic. Consistency with intent of National Scenic Area. Wetlands.
- Air quality; parking run off.
- Impact on water, air, species, habitats.
- The Golden Aluminum plant—was it located in the scenic area, and if so, what comparison can be made between the two businesses? The environmental impact standards equally apply.
- Traffic, air pollution, excess paving over of land.
- Anything that goes into the river as a result of the casino needs to be addressed.
- Please study the net impact on traffic and related pollution when most of employed residents from the Gorge communities do not have to make so many trips out of the Gorge to go to work, to the doctor, to do banking, and utilize other services.
- Ground stability; if it's all rock underneath no problem.
- From what information they have shared, it appears that the design has considered potential issues such as “parking lot run off.” The Native Americans were the first environmentalists.
- The willingness of the Tribe and City to do everything within our ability to maintain and enhance existing natural resources, fish and wildlife.

- It is important to catalogue all of the ways, direct and ancillary, that this resort can benefit the long-term environmental condition, as compared to likely alternative uses for this land (i.e., smokestack industry, etc.). It is also important to consider all of the ways, direct and ancillary, that siting this resort on other tribal lands would result in detrimental environmental impacts that could have been avoided by siting the facility in this more appropriate site. The current unhealthy economy of the Cascade Locks area should be examined from both the environmental and socio-economic/socio-psychological aspects to assess ways that this project will actually serve to heal current “ills” rather than creating new ones. Assess the beneficial cultural, economic, environmental impacts this project promises to bring to the entire Gorge/Mt. Hood region.

Visual Impacts

- Visual impact on the scenic nature of the Gorge.
- Visual impact on the Scenic Area--views from Stevenson, Highway 14, I-84, Pacific Crest Trail, etc.
- Light-spill from facility and surface parking lots.
- I would like to know what the visual impact will be from the Washington side, i.e., evening lights, skylight strobes, etc? What will it look like from a boat? How obtrusive will it or they be?

Transportation System

- Traffic congestion.
 - Including upon the Bridge of the Gods.
 - Increase in DWI and traffic accidents.
- There is already enough traffic in the area. The congestion caused by the casino would present extreme problems.
- Long-term effect of casino on Gorge, especially traffic and roads.
- Traffic flow.
- Access to the Gorge for family recreational purposes.
- Traffic impact on local community and I-84.
- What impacts will there be on the Historic Columbia River Highway historic district? Will the proposed interchange interfere with continuity of the Historic Columbia River Highway, particularly for bicyclists? Will traffic impact level of services on I-84?
- Traffic impacts of vehicles from employees and visitors. Do full traffic study and transportation demand management plan to reduce use of single occupancy vehicles.
- Different methods of transportation to and from proposed casino/resort.
- A possible railroad overpass bridge, so that there is access without delay, and a road that goes through town so there is more than one entrance. Exits.
- Study types [of transportation] – if resort/casino brings 3 million visitors (where did that number come from?) – not all would come in individual cars. Study buses, trains, boats, etc. So what is real impact on I-84?
- Using public transportation as an alternative to automobiles (which cause congestion, air pollution, noise pollution).
- Please consider the local jobs will reduce traffic by commuters that have to leave town to work. Consider local traffic on Forest Lane, the link from the industrial park to Cascade Lock business district.

- When studying traffic, also consider the reduction in trips made by area residents to facilities, stores and services not currently available in this area (banking, shopping, doctors, etc.), which would probably locate here with the economic improvement brought by the resort/casino project.
- Traffic plan.
- All the projected problems can and would be taken care of – parking for one – and more traffic. It certainly would never be as dangerous as Hwy 18 or Hwy 26 near Mt. Hood.

Economics

- The growth that is projected has been planned for over the past eight years. We have a sewer with a capacity three times what we currently use. Hence, a town of already financially stressed citizens carry that financial burden. Financed by state and federal grants and low interest loans this project required many studies to justify the size of the new sewer. We have a Comp Plan that projects the required growth to sustain our community. The zoning was a long drawn out process and conservationist were notified at every step. If there were issues with this growth projection, there were 4 years of legal opportunity to be heard. In spite of legal notification there was no outside comment. We are the first city in the Scenic Area and we have been sadly ignored as we struggle from poverty. Our school is at risk. Twice it was almost closing due to falling numbers. More families will protect our school and allow the curriculum to be expanded. Our history would be complete with the return of Warm Springs to the river and their role culturally will enrich us. We, Cascade Locks, deserve the opportunity to become healthy and as wonderful as our surrounding area. We reflect on the success of the entire Scenic Act. If we're not able to survive, the Scenic Act will be a failure.
- The casino will create many good paying jobs and is a non-polluting business. The Tribes, Cascade Locks and Hood River County suffer from high unemployment and low family incomes. The casino will be a significant economic boost to the Tribes and the local community. The casino may bring people to the Gorge who would not otherwise come. They may experience the Gorge's beauty when they visit.
- Quality jobs for this area.
- First and foremost, what will the economic impact be on non tribal residents of the area if the casino is built?
- This has been planned for by both the City and the Port. We have sophisticated, well educated administrators, and new plans including downtown plan, transportation plan, development code and more. We have been planning for "rapid growth" for years. We need it to survive. Without it we stand to lose schools and the businesses still hanging on.
- Need for family waged jobs in the Gorge. Are the people of the Gorge better off without a large employer.
- Economics are the big issue. I have lived in Cascade Locks since 1957. There were three operating sawmills, many more employees at Bonneville until they automated many jobs. People had to live here to work for the state highway, the City, and the Port (now they can live anywhere). The teachers and workers at the school did too and it was a viable working community. There were boom times during construction of I84 and additions to the dam. Laws changed. When people no longer had to live here the whole economic infrastructure suffered. Similar events have happened to the Warm Spring Nation with forests fires destroying their mill and timber.

- #1 great need for economic development in City of Cascade Locks. The spotted owl issue closed saw mills – modern tech limited jobs at Bonneville Dam providing another source of stable-paying jobs with good benefits – the I-84 – bypassed the city – thus small independent merchants lost business and closed. The environmental impact has closed many avenues of development. However Cascade Locks is not included in the Scenic Gorge jurisdiction as it's an incorporated city. But this does not preclude that it is not sensitive to wanting to keep the Gorge beautiful (yet) economically healthful with social and economic benefits, i.e., better job opportunities, a better school and keep in town so students do not have to be bussed 1 hr east on icy snowy roads in the winter. There's a need for more paid fire rescue personnel as there are accidents that occur from hikers, climbers and boating and freeway accidents. The social mix was much better when educators, professional and merchants lived in town. The Friends of the Gorge want to tie up this area as their exclusive playground (Gorge area) and the hell with how others survive or are trying to survive in the Gorge. They have blinders on when it comes to this development. This development will be an asset and will not, in my opinion, play havoc.
- The need of the City of Cascade Locks, OR and the citizens is the most pressing.
- Economic impact on both City of Cascade Locks and surrounding communities and the Warm Springs tribal members; comparison of more heavy industrial uses on this property versus casino usage; comparison of job capacities between potential from other industries versus the casino.

Social Issues

- Having a casino so near Portland would exacerbate gambling problems—those with a predilection toward excess gambling would be easily able to access this casino with all the resulting problems for themselves and the community.
- What is the current trend of existing casinos? I.e., what are the positive and negative affects? Gambling isn't healthy, nor does it promote healthy living and if the only benefit of the project is money then there must be a better means to make money.
- Problem gambling.
- The negative social and economic impacts of gaming (e.g., domestic violence, alcoholism, gambling addiction, etc.).
- Destructive nature of gambling casinos for families.
- The creation of a Las Vegas-type cultural environment that, for the most part, negatively impacts the psyche and would diminish appreciation and careful stewardship of the magnificent Columbia River Gorge.
- Increases in crime, auto accidents, gambling addiction, and other negative socio-economic impacts. Gorge, and Proposed Gorge wilderness.
- The effects on public health, both physical and emotional. Take a look at other casinos that have already been built and give the progress on positive effects on reducing poverty.
- Social; moral [impacts].
- Crime; increase in poverty.
- The human benefit that is allowing the merging of cultures, i.e., unity through diversity. The fact that this proposal allows for a family and corporate destination complex including a facility for others to gather including a destination resort, interpretive center and convention center.

- Community involvement and benefit. Would white culture have the same concerns for this industrial area if Nike, Dow Chemical, Hilton Hotel, or any other major corporations were building in this area?

Alternative Uses of Site

- What will the impact of a 25 acre steel mill or any other mill? What if there were 3 million people coming to an amusement park?
- Would the environmental impacts be greater from a casino or from an industrial/manufacturing industry employing the same number of workers?
- The alternate usages of Industrial Park if low profile casino is not approved including air pollution facts like 37% of all pollution being created by 12% of all vehicles i.e., diesel and that 350 miles of car pollution is the same emissions as mowing one lawn. Please let me know if you need copies of these studies.
- The land use is already an industrial site. The development of a destination/casino resort has less impact than an industrial activity.
- If not the tribal resort than what other [use] would be allowed? A “wood barn” company stores with 3500 parking stalls? A metals refinery? A “ware mart” terminal with 250 trucks per day? A wind farm? On a jobs per sq. ft. basis the tribal resort may be the best deal.
- Other options for the area that may be non-viable.

Infrastructure/Induced Growth

- Impact of increased traffic and air pollution in Gorge. Impact of influx of workers in an area that lacks room to grow and lacks adequate housing. Who will provide fire and police protection? Who will be responsible for road repair on I-84? Such as heavy traffic load will certainly have a negative effect on a road that is already heavily traveled. Congestion is already a problem. The Gorge attracts many visitors because of its unique scenic appeal. How will a casino of this magnitude affect the scenic beauty and outdoor opportunities of the Gorge? What will the impact be on Bonneville Dam which provides power to the entire area?
- Stresses on existing infrastructure.
- Long term impact to the area, such as other development, which will be opened up by this decision.
- I would hope someone with connection to the EIS would consult with school district officials. We are concerned about the potential rapid growth of Cascade Locks School. Currently, the school property is not large enough to build more facilities. We may not be able to pass bond levies fast enough to accommodate growth.
- What effect will induced growth have on the local school (It needs 100 more students to be self funded)? Will it provide any additional funding for the school – over basic school support?
- Timing of additional growth and impacts e.g., traffic, etc. For our normal highway projects we use a 20 year design horizon, what type of horizon year will the BIA resort/casino EIS consider?

Land Use

- Appropriate use of the land in a National Scenic Area. Why is illegal gambling, a vice, allowed to Native Americans on non-reservation land?
- Validity of “off-reservation” casino and other business.
- Land use both inside Cascade Locks and the National Scenic Area.

Effects on National Scenic Area

- It is important to acknowledge that the casino site is an urban area, which under the Scenic Act is reserved for development. This project is not being proposed in a protected area. The property is an industrial site, meant to make jobs.
- A large casino building is not in keeping with the bucolic nature of the scenery we are seeking to preserve. The Columbia Gorge needs to be preserved for future generations.
- Impact on the natural, cultural, historic beauty of the Columbia Gorge.
- The cumulative impacts of the public perception of the Gorge currently it is that of scenic beauty/nature. Heavy use as a gaming site could affect the public image as a place of indoor gaming rather than outdoor recreation and scenery. In extremes, over time it could lead to the Gorge having more gaming, etc. and the site becoming like Las Vegas. Could anyone have envisioned Las Vegas's development as recently as 60 years ago (end of WWII)?
- Flying in the face of the National Scenic Act.
- The Gorge is a national treasure and one of the many reasons I am pleased to call Portland my home. With its unique beauty, ecology and protective legislation, there are a number of significant impacts on the Gorge that must be considered. The EIS must honestly and comprehensively disclose the visual and noise impacts of the proposed action. Are these impacts in line with the requirements of the Gorge Act?
- Impact to Scenic Area. Impact of Bridge of Gods.
- Provisions of the Scenic Area Management Plan despite exempt status. The future of Cascade Locks and a comprehensive economic development study in tandem with this reaction to an "opportunity/liability." The purpose and need seems trumped up – "seeking to maximize revenues."

Cultural Issues

- Tribal history—rights to the land based on 10,000 years of history; predisposition of the Tribes to protect the environment.
- If the current "policy" is to have one casino per tribe, will this break that policy or will the Warm Springs Tribe shut down the Kah-nee-ta Casino?

Miscellaneous

- Who is paying for the EIS?
- Is this proposed casino in violation of federal law?
- None. There are no issues that have not already been addressed.
- Need of a casino. Do we really need it? What and how much say does the City of Cascade Locks have? Remember 10 years ago the experts predicted a growth of 400,000 new people to Metro area, well they were way short. So why not build a casino. The humans are coming anyway.
- The dollar becomes the bottom line at the expense of other values.
- How the State Compact and Local Government Agreements with the Tribes have already addressed and made plans to mitigate the majority of the legitimate impacts of the project and also made provisions for enhancing the social and economic status of the communities involved – Cascade Locks area and the Warm Springs community. How communities in Oregon that have Indian casinos feel about the impacts – don't look at Atlantic City or Michigan.

2. What alternatives to the proposed resort and casino development should be considered?

None

- The true and real legal rights of the Tribes to site this facility on forested land near Hood River should be confirmed so all parties can better understand that the Cascade Locks site truly is the best option. The continued downslide of the local economy in Cascade Locks, coupled with the constant high ranking for Hood River County in the state and region in terms of unemployment numbers, needs to be addressed in terms of “what would happen here if the casino isn’t built?” Will other, equally significant revenue sources, i.e., if not this, then what? Consider the hugely negative cultural result of not approving this proposal, in light of the cultural history of the Tribes in Oregon, and particularly in the Columbia River Gorge.
- This is the best location for the casino, based on the percentage of people who support this location living in Cascade Locks and the cultural and historical impacts of the Warm Springs Tribes; no other alternative.
- I don’t see that there are any alternatives. The Warm Springs Tribe has the legal right to a casino in the Gorge. If not on the site in Cascade Locks (a site of vacant land which was slated for heavy industrial development) then they will develop their pristine lands on the hillside in the National Scenic Area.
- The casino is a good option.
- I believe this is the alternative. This proposal has been relocated to the Industrial Park from Gov. Island. Certainly a resort development developed according to science, is a better use for this land than the state acknowledged heavy industrial development it was slated for.
- The Cascade Lock resort is the best alternative to the Reservation location.
- None. Cascade Locks is an excellent location.
- This is the best alternative. Over the past years, they (the Warm Springs and Gorge communities) have considered a number of other sites already. This is the best alternative.
- No alternatives. Cascade Locks is the most ideal location.
- There has to be a compromise. Please consider that they built their roads and railroads right over Indian trails. No treaty was signed. They went on through. For our people it would be like coming home. We dwelled up and down that river. It’s time.
- N/A. I full support this site.
- No alternatives could provide the economic impact needed by the economic depressed city of Cascade Locks. This is the development needed for a bright future for Cascade Locks.
- At this time there isn’t any proposals to consider, the Port and City have tried to get industries to develop here. There has been a number of companies wanting to come in but none were able to raise the capital to build with.
- Any other ideas will bring either as much traffic or more pollution. Most of the towns in the Gorge live on tourism. These towns will continue to pus this issue and the people will come anyway. Why punish Warm Springs because of more traffic?

- This is the best option, everyone, including the Tribes, would like to see the Hood River site be preserved. The sentiment of Cascade Locks is that this is a partnership of two communities with many needs.
- None. A well designed casino, with thoughtful traffic planning, architecture, lighting and parking will have lower impact on the Gorge than an industrial park with multiple buildings and tenants (vs. one good tenant).
- Cascade Locks is the obvious choice, I believe this because as former mayor of Cascade Locks I can honestly testify that we have spent 5+ years planning, viewing 3 different sites and still coming to the conclusion that Cascade Locks is the obvious choice.
- I believe the casino is the best possible use for the sight proposed in Cascade Locks. It was possibly heavy industrial. Any manufacturing would have greater environmental impacts and wouldn't encourage other good growth or create as many jobs. Or put 17 percent back into the area.
- As a person who has sat on many committees for the city and port who has tried to find alternate dinner bucket jobs we have run out of options. Every lead we had was shot down by people who neither live here nor pay taxes here.
- This resort/casino can add/not detract from the development of Skamania Lodge, North Bonneville Hotel and Spa and the new development in Carson, WA gold and spa and hotel. Why is it these projects have the blessings and we get only the negative response? I have no alternative suggestions as I think a resort/casino with a museum would be most beneficial and provide employment for many different people.
- I don't see that any are necessary except I'd rather see a parking structure (2-3 levels) to accommodate the parking needs rather than take up all of the surrounding open spaces.

On-Reservation Locations

- Casino on reservation.
- "Revamp" the Kah-nee-ta casino. It is not true that the casino will be hidden from I-84. It will be a huge impact on the land and the town (neither positive) not to mention an eyesore in the middle of such pristine nature.
- Why couldn't the Warm Springs Tribe locate their new and improved casino by US 26 or US 97 on Reservation land? This should improve their business.
- Expanding the existing Warm Springs casino; improving access; added marketing. In other words, revitalize the existing Warm Springs casino.
- Place the casino near the highway in Warm Springs. No casino anywhere within the Columbia Gorge. A much smaller casino than is being proposed.
- On-reservation casino at Warm Springs. Tribal land on Highway #26. Significantly smaller facility in Cascade Locks. The Hood River site is outside of an urban area, has no access to infrastructure and on steep slopes. It is not a feasible alternative and would be in violation of the Scenic Act.
- Enlarge existing casino. The damage is already done when there is an existing casino. Please do not spread this problem throughout this region, especially this peaceful special area.
- Use reservation land – responsibly.
- The proposal is to leave the reservation to build a casino with a decision by BIA (Trust). The Alternative to this proposal is to stay on the reservation and build a casino – not needing a BIA Trust decision – e.g., near Madras.

- Ideally, such a facility should be placed in Madras, on reservation land, allowing tribal employees to live in their home communities and keeping salaries within the tribe. With its proximity to Bend, Madras could benefit from the tourist trade without impacting a unique and fragile scenic area.

Hood River Site

- The Hood River site.
- Whether the Hood River site is really a feasible alternative, both legally and construction-wise; and if so, what would the traffic, scenic area and Historic River Hwy impacts be for that site.
- The Hood River site is not a good alternative. People in Hood River are generally opposed to a Hood River casino (but not a Cascade Locks casino). The Tribes land is a protected area under the Scenic Act, and is not a good fit with the surrounding area, where there are trails, and which is not developed.

Portland Area

- Put it in Portland. That is really the most reasonable alternative.
- A casino in Portland in exchange for a baseball stadium.
- Consider alternative locations such as Portland, which already has infrastructure in place.
- Placement of a casino in Portland where transportation access is favorable (on Max, Interstate, bus, etc.). (If you can do “fee to trust” elsewhere, you can do it in Portland.)
- Put it in Portland not in the heart of CRWSA.
- Consider a multi-tribe revenue-sharing casino in Portland, since there is the population you wish to draw to the casino. An urban casino would not have the negative impact on the Gorge that a Cascade Locks or Hood River casino would have.
- Can the tribal development rights be conferred to a riverboat (or two) that moves from Cascade Locks to PDX or Hood River to PDX? A site (Brownfield) in Portland.
- A new location. Some alternatives given similar financial and economic areas are Scappoose.
- Relocating present casino to a more accessible place along Rt#26. Casino at Delta Downs Park area.

Alternative Uses

- Both the positive and negative alternatives should be considered, i.e., what if a pulp mill goes in instead of the casino? What if a racetrack goes in? Etc.
- The negative impacts that heavy industry in the same location would have in this small community and the possibility that heavy industry might become automated and create pollution and eyesore while not creating jobs.
- Over the years little interest has been shown in the industrial park. The Tribal Resort is the best - clean industry for the park.
- Alternatives are: industrial development, light industrial, no development.
- A rail transfer center; a major distribution warehouse.
- Eco-friendly enterprises that would employ tribal members on the reservation, and capitalize on the reputation of Native Americans as stewards of the earth. One example is organic clothing, but just about any kind of product in current use is begging for an environmentally responsible alternative.

Warm Springs tribe's forests have just received FSC certification. Building on that, and extending it to other products could position the tribe to capitalize on an area that is about to boom.

- Instead of casino teaching youth ways to weave baskets, harvest goods or other typical native skills. Smaller, with more than just gambling. Information and education with art and shops.
- A resort without gaming. The land is currently zoned "RC" or resort commercial.
- How about a greenhouse complex plus nursery and resource center instead? Coupled with shops, related small business. Production of locally/organically grown fruits, vegetables and flowers to be marketed locally, in Portland and elsewhere. There could be lots of good jobs in a large project of this kind. Tourists could be attracted by a harvest festival or horticultural fairs. Shopping, dining and hotels can go along with this as well. Tribal festivals fit here also. Flowers are big business in Europe. Why not here? This would promote a healthier environment for living, better stewards of the land.
- Hotel; marina; recreational.
- Theme park for family enjoyment – well thought out, well designed, featuring Native American life in Oregon, esp. in the Gorge area.
- Scenic-related tourism, development.

Modified Proposal

- NEPA requires the agency to analyze a reasonable range of alternatives. There are numerous options that should be considered including a casino without a hotel and with a smaller parking lot involving alternative transportation options such as buses that can carry numerous passengers from Portland (which is probably where most visitors would come from). Even if a casino is the purpose of the proposed action, that does not mean a "full service" resort is necessary. The alternatives analysis should consider an alternative that includes green (sustainable) building techniques and possible green building (Leeds) certification.
- Additional—resort/hotel for guests.

No Action

- In the last thirty-plus years, nothing has been developed in this area and probably will not happen.
- Leave the beautiful, unique Gorge alone.
- Keep the Gorge as it is meant to be created.
- No more Indian casinos. We have plenty now.
- This area has many needs: housing, health care, and nutrition. Building a casino does not make a move toward serving public needs. I've always been opposed to funding schools with a tax on ignorance – gambling.

Miscellaneous

- Some plan to create more jobs in Cascade Locks and some plan to replace the 17% being donated for college educations and Gorge beautification. Also some solution to populate our 1-12 school where students will be forced to be sent on buses to Hood River.
- Will the BIA fund the programs and lost revenue if BIA does not allow project to proceed?

3. *What alternatives to the proposed transportation system improvements, including a new I-84 interchange, should be considered?*

Interchange Improvements

- The I-84 interchange would greatly improve traffic—both casino and truck traffic.
- Cascade Locks must have an interchange into the industrial park.
- I can't think of any but to build the interchange.
- Long on/off ramps able to handle heavy traffic.
- The interchange is the only improvement needed at this time. The interchange should have been done when dam was built. We have two halves to an interchange but no whole one.
- The City of Cascade Locks could definitely benefit from a full interchange to I-84. The interchange definitely needs to include a connection between the current Forest Lane Road and I-84.
- Our highway interchange system in Cascade Locks is not sufficient. We have 2-1/2 exchanges, located miles from our industrial park, on each side of downtown. Without a new complete interchange, dangerous, and noisy truck traffic must go through Cascade Locks. The need for this exchange is well documented in our acknowledged transportation plan.
- There should be two interchanges. One to enter, one to exit the casino site.
- The new overpass is critical to the future development of any new activity in the industrial park. It is a necessity.
- Full interchange at Herman Creek, no interchange at Forest Lane.
- The community of Cascade Locks needs a full interchange for #44 exit on 84, in order to be economically viable.
- The new I-84 interchange is a win win win item.
- A new interchange should be linked with easy access to and from Forest Lane, which is the road leading to the city center of Cascade Locks.
- I believe the proposed addition of the interchange will be sufficient to mitigate the possible traffic problem. It may even help the traffic flow on Forest Lane.
- The proposed interchange is a good one and has been needed for a long time. As for more traffic where were the Friends of the Gorge when Portland decided to truck their garbage to Arlington? The free was built to carry people east and west.
- Of course the new interchange should be done, even if the resort/casino doesn't go as it is necessary for Port industrial land development. This expense is necessary – Oregon, as a state, needs more recreational area near a major city and that doesn't mean everyone wants to hike. A casino/resort will bring another dimension with recreation.

Alternative Transportation Modes

- If anything, mass transit from Troutdale and Stevenson should be developed and encouraged.
- Transportation systems could always be improved. Better rail and bus services for local residents/businesses/tourists.
- Please consider mass transit options to reduce impacts on air quality in the Gorge.
- The Gorge needs a decrease in I-84 traffic. Air pollution is destroying the Gorge. Public transportation and mass transit systems are needed.

- Light rail or mass transit. I think a rail line should connect Hood River, Cascade Locks to Portland and MAX. Amtrak on the WA side should be considered. The Sternwheeler might also be a mass transit solution.
- Water traffic, train, and small craft, shuttle flights, buses. The State can pay 20 million for an overpass so other business can come in.
- Passenger train and/or ferry to Portland.
- Limit access to casino to trains and tour buses to decrease impact of traffic in Gorge.
- Rail service from Portland. Hi speed, public transit. Buses. Suppose gas goes to \$6 or \$10/gallon. Would that affect auto transit as the primary mode?
- Shuttle bus from Troutdale. Keep the cars out of the Gorge like they do at some National Parks.
- Rail, water and air.
- Reduce need for trips – use multiple occupant vehicles. Will existing interchange be removed and land reclaimed for other urban development?
- Water taxis, commuter trains, shuttle buses, shuttle planes.
- River travel. Train casino. Gaming is not a land-dependent activity. The costs and impacts of this proposed land use should be analyzed against a proposal to spare the Gorge lands by using an alternative environment.
- Using public transportation as an alternative to automobiles (which cause congestion, air pollution, noise pollution).
- Alternative transportation – train, ship – for part of users. Connecting site by bridge to Government Rock.
- Rail.
- Not only due to this facility, in fact, regardless of whether or not this facility is built the current growth trends of Hood River County and future needs of residents of Hood River County to commute daily to Portland, it would be beneficial to consider the viability of either light rail or regular rail service from Portland to Hood River, through Cascade Locks. Should the facility become a reality, this would also benefit the current and future traffic situation on I-84 and/or Washington State Highway 14. Investment in river commuter services (ferries) might also be something to consider, but probably less viable due to the Bonneville Dam.
- Commuter train from Portland to The Dalles.
- Possible rail transportation from Portland to Cascade Locks.
- Please study the impact of reinstating the passenger service for the rail.
- For the safety of our visitors, maybe a bridge totally bypassing train – issues – so the trains can ride on through and people can get to the resort without delay. Please consider this.
- River.
- In the future maybe a water tax.
- High speed shuttle boats – Stevenson/Hood River to Cascade Locks could reduce traffic.

No Improvements

- None.
 - Cascade Locks is fine the way it is.
 - Abandon whole project. Now.

- I have never faced a traffic problem on 84 which includes competing with the 3 million visitors to Multnomah Falls 12 miles from here.
- The engineers and architects have carefully studied the issue and given their best recommendation.
- Not completing them at all.
- I don't believe there are any as I see it that is the only thing that could do it.
- Leave it as is.
- No casino in Gorge/No Action. Place the casino in Portland - more money better losers in Portland.

Miscellaneous

- Transportation system needs improvement without casino.
- What are the proposed improvements other than an interchange?
- Did I already mention biodiesel? It's viable as an alternative fuel and results in cleaner air where vehicle effluents cause air quality issues.
- Plans show poor access and egress. Railroad over pass will be very steep. A definite hazard in inclement weather.
- Safety.
- What mitigation for Forest Lane--local only use will put this feeder road at capacity.
- Less traffic-intense tourism, using existing interchange.

4. *What are the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the proposed development and transportation system improvements?*

Economic Effects

- Jobs.
- Twelve hundred new living wage jobs in the region. Additional revenue for the Port and City will help fund increased essential services such as fire and police. The increased tourism will spark other economic development.
- Jobs and income for both community and tribes. Increased tourism.
- There is no obvious "downside" according to other Oregon towns with an Indian casino (Canyon City, Chiloquin, Burns, Willamina, Sheridan and Pendleton). An Indian casino was the "salvation" of these towns that were former mill towns struggling to recover from lost jobs dependent on resource-based businesses.
- Positive: to revitalize a community which is an important place in American history.
- Improvement of people's economic lives; increase in population in Cascade Locks.
- Cascade Locks will not die on the vine and will be able to leave its school open and thrive once again.
- More tourists; more income; better school; possible medical facilities; banking; more police; help reduce unemployment.
- Provides an employment base for Cascade Locks and surrounding area. Generates funds to improve the infrastructure of Cascade Locks and help strengthen the Warm Springs tribal government. This would provide jobs to over 1,000 people living in a 30-mile radius of Cascade Locks.
- Jobs. Full-time jobs. End to the high poverty rate. Much needed infrastructure such as: bank, doctor, dentists, other social services. All good impacts.

- Economic development in area and for tribe.
- Increased business activity in the industrial park. Will improve traffic flow on the east end of town. Create 1200 jobs for the whole Gorge area. Create economic improvement fund for selected projects. Support the city infrastructure with much needed funds. Will bring other development to the city such as bank, pharmacy, doctor, etc.
- The City of Cascade Locks wants this project. They need these jobs and interchange. This project is in the UGB (outside of the scenic area) sited appropriately in the Ind. Park of the Port. This is a preferred site instead of Hood River. Cascade Locks will grow with this improved infrastructure and might even get a bank.
- Economic improvements for Cascade Locks and surrounding area, and the Warm Springs communities. Jobs jobs jobs. Provide financial stability and improved quality of life, supporting schools, businesses and government services (public safety, utilities). Spread costs of infrastructure over larger population, stabilizing rates. Non-polluting use of industrial area alternatives may not be as environmentally friendly. Gambling addiction increases due to this project would be minimal, as those that are subject to that can just as easily feed such an addiction in bars on the State's machines or in their own homes online.
- Jobs, families, economic development are needed in the gorge region. Cascade Locks needs the growth that the casino/resort would provide.
- This question spawns a longer answer than space available on this street. 1) Development of industrial park, 2) Preserving and enhancing our school, 3) Encourages day trippers and tourists to stop and spend money in Cascade Locks.
- Influx of millions of tourist dollars in the middle Gorge. Strengthening of essential services like fire and police due to revenues from resort. Reduction in unemployed in middle Gorge. Median income raised closer to state average.
- Social services. Education contrib.. Workforce development. Quantity and quality of jobs. Market draw from other forms of entertainment in the region.
- Revenue for Native American community.
- It should bring more economic stability to both Cascade Locks and the Warm Springs Nation. It should improve our schools, fire department and ambulance department. As it is a lot of our calls come from the freeway travels. More medics would be ready to answer those calls.
- Increased employment opportunities for thousands of people in the community and surrounding area; substantial and much needed funding for local schools and businesses; improved law enforcement and medical facilities within the community.
- Jobs and economic development for the Gorge and the Warm Springs Tribes.

Transportation System Impacts

- The new overpass would give another exit – east/west – for the industrial park, which is required for any development. This development would spur further development of resort dependent small businesses. These type of businesses are ideal for the urban area of Cascade Locks. These business are clean and job rich on a sq. foot of land used basis.
- Since the UGB in Cascade Locks is already set, surrounded by the immutable Col. Gorge NSA boundaries, the improved transportation will aid the city in carefully, responsibly improving their economic standing.

- Without the interchange the traffic through town would be awful. With the interchange it would take the pressure off the town. It would also help to encourage other companies to come here. That has been one of the drawbacks in having others to company come in.
- The overpass is needed for other development. No other industry could afford the 20 million needed to put in the interchange.
- I do not see a negative – only if this improvement is not done. To open up the industrial park area for development it needs this transportation interchange. This is a spot that is neat to rail transportation, a freeway and river. Ideal for industrial development a resort/casino would be a more stable income base (in my estimation) than high tech as been proven as many have closed down or downside and sent jobs overseas leaving USA our people unemployed.
- I see an increase of traffic on I-84, improvements to Cascade Locks dilemma (entrances and exits at opposite ends of our downtown). This increase of traffic is preferable to me, than increased truck traffic through town and on the Hwy. Increased car traffic should not be an issue on an Interstate Hwy.
- Greater access to the rest of the industrial area with new interchange for other commercial development.
- A better management of commuter and shipping (trucking) traffic. The I-84 Visioning/Strategy Process currently being undertaken by ODOT has examined “third lane” alternatives to separate trucks from passenger vehicles, since I-84 is so disproportionately used for shipping than other major highways in the area. This project could support those efforts.
- Local jobs may reduce commuter traffic on I-84 to Portland.
- Reduced commuter traffic on I-84 W as a result of more than 1000 new jobs in the local area.
- Using this land in Cascade Locks for an industrial plant rather than the resort would only increase the air pollution and heavy trucks’ load on the freeway system. I believe this resort proposal is a way to make the freeway safer, compared to the alternatives.
- WaNaPa and Forest Lane will be much safer for families and their children.
- Lessen traffic headed to the coast on Highway 26/20/99/18.
- I know the overpass (84) is a vital addition to the town of Cascade Locks as it now only has partial overpasses east and west with traffic required to pass through town...and the over pass (train) is vital to safety for the entire town and should help the towns safety plan in the event of natural or man made catastrophe.
- Improved access for town of Cascade Locks.
- I can’t see that the money that will be used to provide much-needed transportation infrastructure will cause a negative impact. The number we hear is currently 3 million visits to the gorge. How many more will be added by the casino? They already come to the scenic gorge anyway.
- People keep moving here from everywhere. We can’t stop the masses. I hate saying that. Traffic only will get worse and worse. What more can we do? We must prepare for heavy traffic everywhere.
- Cascade Locks does not now have a full freeway interchange. This is our best and only chance to get one. It is the only city which does not have one on I-84.
- More money, more taxes, better roads. As the Gorge grows more traffic will come anyways. Anyone who commutes to Portland knows the trucks are far more of a problem than more cars.

- A positive impact is a new interchange which will allow development of the Port's property, and use of that property by the Tribes, the Port and the public. The Tribes will be paying for this interchange, which might otherwise never be constructed.
- There may be a few more cars but with that there will be more gas sold and tax money for roads.
- A fully directional interchange for Cascade Locks.
- Overcrowding – traffic and spoiling of a scenic area.
- Create traffic problems in Columbia Gorge at proposed casino site.
- Potential adverse impacts on Historic Columbia River Highway – change of grade, width, location, continuity. I-84 level of service impacts.
- First of all, the development would not be necessary if it were not for the casino coming in. Some people, like myself, know that I-84 will need to increase in size and interchange would be needed if the casino is built. Must all of us do not feel this is positive in this area.
- Traffic jams backing up the interstate and resultant accidents, particularly in wet/snowy conditions.
- Traffic generation and patterns of congestion.
- Bridge impacts.
- More traffic in the Gorge (though there's not very much now).
- Traffic increases.
- Congested highways.
- Traffic, small communities inundated...with 3700 cars or 7400 people at least.

Environmental Impacts

- My biggest concern is the impact of the pollution generated by thousands of additional cars on the ecosystem of the Gorge itself.
- With all the rain going up the Gorge, I don't think much of a smog issue but in the summers there will be some, like the city is now experiencing. And always the wind is blowing, so it's not going to sit.
- Visual blight, lights on all night, noise, odor, air pollution, heavy traffic, degrade quality of land and water.
- Negative air quality. Congestion.
- Visual impact.
- Air pollution
- Destruction of wetlands, plants, water quality.
- Impervious surface created.
- Air pollution; noise pollution; light pollution.
- Visual – as seen from I-84 and Columbia River – could be negative or positive impacts.
- Probably the best way to protect the environment; good for the economy; good for the people of Cascade Locks; good for the Native people; and good for cultural opportunities.
- A reduction in the environmental impact on Cascade Locks and the Gorge if a casino is built rather than the alternatives allowed by existing zoning.

Social Impacts

- People who are opposed to gambling will not be pleased.
- It will change small-town, nature-related appeal of Cascade Locks. Limited affordable housing will be overwhelmed.

- Gambling is an issue and addicts may be created but most have already found their way to that situation because the State of Oregon relies so heavily on income from gambling. As for alcohol and other vices Indian casinos do not push it like Vegas and Reno operations.
- More low-wage, low benefit jobs for service industry rather than jobs that pay livable wages.
- Crime.
- Destruction of moral life of community (vis-à-vis gambling)
- Further dependence of tribes and State of Oregon and schools on gambling revenue rather than a long term well-balanced revenue and tax system.
- Domestic violence (gambling); crime (gambling influence); negative effect on local businesses.
- Unhealthy means of existence.

Effects on Gorge/National Scenic Area

- Tainting affects in the beautiful scenic gorge by greedy travelers.
- Negative: to cheat the city dweller an opportunity to visit a “ghost town” on the Scenic Highway as a tourist attraction.
- More Gorge destruction. More pollution. Won't benefit Cascade Locks, as people will stay at the casino where there will be good and lodging.
- Everything that I associate with Oregon: beauty, forests, rivers, waterfalls, and a wilderness escape from Portland will take a back seat to gambling and profiteering. Shame.
- Use land that is outside the Scenic Resource Area.
- Population growth in gorge area.
- Destruction of gorge area – beauty, hiking, habitat for species, fish.

Infrastructure Capacity

- Negative will be that there will be more people sharing the same facilities.
- Not sure of local government services or the imp--- of needing to vamp up few water/wastewater, etc. services.
- The stability of the ground underneath, will it hold up the weight load? And was our other site more stable?
- The proposed development is far too large for the area. Cascade Locks is bordered on the north by a river, to the south by forest lands. There is no room for the increased housing that would be needed to accommodate proposed workers. A facility of this size would require massive amounts of domestic water and electrical power. Can the Gorge reasonably provide these utilities without adversely affecting local homes, businesses, and industries? Increased need for sewage treatment.
- Less than would be incurred with slow, unchecked growth and development within Cascade Locks. A thoughtful plan is better than no planning, as far as urban development in the Gorge.

Miscellaneous

- I see no positive aspects of this project.
- The collective (positive vs. negative) impacts should somehow be weighed. Tribal economy would be an associated positive; however, the negatives are many and collectively substantial.
- Legal precedent of actions taken to create the development.

5. Other comments

Economic Issues

- Due to federal restrictions imposed by the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act, economic growth and development in this region is very difficult. The tourism sector is one of only few industries that are best able to thrive under these conditions. It is best for everyone to support growth and development in tourism, especially when the alternative choices are more polluting, more damaging to our natural resources, are more culturally damaging to both the tribal people and the local residents of all ethnic background. We need this!
- We need more employment opportunities in the region so people who live and raise families in the area can work and have employment in the area for themselves and their children.
- Cascade Locks School has 65% of its students on free and reduced lunch program. The families need jobs! The students need better opportunities. Please consider the human environment.
- Build the casino. Save Cascade Locks. But make sure the people that work there are local. Don't hire from afar. Keep it local. Help the people who live in Multnomah County and near.
- We need this casino.
- The casino will be a godsend for the town and the citizens. Without it I'm afraid we will in the near future fade away. The town now is in pretty deep debt.
- This is the best development for the land use at the Port's Industrial Park. The positive impacts far outweigh the negative.
- This project will be a benefit to the entire Gorge region, bringing jobs and prosperity to the community, the County and even to those regions of the State of Washington. I personally fully support this project.
- I am a business owner in Cascade Locks and I have watched business owners continually close. There is not much left. 150 houses are being built, there are no jobs or businesses to serve these new residents. If there were more jobs in our area there would be people driving to Portland to work. (Cutting down on traffic.)
- Cascade Locks and all of the neighboring communities can be helped by more tourism and that's what we need to survive.
- The resort casino is a better use of the land than its original heavy industrial use. It is better for the local economy, better for the environment. The resort will spark other development of businesses in the Gorge that will help the local economy and create jobs so the people who live in the Gorge can avoid commuting to Portland.
- Most of profit will leave town. Jobs will be low wage.

Social Issues

- People fear change, but not all change is bad. Stagnating is bad, which is what will happen without this project.
- The casino resort complex will have a tremendous impact on the community in the Gorge—it will not all be positive, but I believe the overall impact will significantly outweigh the negative.
- People are worried about the crime in Cascade Locks. We already have crime, the casino would enable more law enforcement presence to handle current and any added crime. I live here and

support the casino. A lot of the “no casino” and “save the Gorge” people don’t even live here. I don’t tell them how to run their county.

- The Columbia River Gorge is a national treasure. It is unique in all the world, and probably the most beautiful and wondrous. We are destroying it rapidly. And for what – a gambling house, pollution, crime, drunkenness? How dare you, Gov. Kulongoski, how dare you.
- Gambling casinos are a drag on civilization. Have the Confederated Tribes suggest some beneficial project.
- This casino is a sign of times. Economic is based on profiting from human weakness rather than helping people achieve a more meaningful life.
- If we consider state sanctioned gambling as providing money for state and local income (tax) is this a progressive or regressive tax?
- I am strongly opposed to the proposed casino, as a 23 yr. old youth, who has seen the growth in the Columbia Scenic Area since I was young. Those traveling through enjoy the outdoors and not casinos. Vegas exists for that and it makes me sick. If you want to gamble go there. You can even buy a hooker.
- Casinos anywhere are morally wrong. What would ancestors of current tribal members have preferred – dams, railroads, highways, a behemoth casino? I think not.
- We already have too much gambling in the State of Oregon. I have seen the damage first hand that casinos and gambling bring. Please think of a more positive and honest way to make a living.

Environmental Issues

- The Native American people are doing everything possible to protect the environment and should be applauded for their perseverance in this matter.
- A non-polluting tourism business will have less impact on the Gorge and the environment and the same, or greater, economic impact as the large lumber mill that used to be in the Industrial Park (and could be sited there again, under existing zoning). Existing local businesses in Canyonville, et al., benefited by nearby casino and not adversely impacted. Most strongly support the casino in their town.
- Mitigation could be offered by recommending that all construction be environmentally sensitive such as eco-block, solar energy, and water reclamation facilities, which could be set as a desired standard globally.
- Does the plan of the layout and building consider the new “dark sky” limitations for outside lighting and advertising? Also, low lighting trespass to Washington State.
- The EIS should evaluate the environmental impact of existing businesses and uses both inside the Gorge and near it that affect existing air quality and the Gorge environment. Will the use proposed by the Warm Springs be significant and when compared to the paper mill in Camas, the existing air quality in the Portland Metro area that blows into the Gorge with a west wind, the railroads, barges, and trucks that travel on Gorge highways, the existing tourist and interstate highway traffic, and the pollution caused by a coal fired power plant and large dairy farm operating east of the Gorge that blows into the Gorge with an east wind. Would the casino operation by itself cause any environmental impact and how does that impact compare to alternative uses of the Industrial Park if the casino is not built?

Alternatives

- The Tribes are challenged to come up with an eco stimulus approach that does not rely on gaming – creativity was inherent in their ancestral legacy.
- Too bad the Hood River location was eliminated.
- I am very uneasy about the EIS process that seems to say “outside our scope” when considering other alternatives such as Hood River.
- The alternative site in Hood River should not be considered. It has enough legal problems that the tribe’s money would be tied up in lawyers’ fees for years. They should do something where tribal members live, so they can participate.
- Doesn’t the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act require the tribes to build casinos only on reservation land? Why does Oregon need another casino? If Warm Springs is allowed to build another casino off their reservation, what is to prevent the other 8 Oregon tribes from building closer to Portland?
- While I appreciate the tribe’s and city’s desire for economic development, I do not believe a unique treasure like the Columbia River Gorge is an appropriate place for a mega resort like the proposed action.
- I am concerned that Native Americans have an opportunity to financially benefit from the bounty of the American economy. They were cheated of their lands and riches years ago. It is important that their economic rights be strengthened. However, are casinos the best we can do? Gambling is a destructive addiction. I am also very concerned for the environment. It would be very sad to destroy the natural beauty and habitat of the Columbia Gorge. Please seek alternatives.
- I raised my four children here with my husband. They are all college educated and have had to make their careers elsewhere. He worked for ODOT and I for the USPS, but there are few of those jobs here. The assets far outweigh the debits for most people here. By the way I’m a strong Christian senior citizen who believes in helping ...The Warm Springs Tribe has a long history and rights to this land/development. It truly isn’t fair since they have land In Trust in Hood River – long before 1988 – so have land to exchange. Other tribes were given approval without the asset. The Hood River location can be developed with modern tech and building materials for sure. It does seem a shame to build it there however when it’s not wanted by Hood River citizens. Please look to bring a good thing into our community. Suggest the Friends of the Gorge concentrate on cleaning trails and helping out the forest service so their expenses can be cut.

Infrastructure Capacity/Induced Growth

- This sets a precedent allowing more development. The weather is real bad in winter. I-84 was closed a number of times. 3 in 2004, 2 in 2003, one closure was for 1 week due to freezing rain. Please look at long term negative potential impacts due to future development.
- What impacts will this have on the town and nearby areas? Will they abort housing and retail demands or will Cascade Locks look to expand into scenic areas? If this goes forward, the Tribes should make this a model of well-designed, ecologically responsive development that improves the land and habitat values and reduces need for huge surface parking lots.
- Proposed project is bigger than any project in 30 year history of Scenic Area inside or outside urban areas. Secondary and indirect impacts will be enormous and must be identified. Cascade Locks is a

city of 1200 residents (2000 Census) with 476 housing units. How can it accommodate 1700 jobs and 3 million visitors per year day without enormous impacts on its growth?

Transportation System

- Because of increased traffic, will Warm Springs Tribes be providing policing of traffic in unison with Oregon State Police?

NEPA Process

- I am concerned about the negative effect on public opinion which the recent misleading ads campaigns have had. Casino supporters have had to combat so many outright lies regarding what this proposal actually is. How are you taking this into your consideration in your tally of public opinion?
- Thank you for your efforts to be objective and fair. Not an easy task.

Miscellaneous

- A well-built and attractive casino would enhance this area of the gorge. People would be able to stay and enjoy the river and all it has to offer. Cascade Locks would not be the first off-reservation casino. There have been no problems/negatives concerning the other off-reservation casinos. Add a boat dock at the casino site.
- Is foreign investment anticipated as part of this project? Where would initial funding come from? Who would be taking a cut from the top? If six percent of casino proceeds benefit the local community, 17% benefits the State of Oregon, who benefits from the other 77%? Foreign investors? If so, who? Are we selling out our community, allowing destruction with meager local benefit? Once destroyed, it has small chance of recovery.
- We own the 21 acres for homes 6 blocks from the proposed site and we are planning to create a housing development with shared amenities for the new homeowners, construction workers and their families and the tribal members including a children's play area, pet hiking trail, a park with a view of the Columbia River.
- Project is a bad example, precedent or not.
- I see this as a positive win-win for the community of Cascade Locks and the Confederated Tribes. I fully support his proposal.
- Build it.
- This casino, if approved, would set a precedent for other tribes seeking increased revenue from gaming.
- This project makes good sense for the Tribes, the local community and the integrity of the Columbia Gorge.
- I am in favor of Cascade Locks casino, but against the East Hood River site being developed. This can be a win-win for the Warm Springs, local communities, and those who wish to see minimal impact by commercial interests in the Gorge - if everyone gets on the same side. No development of this land will never happen. It is just a question of what and when.
- What is the contingency plan for those stranded in the Gorge when weather can change in a second during the winter? The Gorge is a scenic area, kindly respect and stay out. This process shouldn't

even be happening. It has nothing to do with the Warm Springs, but everything with gaming interests. Warm Springs has Kah-nee-ta.

- I am alarmed that environmental groups would take a negative position on this. I alone fought the State for more riparian protection during to Comp Plan review. There was not as much as one written or oral comment regarding unprotected wetlands on riparian area, projected rapid growth etc. My court case resulted in mediation with the state and a state funded wetlands study.

C. FLIPCHART COMMENTS

At each open house, flipcharts were available for participants to provide either general comments or responses to specific questions regarding issues, impacts and alternatives. Responses follow.

What issues do you feel should be addressed in the EIS?

Environmental

- (Air pollution) It is affecting the tribal petroglyphs – cultural resources – in the Gorge, in addition to the water quality, fish, and forests.
- Air quality from 3 million more vehicle trips a year in a scenic area that already has air pollution problems.
- Air pollution and protection of Tribes' own petroglyphs.
- Air quality and visibility impacts.
- List of industries in the Gorge that impact air quality, i.e., aluminum industry, agriculture, number of windsurfers who use river and the impact of numbers included. All users of the Gorge for commercial purposes.
- The air quality is a huge concern.
- Pollution—think about what many thousands of people and autos will do to the area's environment.
- How many miles of pollution will be saved by locals not having to drive to Portland or Vancouver for needed services or jobs?
- One mowing of a lawn has more emissions than 350 miles of an average auto. Maybe our cleanup should begin there instead of driving Cascade Locks into a ghost town with water and sewer.
- How are the Warm Springs going to specifically minimize traffic and air quality impacts?
- Run off of the parking lot slated for approx. 3,900 vehicles – where will it go? The Columbia River and Herman Creek are both within a rock's throw away – both of which have listed species of anadromous fish.
- BPA's turbine contribution to waste in the Columbia River.
- Highway (I-84) expansion and wetland impacts.
- Impacts to fish, including salmon and steelhead in Herman Creek and Columbia River.
- Past toxic barrels found in the Columbia River—no publicity on this.
- Water quality issues, and where pollutants originate and types.
- Runoff from rain and snow into Herman Creek and the Columbia River. Also effects on any riparian areas.
- Change in views from the river, from across the river and from Rt. 84. Scenic area effects.
- Scenic impacts – views from Pacific Crest Trail, Columbia River, I-84.
- Visual impacts on National Scenic Area.

- Increase in artificial light in the night.
- No offsite impacts from night lighting.
- What will be the impact on the migratory birds and their migration path from the lights of a 500,000 square-foot lighted area?
- What about the eagles' nests at Stevenson's Rock Pond (across the river), all osprey nests, at least eleven along an area paralleling Cascade Locks and in Washington?
- Impact on bald eagle nesting sites, great blue heron rookery.
- Impacts to species listen on Fed. ESA list and State ESA list.
- Wildlife habitat protection and restoration.
- What is your city doing for the keep of natural resources?
- Impacts on air quality, acid rain and the wildlife, fish and forest habitats.
- The project decision, from top to bottom and inside-out has sustainability as a top design priority.
- Indian life and livelihood are millions of times more important than wildlife, flowers and scenery.
- Native American focus on protecting the environment, which would ensure the best protection of the environment around the Casino.

Economic

- Impacts to Warm Springs unemployment rate when casino is moved off reservation.
- Warm Springs Tribal members need funding and jobs also.
- Increase in unemployment on reservation if Kah-nee-ta closes? What percentage?
- What's the analysis of Tribal members and the benefits that Kah-nee-ta, logging and other resources do not provide?
- How many of the jobs will be given to local people? Will the hiring process be done locally or wide spread?
- Percentage of jobs to local people?
- Will the casino preclude industry that could locate here and provide full-time family-wage jobs rather than low-wage part-time service jobs?
- Isn't it true that the community fund is spread over 13 different counties, all in Oregon? Is there anything equivalent for Washington communities? Isn't it true that a casino in Cascade Locks will get most of its revenue from gamblers within 50 miles of the casino, and be a drain on the economies of the surrounding communities?
- Revenues made at the resort/casino over time. What plans does the Warm Springs Tribes have that will help the Warm Springs people, surrounding communities, Cascade Locks, State of Oregon?
- The history of economics of Cascade Locks the past 100 years.
- Because the 17 cents on every dollar to benefit the Gorge and children needing an education can't wait.
- Demographically, how many people in the Gorge are native Washington and Oregon people and how many are recent relocations (gentrification issues).
- List number and types of jobs in the Gorge. Many may be service-oriented.
- Where will hikers get their ice cream if the businesses in Cascade Locks die?
- The day trippers in the Gorge generate an average of \$43 per day spent in the local economy. Overnight visitors average \$200 per day. Who can do the math?

- The eight specialty restaurants proposed by the Tribes in the casino could certainly help the local farmers stay in business.

Transportation

- Traffic increases.
- The EIS should definitely determine impacts of increased traffic on public safety for those of us who frequently drive the Gorge.
- 10% increase in non diesel traffic.
- Please study use of public transportation as an almost exclusive means of travel to the proposed casino for both employees and public. This would ease congestion, parking lots, and air pollution.
- Commuter rail is totally viable from Metro through the Gorge.
- Bridge of the Gods is owned by the Port of Cascade Locks.
- Winter driving in the Gorge can be brutal. Can little old ladies going to gamble be safe with the mighty east winds and cold and ice and rain rain rain? Traffic accidents could be way too many.
- Poor access and egress plans. Both will impact traffic on I-84 overpass of railroad tracks will of necessity be very steep. A definite road hazard in inclement weather.
- The design for the freeway interchange is required to be to code, correct? Take a look at the proposed design – it does not appear to be short and steep.
- Was there a significant impact on Washington State traffic when Skamania Lodge, Second Powerhouse or Hot Springs were developed?

Infrastructure

- Where will the water come from for this project?
- Consider the years of good planning. The sewer in Cascade Locks, 3 times the capacity used, financed with state and federal loans. Verifying the population projections necessary for Cascade Locks to survive and reflect in a positive way on the Scenic Act and the Gorge. The sewer was completed in 1998.
- Impacts of required infrastructure on existing infrastructure in Cascade Locks – telephone, electric power, sewage, city water, roads, etc.
- Sewage capacity for 3 million visitors and 1700 employees. Is the current sewer system adequate?
- What is the projected tonnage of 90,000 square feet on a “fill” site next to the river?
- How to accommodate use without covering the site with surface parking?
- If traffic increases over the Bridge of the Gods warrant bridge expansion, who will be responsible for the bill? The state or the Tribe?
- Who will pay and provide rescue and medical services when a Portland hiker is injured in the Gorge?

Alternative Uses

- Consider industrial development on site in Cascade Locks without the eight or nine scientific studies that will regulate the Warm Springs development.
- Industrial alternatives if casino isn't built? Which will impact the Gorge the most?
- Other more gentle means of maintaining/improving the economies of the communities/people affected.

- Gambling is already legal in Oregon's bars. Gambling without liquor sounds much better where one-cent slots are available.
- Is a casino in Cascade Locks the only option or one of many?
- In fact we prefer another financial support instead of casino. We will try to think of others. But today we propose a well done theme park for families to enjoy. (Based on Indian life in the Gorge.)
- Why are 25 million visitors for Lewis & Clark ok for the Gorge and three million to the casino not ok?

National Scenic Area

- Casino in the heart of Scenic Area impact to communities.
- The assets of this area are its scenic beauty, historical significance and its sanctity. A casino development does not enhance these properties, it defiles them.
- The essential issue is should the wondrous beauty of the Columbia Gorge be compromised to allow the owners of the casino to make a huge profit. Should the Gorge be turned into a cheap profit-generating machine for the Warm Springs Tribe and the State of Oregon? I say no.
- This proposed facility is larger than anything built in any city in NSA's 30 years. You must look at impact on NSA from key viewing areas--Highway #14, rural Washington, hiking trails, etc. Just because proposal is in urban area does not mean Scenic Act does not apply.
- Lands adjacent to Cascade Lock's urban growth boundary should continue to be protected to the full extent of the NSA act.
- Issue – how can an industrial park be confused with a protected area?

Funding

- Are there foreign investors involved, in any manner, in this project? If so, who are they; if not, who is providing the development funds?
- What kind of money is contributed from you and surrounding communities toward the item you want CTWS to fund?
- Who truly backs (economically) the Gorge casino effort? Where does the money come from and where will money go?

Social Impacts

- Does gambling in a community increase the risk of negative impacts to children?
- Study the social impacts, too – i.e., what about the increase in poverty in crime because of gambling addictions?
- Will people earn \$15 - \$25/hr or \$7.50? And how much will they drink or gamble away?

Land Use

- Statewide Goal 5 – industrial land impacts loss of industrial land base in Cascade Locks.
- This is not the first casino off their land – Cascade Locks casino will be on traded land held in a trust.
- Study what the housing capabilities are based on zoning in both Cascade Locks and Stevenson if all land on water and sewer is developed. Can accommodate how many new families? 100? 5,000? 10,000?

Miscellaneous

- Come on, let the Indians have a small percentage of their land and livelihood back. Back off radical environmentalists.
- Give the Indians a break. They've been kicked around for 500 years. Let them build their casino wherever they want. They have to make a living too. Human lives are a lot more important than wild flowers or so called scenery.
- How many public hearings will be held after the draft EIS is out?
- How open is an open house that doesn't allow the public to talk?
- Why are we under an expedited timeline for such a controversial and large scale proposal?
- Issue to be addressed should be why the opposition spent \$1 million of negative press yet only a handful of these concerned citizens bothered to show up for these hearings. These same citizens forgot to buy the empty acreage in Cascade Locks where we are placing two parks in our developments.
- Will the casino have its own WWTP?

What impacts, positive and negative, should be analyzed in the EIS?

Environmental

- Impact of increased water withdrawal on salmon-bearing stream.
- Impacts to Herman Creek and the Columbia River anadromous fish.
- Impact of wastewater on Columbia River and on fish in particular.
- ~60 acres of impervious surfaces and storm water run-off.
- Water quality and availability.
- Air pollution with 3 million visitors and >1700 employees.
- Air quality with so many additional cars in the Gorge. The air quality is already a problem.
- Impact and pollutants that are residual in the Gorge due to 100 + years of unmitigated industrialization and commerce, i.e., soils, species reduction and current risks to human health and fish consumption and exposure to skin and little people (OHSU has fish studies consumption).
- The air quality in the Gorge has already been shown to be severely compromised. The 3 million additional cars that would travel the Gorge with a casino would further damage the air quality. Would the poor air quality resulting from a casino lead to whole sale destruction of plant and timber life in the Gorge?
- Air pollution, associated developments, water pollution, water quality, fish, wetlands, traffic, forests, plants, and population (permanent and visitor).
- Obviously, environmental quality: air, water, wildlife, fish, forests, acid rain (already the worst in the Northwest—on par with New York City).
- Impacts on fish and wildlife, Herman Creek, wetlands, Columbia, birds nesting on site.
- Impacts to plants and animal life of the area, including the adjacent mill ponds.
- Lighting problems/complaints.
- Minimize night lighting impacts from resort and parking lot lighting.
- The increased noise created by 3 million extra cars driving the I84 freeway and Wash. freeway should be considered. The noise level for walkers and hikers is already very irritating.
- Noise levels.
- Soil erosion and contamination from previous uses.

- Smart, well financed scientific development, with monitory consideration or the restoration and enhancement of Herman Creek (fish habitat) and the Columbia River.
- Important that all construction be environmentally correct to set an example of a “casino and destination” resort Oregon style.
- Please consider the impact of a large developed property with signage, huge parking lots, traffic, many types of pollution (air, water, noise and more) on a delicate, beautiful, scenic landscape – loved as it is and has been by many, many, many area citizens, visitors and historians, since people have first laid eyes on it.

Economic

- Tourism with a roof-year round employment.
- Year-round tourism for Gorge businesses.
- Cascade Locks is not within the protected scenic area and the Bridge of the Gods that we all enjoy is owned by the Port of Cascade Locks. A new interchange would help the local merchants and home owners.
- Creation of badly needed jobs in while Gorge area.
- Potential for youth growing up in local area to be able to find employment.
- The casino will be a small part of a large complex where corporate retreats and family vacations will be held at a destination resort. Small businesses will thrive under this proposal. Look at the economic benefits and jobs in existing Oregon casino towns (Canyonville, Chiloquin, Burns, Pendleton, Willamina and Sheridan)--especially the former mill towns on an interstate freeway or that built on a former mill site.
- Economic stimulus that will cause potential good growth of local commerce and businesses.
- Impact on existing small businesses.
- Effects on local businesses.
- Commuting traffic and population displacement to accommodate casino jobs.
- Economic benefits to Cascade Locks only for a few, while millions suffer the loss of scenic beauty and too much traffic.
- Consider that Cascade Locks has had to fight to keep one school and what will happen without the proposed development and what will happen to Cascade Locks without a school?
- Consider that Cascade Locks has been blighted for decades. Without a much needed freeway interchange, it will continue to struggle to survive. We should be as wonderful as our geography and can be with the proposed development.
- Increased enrollment in local schools suffering from declining enrollment in risk of closing down the Cascade Locks High School.
- How will this project affect tax base? Will it contribute to B&O tax?
- More funding for city and county emergency and other essential services.

Social Impacts

- Local elections (\$ affect politics).
- Local elections will be forever changed once Indian casino money is part of the mix. They’ll control the County.
- Encourages problem gambling.

- What happens to our kids when there are no jobs left in Cascade Locks, and all the parents are working in Portland and all of our kids are left alone with the meth addicts in town?
- Social impacts of gambling, not only on Cascade Locks, but all of Hood River, Skamania, Multnomah, Klickitat and Wasco counties.
- Impacts on families – no \$ coming to Skamania County for gambling addition, police and public safety, affordable housing, expansion of SR-14.
- Mitigation for local residents' complaints.
- Study that gambling is already legal in Oregon bars and that casinos allow for one cent slots and no alcohol and determine how many addicts would be in a more controlled environment.
- Use national, reputable, non-gambling industry-funded studies to determine the social, economic and environmental consequences of a casino on the greater Gorge area.
- The Tribes seem to be too dependent on casinos for their well-being.

Infrastructure

- Impacts on schools – especially in Washington.
- Gorge will grow from 25 million visitors (Lewis & Clark Trail) endorsed by Wyden & Friends of Gorge and other environmentalists. We need services for all these new visitors to the scenic Columbia Gorge.
- Immense impact on infrastructure in a fragile area.
- Competition for water with existing commercial/residential/environmental uses.
- Increase in population. Increased costs to the County in every area to house and school the employees, traffic, trash, water use and quality.
- Negative impact of traffic, population growth and urban sprawl caused by the Gorge casino.
- Pressure on urban growth boundaries of all Gorge urban areas – where will they live?
- Housing problems related to 1,700 employees protected by the Tribe.
- Effects on local and county governments.

Transportation

- People keep moving here by the 1000s. Traffic will and is only getting worse. Don't blame a casino.
- Who pays for all the needed traffic interchange changes?
- Adverse traffic impact.
- Impact from traffic increase on Columbia River Gorge as is very obvious when comparing to Grand Ronde Casino.
- Impact of barging, trains, I-84 freeway traffic, projected increases of Portland, its impact on environmental quality in the Gorge.
- Reduced commuter traffic to Portland as a result of local living-wage jobs.
- Trains—if 20 trains use the existing track, how many train cars per day is that? The trains are mostly long freight trains.
- Freeway interchange for Cascade Locks.
- What % traffic increase versus % of jobs created? What % of current traffic benefits the Gorge versus just passing/polluting through?

Land Use

- The public should also be told that this land – if not a casino and hotel – can and will be developed. If not by one careful tenant, then possibly by many, who will not be as careful of protecting the Gorge.
- Much better environmentally the piece - mill industrial development (zoning).
- Casino resort will give the Port, who has the majority of developable land in the area, to pick and choose development for the area that matches the area's vision for good growth.
- The urban growth boundary around Cascade Locks is set, right? Responsible development within the UGB needs to be encouraged and promoted.
- Inappropriate use of the land. Why is a casino being built in a National Scenic Area?
- Impacts on all the above with heavy industrial piece by piece development.
- Please look at long term, future impact due to future development this casino will cause.

Alternatives

- Non-polluting business funding for school and college.
- Alternate locations on the reservation.

Miscellaneous

- Study impact of 25 million (strangers) visitors on Gorge Lewis & Clark Trail Bicentennial Route versus 3 million locals enjoying themselves and working.
- Too big for our area; wrong area for casino.
- What impacts will tribal sovereignty have on the community? Will tribal police have authority off federal trust land?
- Warm Springs is a sovereign nation—what steps will be taken to ensure private citizens' protection and regress concerning legal actions?
- What positive impact will the Warm Springs Tribe do if the casino/resort is built?
- With a 5 million dollar loan from the U.S. government and \$5,000,000 loan from Skamania County Washington. John Gray, a millionaire built Skamania Lodge and resort in the Scenic Gorge. Tell me why the Warm Springs Indian Tribe cannot build their casino and lodge resort anywhere they want it. The Indians have been kicked around for the last 500 years since the white man took their original paradise. Now give them a chance. I have also noticed that 75% to 80% of the comments seem to be written by super active radical environmentalists. Something stinks in the Columbia Gorge.
- Oregon and Washington population will grow. What are the positive and negative in a resort/casino being at Cascade Locks?
- Negative effects on the Grande Ronde and other tribes of a Gorge casino.
- Positive impact of a new on-reservation casino along Hwy. 26.
- Include Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, Beaverton in list of communities analyzed for impacts – not just Gorge communities.
- Add Vegas while you are at it.

What alternatives should be analyzed in the EIS?

No Action

- This casino should not be built in the Gorge as it is a nation treasure and should be preserved for its beauty not exploited for money.
- No Gorge casino should be an alternative.
- I would oppose any business owner's pursuit of a casino at this site, tribal or not.

Portland Area

- Build a casino in Portland – exchange for a baseball stadium – sound familiar?
- Find another location in proximity to population base (i.e., Portland) but out of a National Scenic Area. An entertainment-based enterprise does not require an area of great natural beauty.
- If there must be an off-reservation casino/resort, then it should be located within the Portland urban growth boundary, close to the primary customer base. This will minimize environmental impacts and resource utilization.
- Larger casino in Portland (outside Scenic Area boundaries) on industrial land.
- Move to Portland.
- Put it in an existing urban area. Gambling does not need to be in a scenic area.
- Single, multi-tribal casino in Portland, which is the target population for casino income. [Yes.]
- Let them build at Delta Park instead – closer to Portland and infrastructure is already in place.
- Look at a casino in Portland where revenues will be shared by all tribes according to population.
- Delta Park.
- Alternative joint casino in Portland.
- Sawmill successful. [Promote logging?] Fabulous opportunity at cultural center/Kah-nee-ta in Warm Springs. It needs to be near PDX, come to Delta Park.

On-Reservation

- Another location closer to CTWS.
- Larger casino on reservation land next to Highway 26.
- Need to study viability of an on-reservation casino on Hwy 26 or on lands outside the Gorge, such as on lands owned in Madras.
- Hwy 26 or 97.
- On reservation along Hwy. 26.
- On-reservation in Warm Springs.
- Smaller casino on Native American land.
- Evaluate alt. that improves existing facility.
- Alternate sites on the reservation. Upgrading Kah-ne-tah resort facilities.
- Alternative Tribal land east of Hood River.

Hood River

- Hood River location owned by Warm Springs.
- I understand that Hood River could be an alternate site.
- Hood River should not be an alternative because it is illegal and impossible to build.

- EIS process needs to determine what legal possibilities exist for casino in Hood River versus Cascade Locks and determine if this approval is random or an either/or proposal. If either/or then Cascade Locks should be approved.

Central Oregon

- Bend/Deschutes County.
- Madras.

Alternate Uses of Site

- (As an alternative to the casino) What about moving the museum (Warm Springs) to the proposed site in Cascade Locks? It's a great facility, now too off the beaten path to attract the real potential of visitors. It would be a wonderful asset in the Gorge and bring in much-needed revenue to the Tribe and the community. Would there be a possibility of getting the other Gorge tribes in on it?
- Instead of a casino, would the Warm Springs Tribe consider building a cultural center instead? Include what's now in the existing museum, but also it could include facilities for conferences, traveling exhibits, etc. Perhaps all NW tribes would be interested in being part of it. Put the casino part in Portland.
- More fitting would be an artists' colony. Few places are more beautiful—and our area already is well-known for outstanding Gorge painters. When it's one (under asphalt, etc.) it's gone forever.
- You need to study % casino versus destination resort and meeting place and interpretive center for families.
- Build a baseball stadium or water park – fun fun fun.
- How about a developed dock/marina for water users?
- Reclaiming this historically valuable and environmentally fragile land to its natural state as a park or similar protected area.
- Regarding Cascade Locks – a more appropriate direction would be activities or businesses which are tourism-based but in sync with the character of the scenic area.
- Alternative users would include manufacturing including noxious paper mills and aluminum plants.
- Possibility of more negative impact to the environment from alternative uses of the land, including: amusement park; racetrack; pulp mill, etc.
- Need to show other possible uses of Cascade Locks land and what could be seen from Stevenson and any potential pollutions that would affect the Washington side in contrast to casino/resort proposed.
- Smaller facility in Cascade Locks.
- Environmentally-sustainable economic alternatives for the Confederated Tribes.
- If the Tribe could not maximize their economic benefits at Kah-Nee-Ta, why do they think they will get any more benefits for their members with a new casino?
- Jobs are important, but not in the Gorge. Consider government assistance to re-training and relocating willing people.
- The Tribe should consider other revenue sources than gambling and the casino resort. Examples: Web-based services (Internet), high-tech manufacturing (keep jobs in American, not sending them to China).

- A much smaller proposal, with all parking within foot print of casino, with transit (serious \$ into this) included.

Miscellaneous

- Are there other sites outside the Gorge?
- Scappoose.
- Once inside a casino, gamblers don't care about the vista outside. Alternative locations should be reviewed to stop damage to Gorge area. Yes.
- Primarily, just not sites in the Gorge Scenic Area, where impacts would come at too great a cost.
- Why on earth doesn't the Warm Springs Tribe build their casino on their large reservation near Mt. Hood (SE of Mt.)? Such a casino would have no major impact on the environment. Environmentally it is insane to build a casino in the middle of a fragile National Scenic Area and ecosystem.
- Any alternatives should be in the Gorge and on the river. The Gorge will culturally benefit from Native American influence.
- Troutdale.
- Tribal revenue sources are a matter of record. Please include the environmental record of the Tribe, i.e., requests for water quality studies, funding spent to restore fish habitat and FSC certification in timber industries both on and off reservation.
- Can the facility be designed with "green construction" and sustainability in mind, i.e., storm water re-use? Solar cells? Green roofs? Etc.
- Important to show that less than 20% of proposed bldg will be a casino and show benefits of other 80% of proposed complex.
- What about the Grand Canyon and other national treasures? We need to preserve what we have left.
- God made this beautiful. Why do we need a casino to mess it up?

Purpose and Need

- If adequate funds are not provided for a complete, scientifically-based EIS, then the project should be deferred until funding is available. A thorough and thoughtful EIS is better than rushing into a poorly considered project that would be inherited by future generations. There is only one Columbia Gorge, and we have only one chance to manage it well.
- We should be looking for ways to make the Gorge better and preserved, rather than ways to develop it.
- Include needs of Cascade Locks for economic development and survival.
- Bothers me that enviro groups embraced 25 million projected visitors for Lewis & Clark Bicentennial but have problem with 3 million driving to play and work in Cascade Locks. Only a 10% increase in non diesel traffic with 100% increase in employment. Death Valley has almost no visitors due to service deficiencies.
- Lewis & Clark is for two years. The casino is for many, many years. Impact of area relative to time.
- Still 12 million visitors on one road for each year – both directions not ½ the way.

Miscellaneous

Infrastructure

- Housing developments - where are they going to go?
- No houses on mountains.

- New housing in Cascade Locks includes proposed 80 units/67 units/25 units/14 units/40 units/6 units all under development in city limits.
- Where will casino employees live?
- The impact of the additional housing, commercial enterprises, infrastructure that would be needed to support the employees (and families) of the project. This would be well beyond the 25-acres being discussed.

Economic

- Any development can be viewed to have a negative impact on the environment. In this case though, there is a greater overall benefit relative to costs.
- Every town is working for more tourism, the traffic is coming anyway.
- Money back into the community
 - Education?
 - How/make sure this will happen?
- Who will the casino employ? Where will the profits go?

Social

- Changing the town character of Cascade Locks (from poor to poorer?)

Transportation

- 3,700 spaces for parking is not enough. If not enough parking will there be shuttles coming from all directions?
- Huge surface parking lot – will need shuttle buses to get from parking space to casino.
- The Gorge I-84 between Troutdale and Cascade Locks freezes (black ice) practically daily between these two towns. How do you propose to keep people from crashing their cars? As most gambling occurs at night and after drinking, this seems like a receipt for many fatal accidents.
- I have been coming here for 3 years and have never hit black ice. The weather has been becoming more moderate between Troutdale and Cascade Locks. I live in Cascade Locks and commute to Vancouver.

Land Use

- How might this affect Hood River's urban growth boundary?
- Though municipalities are exempted from the Gorge Act, their impacts can be widespread within the Gorge.
- This town does not have enough land. That if the population grows to 10,000 people. Housing, land development, schools. Oregonians were warned in the 60's by Gov. Tom McCall not to get any bigger in order for Oregon to be a very conservative state. There are no Tom McCall loyal for citizens these days.

Tribal Issues

- If the tribe lost money at Warm Springs, why should we allow this site to them? Any other business owner would not get this special consideration.

- They don't lose \$, the just don't make enough to maintain viable services to their citizens. This is part of their traditional CEDED lands. Should they just stay on their reservation where they belong? Very narrow-minded.

Environmental

- Does anyone care that Warm Springs cares more about the environment than most other people?
- Forest fire.

Other

- To take chances is living. The world is a casino.
- Great design and takes care of site.
- What will it cost to finance such a project?
- The proposed casino is out of proportion in regards to: Location (Environmental impact, sewer system, national scenic area, traffic increase, housing for guests and employees, local infrastructure and social influence); Nature of business (There is no need for gambling, people have lived here for a long time without it. They don't need it. Those who gamble will travel.) Above applies to Hood River as well plus it is already a major destination because of all its other attractions and getting to its capacity of accommodating all tourists.
- Could someone point out that Oregon does not allow drinking on or in Indian casinos.

E. COURT REPORTER TRANSCRIPTS

Court reporters were present at each meeting to transcribe oral comments of attendees who wished to provide them. Seventy statements were received. The verbatim transcripts are attached as Appendix E.

F. PRESENTATION SESSION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

During the open house presentations, participants were asked to write their questions on question cards that were then read and answered by the project team during the presentation. The team received 245 questions; responses that are attached as Appendix F.