

**City of Damascus
19920 SE Hwy 212
Damascus OR 97015**

January 17, 2006

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City OR 97045

Dear Board Members:

At its January 9, 2006 Council meeting, the City Council of Damascus voted unanimously to endorse the County Parks Advisory Board recommendation on the disposition of Hardscrabble Quarry.

The Council concurs with the entire recommendation which states in part that the Hardscrabble property should become part of an area for Clackamas River Watershed Protection and that it should not be sold to a private interest or mined. Further, that it be included in the inventory of County lands for future master planning.

Sincerely,



Dee E. Wescott, Mayor
City of Damascus

DEW/pm

GRANT PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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April 26, 2005

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Commissioner Bill Kennermer
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Larry Sowa

Subject: Madrone Wall and Clackamas County's wilderness areas

Dear Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the newly re-formed Grant Park Community Planning Organization, we ask for your support in preserving the Madrone Wall and the natural area that surrounds it, commonly known as "The Big Park," which is contemplated as a secondary area in the Damascus City Concept Plan C. Furthermore, we oppose any attempt by Clackamas County to quarry the Madrone Wall or sell the area for use as a quarry.

The members of the Grant Park Community Planning Organization feel that a natural park, including the Madrone Wall and surrounding natural areas, would be of great benefit to the people of Clackamas County. We would like to see this area preserved and opened to the public for Clackamas County citizens and visitors to enjoy.

Conversely, quarrying the Madrone Wall would be a devastating loss to the community and future generations. The disruption to residents from noise and extra traffic on an already hazardous highway would be unthinkable. In addition, Highway 224, a designated Scenic Highway is adjacent the Madrone Wall, as is the Clackamas River, a designated Scenic Waterway. Allowing a quarry to exist in the same location would be an affront to the intentions of those protective designations.

The Grant Park Community Planning Organization members believe that the area is a treasure and a landmark of natural beauty that should be preserved for future generations. The area can be used for low-impact recreation such as hiking, wildlife viewing, picnicking, and rock climbing. This area would serve as a retreat for those wishing to connect with nature as a spiritual renewal.

Environmentally the area is valuable because it supports a habitat for native plants and animals, including the uncommon Pacific madrone tree. The basalt cliff face, which is part of a three million year old lava flow, is a natural watershed that sustains the small tributaries that flow into

the nearby federally protected Clackamas River and give protection to the threatened salmon habitat.

Additionally, the Grant Park Community Planning Organization requests to be informed of meetings of the Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board that pertain to the Madrone Wall and the "Big Park" area. We have been informed that Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board plans to make a final decision about the Madrone wall and the surrounding area in the spring or summer of 2005 and that the advisory board wishes to hear community comments before that decision is made. The Grant Park Community Planning Organization members wish to be added to the meeting agenda so that we can voice our opinion to the board in person.

The members of the Grant Park Community Planning Organization strongly urge you to support the preservation of the Madrone Wall and the surrounding natural areas as a valuable expanse of unique, spectacular beauty for current and future generations. To illustrate the passion of our convictions, the members wish you to understand that the primary reason that the Grant Park Community Planning Organization was so quickly reactivated was that the members, a core group of community residents, wanted to voice our opinions as a united force from the context, and with the strength of, an organized group.

Sincerely

Robert Nichols
Virginia L. Rice
Cornie Klueber
Greg Wilson
J. S. Thompson
David M. Foster
Stewart Wallace
Clyde J. Rice
Ch
Kelly Braun
James Kim
Mark Cull

Leslie Orbach
Don Orbach

Grant Park Community Planning Organization members

Honorable Michael Jordan
Honorable Bill Kennemer
Honorable Larry Sowa

February 20, 1999

Clackamas County Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

We write to you regarding the county's proposal to reopen Hardscrabble Quarry on Hwy 224 between Carver and Barton. As some of you are aware, we recently received informal notification of this proposal. So far two large public meetings and several smaller meetings have been held. (See attached newspaper clipping). It is the strong and unanimous decision of the citizens of the Grant Park Citizens Planning Organization (CPO) that this unique area should not be destroyed, but rather than it should be preserved in perpetuity as a park, and that rock for county roads be obtained from any of the other quarries within Clackamas County. We are more than happy to work with Clackamas County and with METRO to achieve this end.

We are adamant in this decision and nothing will cause us to change it. We do not wish to listen to assurances by county personnel and/or their consultants that there will be no traffic problems, no noise problems, no dust problems, no trackout problems. We do not wish statistics about the cost or quality of the gravel which could be produced on this site. All of these issues are immaterial to us. We believe this area should be preserved because of its unique natural beauty, botanic and geological features, it's proximity to the Clackamas River State Scenic River, and to the planned Clackamas River Greenway. We strongly believe that this is the highest and best use of this area. We believe that the county has erred in this proposal, but that it is not too late to reverse this error.

As officers of Grant Park CPO and as its elected representatives, we ask the following of you

1. To direct county staff to drop this quarry from consideration and to extend the investigation to other quarries, publicly or privately held, within Clackamas County.

2. To direct county staff to work with METRO and with the Grant Park CPO in developing plans to convert this area into a park, hopefully in the short term—certainly in the longer term.

Already, certain members of the Grant Park CPO have formed the Clackamas River Basin Conservation Alliance. (See attached flyer) This alliance is prepared to raise substantial sums of money to retain consul and to carry the fight for the preservation of Hard Scrabble Quarry as far as it shall be necessary.


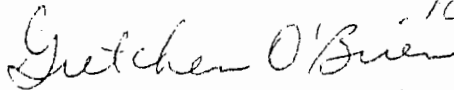
As officers of the CPO we view this fight between members of the CPO and their elected representatives and paid civil servants to be wasteful of resources on both sides of the issue. All these resources will be better spent on development of the Greenway and its environs for current and future generations, as is certainly desired by both the CPO and the county.

As new commissioners in Clackamas County we ask you to give this matter your immediate and serious consideration, before any further scarce county resources are devoted to it. We ask you do this with all possible haste. Finally, in the event that you do not see fit to grant this request, we ask you

3. To schedule time in the next Commissioners' meeting to hear arguments from officers and members of the CPO

Thank you for your consideration. We are hopeful of hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



Gretchen O'Brien
Secretary

Paul Arzt
Vice President



Linda Gebhardt
President

Grant Park Citizens Planning Organization



Boring Community Planning Organization

P.O. Box 391

Boring Oregon 97009

503-663-1297

To The Board Of Clackamas County Commissioners

5 July 2005

Honorable Commissioners

The Boring CPO has voted unanimously to add its support to the efforts to preserve the Madrone Wall. We believe that this important public treasure should be saved now and preserved for future generations as part of a larger network big park idea being studied through the Damascus Boring concept plan.

We believe it is our shared responsibility to take care of the lands, which provide so much value to our communities. If this area were to be quarried, as suggested by some, there would be no turning back; with the stroke of a pen it would be gone forever. To destroy this one hundred foot natural rock wall for gravel would be a travesty.

The Madrone Wall has proven itself as a public treasure supporting many types of recreation, magnificent scenic views and plant life, including the stand of Madrone trees.

To that end, we encourage the Board of Commissioners to plan wisely for the future of this area and its potential long-term benefit to the recreational assets of the scenic Clackamas River area. The things that draw people to our community are quality of life issues, recreational opportunities, and scenic vistas, not rock quarries.

For the Boring CPO

Les Otto, Chair



Rock Creek Community Planning Organization

February 7, 2005

Commissioner Schrader
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Commissioner Schrader,

On behalf of the Rock Creek Community Planning Organization, we ask for your support in preserving the Madrone Wall acreage as a landmark of unusual natural beauty.

We feel the Madrone Wall is a special place. It has already proven itself as a public treasure supporting many types of recreation including hiking, biking and rock climbing. It is home for a select stand of Madrone trees that create a particularly magnificent setting. And it's scenic vistas are spectacular enough to warrant preserving this piece of Clackamas County for future generations.

As you know, we are in the middle of creating the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan, which could alone provide impetus to delay any drastic development until a consensus for the area is reached. And the Madrone Wall could easily provide the foundation of a larger park system being considered along the southern border of the city of Damascus.

To destroy this one hundred foot natural rock wall for gravel would be a waste in our opinion, and create an irreversible scar on the beauty of this scenic area. Please support measures to set aside this land?

Thank you,

George Allen

Rock Creek CPO Vice Chair

April 2005

Eagle Creek-Barton Community Planning Organization

P O Box 101, Eagle Creek Oregon 97022

To the County Commissioners,

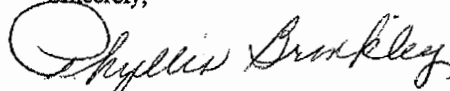
We in the Eagle Creek Community Planning Organization, by unanimous vote, join with the CPOs of Grant Park and Rock Creek to support the preservation of the land know locally both as the Madrone wall, and Hard Scrabble Quarry for future use as a permanent county public park.

The destruction of such an area would be a tragic loss for future generations and label our county as extremely shortsighted. We cannot create another site as unique as this one, which the county already owns. The greatest value this land has is as a recreation site for an increasing population.

In the past rock climbers have enjoyed this area. It is time for hikers, picnickers, and others to also be able to also enjoy this site. Carver and Barton could expand their income producing ventures to serve these visitors. Such an addition to our parks would draw visitors from adjoining counties as well as serve the nearby population. It would enhance the image of Clackamas County, and help set us apart from the typical sea of bedrooms.

Developing a parking lot with safe access would entail some cost, but such an investment would be more than balanced by both the long-term return to the economy and the long-term livability of the area.

Sincerely,



PHYLLIS G. BRINKLEY, President
Eagle Creek-Barton CPO

Cc: Clackamas County Parks-Dan Zinger

March 2, 2005

Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Bill Kennemer
Commissioner Larry Sowa

Subject: Madrone (Hardscrabble) Wall

Dear Board of Commissioners,

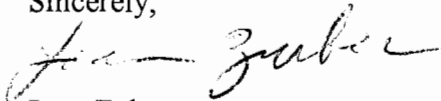
At the February 24th meeting of the South Clackamas CPO, we discussed at length the possible reopening of the Madrone Wall or "Hardscrabble" site for public access and permanent protective status. We decided to submit our support for re-opening access to this 44-acre site and for permanently protecting it as a park or open space for all Clackamas County citizens to enjoy for this and future generations.

We feel that a natural park would be of great overall benefit to the people of Clackamas County. We would like to see this site reopened rather than closed off from the public or destroyed by rock mining or other development. We would further encourage the expanded vision of a large natural park along the National Wild and Scenic Clackamas River, modeled after Forest Park in Portland, which would include the Madrone Wall.

Many residents of our South Clackamas CPO have partnered with the BLM during the past decade to develop the Molalla River Corridor recreation area. Hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, kayak paddlers, campers, and photographers visit the corridor area, once closed to the public by private timber owners.

Additionally, Molalla River Watch has been working to provide educational opportunities for local school children at the Aquila Vista Center and these educational and recreational opportunities are also available at the public-owned Madrone Wall. If you have not visited this site, I would recommend the Board of County Commissioners set up a tour.

Sincerely,



Joan Zuber
Vice Chair, South Clackamas CPO

Date: Dec. 17, 2005

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Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Larry Sowa
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Re: Make the Madrone Wall a Public Park

Dear Board of Commissioners:

I understand you are soliciting public input for your January 2006 review of the future use of the Madrone Wall, an amazing civic treasure located 2.2 miles east of Carver near the Clackamas River. This beautiful and unspoiled publicly-owned site offers stunning views of the lower Clackamas River Basin. It has an unparalleled diversity of wildflowers and ground water emanating from its headland supports endangered salmon and nearby residents. The site offers superb recreation for hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding, picnicking, and wildlife and wildflower viewing that citizens of all ages can enjoy as well as excellent educational opportunities. Within the increasingly urbanized and park-barren area of Damascus, we need more open space, not less, to reconnect with the natural world that makes Oregon so unique.

I would like to add my voice to the over 400 that have already registered their support with you to not sell this public land owned by Clackamas County for a private rock quarry or a trophy home housing development. Please listen to what no less than five local Community Planning Organizations (CPO's including Grant Park - the area in which the Madrone Wall resides, Rock Creek, Boring, Eagle Creek-Barton, and South Clackamas) have unanimously submitted as well as the November 2005 recommendations from your own Parks Advisory Board which is to not sell this site and to include it in the parks master planning process for a park.

As a business owner in Carver, saving the site as a community park will help my business as visitors to the site stop in and patronize my establishment. This income will help increase the County's tax base as well. Making it a park for all to enjoy will also prevent the destruction of a beautiful site and keep hundreds of dangerous giant rock moving trucks off County Scenic Highway 224.

This treasure must not be destroyed as an environmentally ruinous open pit quarry and it must not be auctioned to the highest bidder and transferred out of the public trust for a future trophy housing development. After nearly a decade of deliberation and public closure, I urge you, as a Carver business owner, to seize this opportunity to preserve this public treasure, which would require no money to acquire, for all time as a park that all can access and enjoy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Name/Owner: YOUNG JA LEE
Carver Business: CARVER STORE
Street Address of Business: 16125 SE HWY 224
City, State, Zip Code of Business: CLACKAMAS, OR 97015

Date: 12-19-05

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Sincerely,

Name/Owner: Egbert Muelhalp
Carver Business: Carver Tangar
Street Address of Business: 19169 SE Hwy 224
City, State, Zip Code of Business: Clackamas, OR 97045

Date: 1/10/05

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Name/Owner:

Warren M. Borden

Carver Business:

Carver Cafe

Street Address of Business:

10471 S.E. Hwy 224

City, State, Zip Code of Business:

Clackamas, OR 97015

Date: 01/10/06

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Sincerely,

Name/Owner:

Lester Fischer, Luke Fischer

Carver Business:

Rock Garden Tavern

Street Address of Business:

17930 S. Clackamas River Rd

City, State, Zip Code of Business:

Oregon City, Or 97045



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May 13, 2005

Clackamas County Commissioners
2051 Kaen Rd.
Clackamas, OR 97045

Dear Commissioners Schrader, Kennemer and Sowa,

On behalf of *Still Meadow Community* Retreat and Conference Center we ask for your support in the preservation and public access of site known as Madrone Wall. This site serves to enhance the natural beauty as well as the health and vitality of the Clackamas River Basin.

We feel Clackamas County, local residents and the general public would benefit from the creation a park and green spaces in and around the Madrone Wall site. As this land is already owned by the county, it is the perfect opportunity to preserve and expand on the recreational potential.

Madrone Wall is a site with ancient history and an integral piece of the natural ecosystem in the surrounding area. To do anything besides preserve this space for the future generations would be a tragedy to the environment as well as the local population.

We at *Still Meadow* feel the preservation of Madrone Wall would serve as a statement of support to the Scenic Clackamas River/Hwy 224 and to the continued enhancement of Clackamas County. Please support the measure to preserve Madrone Wall while exploring the possibilities of a connection of green space also known as the "Big Park".

Sincerely,

Todd Blossom
Head Land Steward, *Still Meadow Community*



Clackamas River Basin Council

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Friday, October 14, 2005

Bill Kennemer
Martha Schrader
Larry Sowa
2051 Kaen Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Commissioners:

The Clackamas River Basin Council's Board of Directors discussed the county owned Hardscrabble Quarry site on Highway 224 and has decided to officially submit comment in support of conserving this site for public access and natural resource values. We urge the county to consider and support the value of this property to the community as a public resource.

Our recently completed assessments of the Clackamas Watershed indicate that there is a shortage of relatively large pieces of intact habitat in this region of the watershed. In addition, our involvement with public scoping processes for the Damascus Concept Plan has exposed us to a great deal of public comment from the community in support of the retention of open space. This forty-four acre piece above the Clackamas River presents an unique opportunity for the county to conserve both fish and wildlife values and open space and recreation values as a heritage for Clackamas County residents. We urge you to give the utmost consideration to keeping this site as a natural and recreational resource for our citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ela Whelan

Ela Whelan, Chair
Clackamas River Basin Council

May 12, 2005

Martha Schrader
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

DAMASCUS FOR OPEN SPACE

WWW.DOS1.ORG

P.O. BOX 1041

CLACKAMAS, OREGON 97015

RE: Madrone Wall (Hardscrabble)

Dear Commissioner Schrader:

A very serious and concerning decision is this year in the hands of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, regarding the future use of the Madrone Wall / Hardscrabble, and related property contemplated in the secondary study area between the north bank of the Clackamas River and the southern edge of Damascus' Urban Growth Boundary. As you may know, the technical teams on the Advisory Committee for the Damascus / Boring Concept Plan have voted, unanimously, to move forward on the adoption of the "Big Park" in the concept plan located within this secondary study area. Their reasons are multifold, from protecting our drinking water, to protecting the quality of the National Wild and Scenic Clackamas River, to the preservation of a unique and cherished natural treasure. As the Madrone Wall is centrally situated in the heart of the "Big Park" area, we cannot imagine that the Board of Commissioners is actually considering the demolition of this unique natural bluff, let alone exposing the "Big Park's" future visitors, so vital to our community, to pollution from effluent discharge, noise, and transportation dangers along County Scenic Road Highway 224 produced from an active quarrying operation. This site, requiring no County purchase of land, deserves permanent protection as a natural park for our present and future citizens to enjoy and cherish.

Damascus for Open Space (DOS), and our several hundred local supporters, strongly urges the Board of Commissioners to oppose the irrevocable destruction and harm a quarry or future housing development would cause. Although there may be a small short term financial gain to the County by selling the site for use as a quarry or development, this site is owned by all citizens of the County and this is clearly not the highest and best use for this public land. A short term financial gain cannot override the fact that establishing a park would bring in long-term and ongoing County revenue to local businesses by visitors. With the destruction or development of this treasure, this revenue stream would be forever lost.

In great numbers, citizens of this community have supported the protection of our natural environment and resources. I am attaching for your reference a recent telephone petition in which we obtained the support of over 170 people in just two days of calling for the protection of open space in this area. In a short period of time, I am confident that we could obtain well over a thousand names - a significant portion of the entire Damascus population! In poll after poll, there is a vision supported by a great majority of citizens of this community to preserve and protect as much of our natural quality of life, and rural character as possible. To that end, we would ask that you plan wisely, and protect the Madrone Wall as not only a beautiful and unique compliment to the scenic Clackamas River, but also its preservation as a priority for protecting our water, natural resources, and environment.

Sincerely,



Anthony C. Neal
Founder, Damascus for Open Space
info@dos1.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Edwards [mailto:riverwitness@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 11:40 PM

To: CCC commissioners; Bill CCC Kennemer; Martha CCC Schrader; Larry CCC Sowa

Cc: Witbeck Carol2

Subject: Madrone Wall / Hardscrabble Determination /meeting 3/15/05

Dear Commissioners,

Please respond individually that you have read this input to the discussion.

Re: Future of the Madrone Wall / Hardscrabble

determination discussions 11:00 a.m., 3/15/05

Clackamas County has an opportunity to protect for future residents, an historic geologic site within the watershed of the Clackamas River.

Being aware of discussions involving combining this site with adjacent properties to the east, the west and the south, we look with anticipation at the possibility of the North Bank Project expansion becoming a reality. Conserving land within 1/2 mile of a river used for drinking water should be a priority in efforts to protect the resource.

Friends of Barton Park and the Scenic Clackamas River, Friends of the Clackamas River and Oregon Conservancy have worked for years on efforts to protect the water quality and fisheries of the Clackamas River Watershed. Seeking protection for the Madrone Wall site has been part of this work.

As this county continues to develop out of control, it is important to plan for protection of these kinds of resources. We desperately need natural area parks. Clackamas County is way behind in setting aside park lands for future generations. And we are desperately behind in protecting the Clackamas River watershed. Preventing mining on this site will prevent the erosion and siltation of tributaries to the Clackamas River. Since the county already owns this property, there are no acquisition costs. We have a tremendous opportunity here to expand efforts to protect this watershed and gain a parks amenity. Our legacy is better reflected in saving a beautiful, natural, riverine environment than in leaving mining scars well within view, or raising up monolithic protuberances in homage to the building trade. We have thousands of acres of other land, better suited for development or mining. Do you realize the entire upper terrace, from Clackamas Town Center to Estacada, is an ancient gravel bed? There is no need to destroy natural and scenic wonders to feed mining and development interests.

Many will attest to the scenic, historic and geologic attributes of this site. The Damascus community is told of historic Native American use of the caves on this site. Local community members along with hiking and rock climbing enthusiasts from around the world meet on this site throughout the summer to enjoy scenic views, continue cultural exchanges and contribute to local tourism.

We ask that you latch onto this opportunity to do something great for future residents of this county. It is in the best interest of this community for this site to be protected for its recreational and scenic qualities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Witbeck

for Friends of Barton Park and the Scenic Clackamas River, Friends of the Clackamas River and Oregon Conservancy

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Subject: RE: Madrone Wall / Hardscrabble Determination /meeting 3/15/05
Date: Tue, 15 Mar 2005 08:59:32 -0800

Carol:

Commissioner Sowa was out of town all day yesterday to a meeting in Salem. I just handed him your email.

Ginny

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Friends of Mount Hood

P.O. Box 293, Mount Hood, Oregon 97041

March 28, 2005

Clackamas County Commissioners
Martha Schrader, Chair
Bill Kennemer, Vice Chair
Larry Sowa
2051 Kaen Rd.
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Dear Commissioners Schrader, Kennemer and Sowa,

While Friends of Mount Hood is an organization concerned chiefly with environmental issues on the mountain, we wish to extend our support to the preservation of the MADRONE WALL. We recognize the Wall's unique qualities including the highly unusual stand of mature Pacific madrone trees, the abundance of other native flora and fauna, its spectacular one hundred foot height offering excellent rock climbing opportunities, and its easy accessibility to Portland's urban dwellers.

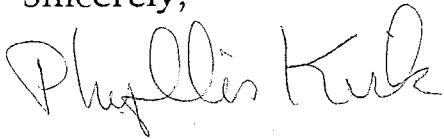
We understand that some of the options under consideration for the Wall include re-establishing rock quarrying, logging, and selling for some other development - all of which would involve heavy truck traffic. The Wall is located just off Highway 224's "Carver Curves" an area notorious for fatal accidents. It is not a road where heavy trucking is appropriate.

In addition, all of these options imply *monetary* value. We are concerned with that mono-definition of the word "value", and would like to point out that "value" has many other intrinsic implications - spiritual, emotional, and moral. One our members pointed out that while many in our society monetarily support manmade places of worship and spiritual renewal, others value the spiritual renewal found in the incredibly beautiful works of nature as is represented by the Madrone Wall.

We urge you to acknowledge the intrinsic value of the Madrone Wall, with the understanding that its preservation could well become a source of revenue for the County through increased visits to local small businesses as urban dwellers come to enjoy the Wall's beauty, uniqueness, and the many low impact recreational activities it offers.

We thank you for your consideration to preserve the Madrone Wall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis Kirk". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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July 26, 2005

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Commissioner Martha Schrader

Commissioner Larry Sowa

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Re: Preservation of and Access to Publicly-Owned Madrone Wall

Dear Board of Commissioners:

I am writing for the Cooper Spur Wild & Free Coalition, a group of recreation and conservation groups dedicated to securing permanent protection for the wild, north side of Mt. Hood. Please see our web site below for our member list which includes many of the larger advocacy groups in the NW Oregon area. While our charter is confined to the Mt. Hood Forest and particularly to the North side of the mountain we take interest in the Madrone Wall. This is because Cooper Spur Wild & Free formed over four years ago to assure protection for a historical, recreational and biologically diverse area that was and still is threatened by resort and real estate development interests. We see a similar threat to the Madrone Wall, an area even closer to the metro area with a wealth of potential recreation and open space.

I understand you are soliciting public input for your upcoming decision regarding the future of the site just east of Carver near the Clackamas River. This beautiful site, located in the geologically important Clackamas Bluffs, offers beautiful views over the lower Clackamas River Basin. It has a diversity of wildflowers, old growth Douglas fir, Pacific Madrone, and wetlands. Ground water emanating from its headland supports endangered salmon and nearby residents and there are vast, untapped outdoor educational opportunities. The site offers superb recreation for hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding, picnicking, and wildlife and wildflower viewing that citizens of all ages can enjoy. Within this increasingly urbanized and park-barren area of Damascus, we need more open space, not less, to reconnect with the natural world that makes Oregon unique.

The Madrone Wall's diversity of geography and potential use that makes it a place with few equals so close to so many people. If "developed" (destroyed?) it will be gone forever to the regret of us and future generations. This area should not be destroyed as an environmentally ruinous open pit quarry and it must not be auctioned to the highest bidder and transferred out of the public trust for a future trophy housing development. After nearly a decade of deliberation, I urge you, as stewards of the County's natural heritage and resources, to take this opportunity to preserve this public land, which would require no money to acquire, for all time as a park that all can access and enjoy.

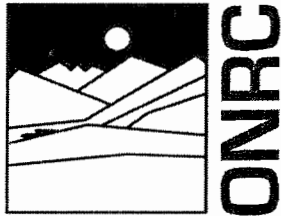
Sincerely,

Russ Pascoe

President

Cooper Spur Wild & Free Coalition

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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

July 29, 2005

Commissioner Bill Kennemer
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Larry Sowa
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bcc@co.clackamas.or.us

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Oregon Natural Resources Council's (ONRC) 6000 members, many of whom reside in Clackamas County, I am writing to you regarding the Commission's interest in the recreational area known as the Madrone Wall.

One of things that make Clackamas County such a special place is the ease of access to nearby recreational activities. Whether it's skiing and hiking on the Clackamas County portion of the Mount Hood National Forest, or fishing for salmon on the hogline on the Willamette, Clackamas County is blessed with opportunities for all kinds of motorized and human-powered recreation.

As you may know, ONRC has worked for the last 30 years to keep Oregon a special place to live, work and raise a family. While we primarily work on federal land and water management issues, the opportunity to conserve places as unique as the Madrone Wall moves us to write to you. Oregon's unique natural wonders, such as the Madrone Wall attract new residents and visitors alike to Clackamas County. As you direct County planners in their efforts to accommodate current and future populations of Clackamas County residents, I urge you to consider the benefit of maintaining the Madrone Wall in its natural state.

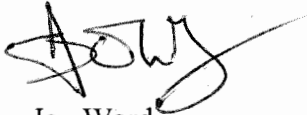
Situated above the scenic Clackamas River, Madrone Wall offers unparalleled vistas of the basin. Its remnant old growth forests shelter wetlands that support Oregon's iconic salmon populations and a veritable garden of wildflowers. In short, it is a glimpse of Oregon as it once was. Places like Madrone Wall should be cherished and protected from the excesses of development.

Therefore Commissioners, ONRC urges you to seize the initiative and as caretakers of the County, to move with all due haste to set this natural gem aside as a park for our children and grandchildren to use and enjoy.

Much as your predecessors are well remembered for protecting McGiver and Eagle Fern parks for today's residents, you and your colleagues will be praised for your visionary act to permanently protect this unique portion of Clackamas County's natural legacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Ward", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: kdaellenbach@att.net
Subject: Preservation of and Access to Publicly-Owned Madrone Wall
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 17:38:46 +0000

Dear Commissioners Kennemer, Schrader, and Sowa,

We understand you are soliciting public input for your upcoming decision regarding the future of the Madrone Wall. Considering the support of numerous conservation groups for preserving this treasure and what this area will mean to the community and the natural resource assets of the county, we urge that it be made into a park to be publicly held in perpetuity.

Thank you for your considering our input.

Sincerely,

The Clackamas County Chapter of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters
c/o Anne Pernick, Field Organizer

Portland Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon
Steve Roelof, Chapter President
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October 5, 2005

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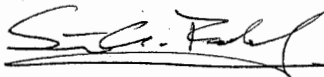
Re: Preservation of Madrone Wall

Dear Board of Commissioners:

We understand you are soliciting public input for your upcoming decision regarding the future of the Madrone Wall, an ecologically and socially important piece of public land near the Clackamas River. This beautiful site, shaped by the power of the river, offers outstanding views and is a refuge for native flora and fauna. It supports a diverse array of native plant communities, including rock-outcrop communities, mature Douglas-fir forest, wetlands and stands of the locally scarce Pacific Madrone tree. This site helps support a small tributary stream, contributing cold, clear water to the Clackamas River, which is an important refuge for native fish. The site also offers superb recreation opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, and wildlife and wildflower viewing, which citizens of all ages can enjoy.

Diverse, beautiful and ecologically significant parcels of public land, like the Madrone Wall, are of utmost importance in the northern Willamette Valley. It is in these protected natural areas where critical ecosystem components find refuge in rapidly urbanizing regions. Selling the property or developing it as an open-pit quarry would be shortsighted and not in the best interest of the citizens of Clackamas County. With these thoughts in mind, we urge you to protect the Madrone Wall and associated native plant communities as a public open-space for this and future generations.

Sincerely,



Steve Roelof, Chapter President
Portland Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon



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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Chairperson Martha Schrader
Vice Chair Bill Kennemer
Commissioner Larry Sowa
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bcc@co.clackamas.or.us

Re: Preservation of Madrone Wall

Dear Commissioners Schrader, Kennemer and Sowa,

It has come to my attention that you are soliciting public input for your upcoming decision regarding the future of the Madrone Wall, just east of Carver near the Clackamas River. This site has numerous values as open space including outstanding wildflowers, scenic views of the Clackamas River, old growth Douglas fir and Pacific madrone, wetland bogs, and outdoor recreational opportunities. With steadily increasing development pressures in this part of the greater metropolitan area, open spaces such as Madrone Wall will continue to become increasingly valuable to the public in their undeveloped condition.

Given the benefits to the public and the need for open space and parks within urban growth boundaries, the Sierra Club urges you to turn the Madrone Wall area into a publicly owned park to be protected from development now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Scott Chapman
Land Use Coordinator
Oregon Chapter Sierra Club



Friends of Forest Park

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Dedicated to Protecting and Enhancing Portland's Forest Park

July 12, 2005

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Bill Kennemer
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Larry Sowa
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Re: Preservation of and Access to Publicly-Owned Madrone Wall

Dear Board of Commissioners:

The Board, Staff and 1500 members of Friends of Forest Park would like to ask for your support for making Madrone Wall permanently accessible to the public.

As you may be aware, Forest Park is an area that is similar to Madrone Wall in that it was publicly owned property that was turned into a park. The vision and forethought of Portland's leaders in the 40s and 50s helped create a public park unlike any other city park in the country, one that helps define the city of Portland with over 5000 acres of undeveloped forest literally minutes from downtown.

You, as the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, have the opportunity to do the same in your area. Madrone Wall offers distinctive geology, diversity of riparian zones and vegetation, and rare educational and recreational opportunities that do not exist within other public greenspaces in the Portland area.

Needless to say, once greenspaces are developed (either commercially or residentially) they are gone forever. Local greenspace acquisition and access has not kept up with development in the tri-country area. The Madrone Wall area, being already owned by the county, is a prime sample of an area that can be preserved as parkland, thus continuing our local heritage of supporting and providing greenspace-based recreation. To hand this over for commercial or residential development would be to pass up a rare opportunity for such an 'easy' win – a unique public park, without acquisition costs!

We, the Friends of Forest Park, urge you to take the same long-term vision in making the Madrone Wall area both publicly and permanently accessible.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Monty Smith

President, Board of Directors
Friends of Forest Park

Gail Snyder

Executive Director
Friends of Forest Park

Three Rivers

LAND CONSERVANCY



May 6, 2005

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Dear Commissioners Sowa, Kennemer and Schrader:

I am writing on behalf of Three Rivers Land Conservancy in support of permanently preserving the Madrone Wall as protected open space and parkland.

As you know, Three Rivers Land Conservancy works voluntarily with private landowners to leave a legacy of nature close to home in greater Portland. 80,000 acres of ecologically important lands still exist in greater Portland. These lands provide clean air, clean water and places for people to recreate and wildlife habitat close to home. Protecting and conserving these lands is our legacy for future generations.

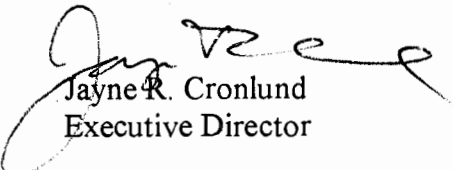
One of Three Rivers' main focus areas is south of Damascus on the lower tributaries of the Clackamas including Rock, Richardson and Deep Creeks. These creeks provide clear, clean, cool water to the Clackamas River and spawning grounds for fish runs on the Clackamas River. Our hope is to develop, with many partners, a connected system of trees, streams, river, trails and bluffs in this area. Many hundreds of acres of land area already conserved in this area including, Barton Park, Pidgeon Park and a new site that Three Rivers Land Conservancy is acquiring with some Title 3 funds and a generous landowner donation. We are calling this entire network the Clackamas River Bluffs and Canyons Natural Area.

The Madrone Wall is a vital link in this network. It will serve as a great natural area park and rock climbing opportunity. The entire Clackamas River Bluffs and Canyon Natural Area will be an attraction and amenity to the new town of Damascus as it develops and establishes itself. Three Rivers understands the County's concerns about maintenance and operation revenue. As Three Rivers develops a feasibility study for this area, it will explore how maintenance dollars can be secured for these parks and open spaces.

Three Rivers Land Conservancy strongly urges you to leave this important legacy for future generations to enjoy of a preserved Madrone Wall that will serve as one of the centerpieces of the Clackamas River Bluffs and Canyons Natural Area. This legacy will ensure a healthy, vital economic center in Damascus with great recreational amenities, clean air, clean water and places for our children to experience nature close to home.

If you have any questions about the Clackamas River Bluffs and Canyons Natural Area, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


Jayne R. Cronlund
Executive Director

January 26, 2005

Commissioner Larry Sowa
Clackamas County
2051 Kaen Road
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503-655-8581

Dear Commissioner Sowa,

The American Alpine Club (AAC), Oregon Section, is vitally interested in preserving and developing the unique natural Madrone Wall near the Clackamas River. This is a special Oregonian resource that should be a recreational, educational and inspirational site for future generations.

The Madrone Wall, a beautiful natural area located near the Clackamas River, has been closed to climbing and access since fall of 1997. It is now being evaluated by Clackamas County agencies. The initial effort to preserve this site began as a grassroots organization seven years ago, intending to prevent the irreversible demise of the site into a hard rock quarry.

In a recent meeting you proposed Clackamas County action, which over the next couple of months may decide the future of the Madrone Wall.

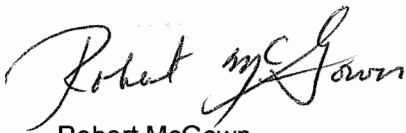
This unique natural resource of cliff face, forest, wildflowers, and wetlands should receive protection as a Clackamas County park or open space. The site is an excellent place for recreation such as rock climbing, caving, hiking, geology, birding and wildlife viewing.

If this area was to be designated as an official park and opened up to the public, the National Headquarters of the AAC in Golden, Colorado would be willing provide some or all of the funding necessary for a parking lot to help develop the site.

By providing funding and grassroots support, the Oregon Chapter, AAC hopes to make the vision of a public Madrone Wall Park a reality.

Please consider our request seriously. We appreciate your cooperation.

Best Regards,



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April 25, 2005

Commissioner Martha Schrader, Chairperson
 Commissioner Bill Kennemer, Vice Chairperson
 Commissioner Larry Sowa
 Board of County Commissioners
 Clackamas County
 2051 Kaen Road
 Oregon City, Oregon 97045

re: FWOC 2000 Resolution #20

Dear Commissioner Schrader,

In the past seventy-two years, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has been an effective conservation organization, helping to create the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, North Cascades National Park and recently the Giant Sequoia National Monument as well as other victories. It was founded on the slope of Oregon's Mount Hood and currently represents fifty-one clubs and their membership who are concerned about the environment we live in.

It has been made aware of efforts by local groups this month to regain access to the Madrone Wall, on the site of the historic Hardscrabble Quarry, after having stopped recent plans to quarry for street gravel there. This preservation effort was first considered by the Federation at its 2000 convention in Redding, California and subsequently adopted a resolution to preserve the site and its thriving wildlife. Consequently, it has become Federation policy and is attached.

The Federation encourages the local government in Clackamas County to give back public access to this County site and to preserve the Madrone Wall, a plot of land deserved of protection for its unique beauty and recreational quality. Your help in this matter is much appreciated.

Regards,

Joe Hargrave
 FWOC NW Oregon State VP and,
 Webmaster

cc: file

PROPOSED MADRONE WALL PRESERVATION IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs opposes the destruction of the Madrone Wall from hard rock quarrying and supports and endorses efforts to preserve this amazing civic treasure.

The Madrone Wall is a natural basalt cliff face surrounded by a stunning and unique grove of Pacific Madrone trees and a thriving wetland located in the metropolitan area of Portland, Oregon. This amazing civic treasure is threatened by destruction by hard rock quarrying. Clackamas County owns the forty-four acre plot of land on which the Madrone Wall is located. For decades, this beautiful natural area has been a revered recreational destination for rock climbers, hikers, and equestrians who have enjoyed the natural geologic features, pristine forests, wetlands, and unrivaled scenic views of the lower Clackamas River Basin.

In 1997, Clackamas County officials closed the Madrone Wall area to public access due to a permit request to allow active quarrying to begin at the site. Recreationists quickly reacted and incorporated as the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee (MWPC), an Oregon public benefit corporation, with the primary goals of preventing quarrying in the area and preserving the land for recreation and protecting it from development. The MWPC, with assistance from the Mazamas, Ptarmigans, and the Access Fund, have banded together with the Clackamas River Basin Conservation Alliance, a local group of concerned citizens, to protect the Madrone Wall area from an outrageous and irreversible demise. These groups have constructively enjoined the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to seek preservation of the Madrone Wall area by sale or transfer of the land.

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Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005 11:21 AM
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Cc: stockperson@msn.com; latiolp@cascadeaccess.com
Subject: Madrone Wall

Commissioners:

The North Valley chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails would like to encourage you to preserve the Madrone Wall area for public use. We understand there are 44 acres available at this site presenting some unique riding opportunities.

We ride at several sites in and around Clackamas County and meet in the Clackamas area monthly. We have a chapter membership*of approximately 200 people.

Our chapter is trail custodian of 26 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and also do various projects including trail and campground work at Springwater Trail, Powell Butte, McIver Park, Mt Hood National Forest=Salmon-Huckleberry area, Sandy River Delta, Molalla River Corridor, as well as several other areas.

We are also non-profit but do fundraising to support our interests. We donate a lot of volunteer work hours to these various projects as well as construction supplies and work closely with the people in charge of the different areas. It is definitely a 'labor of love'.

Sally Rask,
secretary North Valley Chapter
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October 12, 2005

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Martha Schrader
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Larry Sowa
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter in support of the preservation of the Madrone Wall in Clackamas County.

This treasured site needs to be kept open and available to the public to enjoy now and for generations to come. It would be tragic if this site fell into private hands and became developed or worse, quarried.

Outward Bound has been based in Oregon since 1964. We provide wilderness challenge for the purpose of personal development. We recognize the type of experience one can have in a wilderness setting and, as a non-profit, we strive to provide this experience to as many people as possible. Our students learn more about themselves in two weeks in the mountains than perhaps in their entire life. **Wilderness not only strips us of our beds, cars and cell phones, it also strips us of our labels and self imposed limitations. It allows us to discover who we really are, to try on a different pair of shoes and come back an improved version of ourselves.**

Preserved lands are disappearing at a drastic rate. With urbanization happening faster and faster, the next generation of Oregonians is losing touch with the natural world around them. One of the many reasons for this is simply a loss of natural areas for them to explore as well as a belief that the natural world is no longer valued. Children learn values from the environment in which they are brought up. **What are we teaching our kids by not saving the Madrone Wall?** Are big houses more important than seeing white tail deer 15 feet away; experiencing an explosion of spring wild flowers or sharpening one's character on an exhilarating rock climb? **A unique opportunity stands before you in Clackamas County. This is an opportunity to preserve a little piece of Oregon for yourselves, for fellow citizens and most importantly for the generations to follow.**

I urge you to protect this local natural treasure and make it available for the citizens of Oregon to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Neil Gibson
Northwest Outreach Coordinator
Outward Bound Wilderness

October 1, 2004

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Bill Kenemer
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Larry Sowa
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Re: Preserving the Madrone Wall as Park or Open Space

Dear Clackamas County Commissioners:

The Mazamas is a 3000-member strong organization with over 100 years of history promoting a deeper appreciation of Oregon's wild spaces. We did, in fact, form as an organization in Clackamas County on the summit of Mt. Hood in 1894. We are a diverse group of people who share the same passion for hiking, climbing, and other forms of outdoor recreation that have a small ecological footprint. Encouragement of the preservation of forests and other features of mountain scenery, as far as possible in their natural beauty, is a key element of our mission statement.

The Clackamas River basin is a prime outdoor recreation location for our members not only because of its proximity to where we live, but also for its pristine beauty. The old growth Douglas fir and forests of Western red cedar that still remain, stand as mute witnesses to bygone days of natural splendor. The Clackamas River, meandering through a forested canyon and into a wider basin, is appropriately designated as a National Wild and Scenic River.

Preserving a small portion of this natural heritage, the Madrone Wall, is of special interest today as its future is now under review by Clackamas County. This 44-acre parcel of land, located along County Scenic Road Highway 224 between Carver and Barton, is owned by Clackamas County. It has many qualities that are deeply valued by outdoor recreation enthusiasts. It has immense potential for hiking, wildlife viewing, rock climbing, communing with nature, and environmental education. We feel that it is of crucial importance to preserve this treasure as a public park or open space and keep it in trust for the enjoyment of future generations, rather than reduce it to a pile of gravel or a development site for luxury homes. Because of its unique qualities, we believe it should now be open for access for all to enjoy its public benefit.

Public spaces close to urban centers like the Tryon Creek State Park, Lewis and Clark State Park, and Forest Park are what make Oregon, and specifically the greater Portland Metro area, such a livable place. We urge you to continue in Oregon's long tradition of promoting public lands and act now to preserve and designate the Madrone Wall as a park or open space.

Sincerely,

John Youngman
Mazamas President



Ptarmigan Mountaineering Club
P.O. Box 1821, Vancouver, WA 98668

March 27, 2005

Commissioner Martha Schrader, Chairperson
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Re: Preservation of the Madrone Wall

Dear Commissioner Schrader:

As one of countless active outdoor organizations in the Pacific Northwest, the Ptarmigan Mountaineering Club of Vancouver, Washington with members in both Washington and Oregon, is adding its voice of overwhelming support for the preservation of the Madrone Wall in Clackamas County.


We appreciate the direction that you provided at the 15 March study session to direct the Parks Department and the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) to meet with interested parties to discuss the future of the Madrone Wall over the spring and summer and provide a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners by late October. Until this site is preserved, it will continue to be threatened with quarrying or a housing development. The environmental and recreational benefits that would be reaped by preserving it as a park are significant and would last generations. With the increasing urbanization, particularly with the recent incorporation of the City of Damascus last fall, we are concerned with the irreparable destruction of wild lands and the loss of essential natural and wildlife habitat. It is imperative that this Madrone Wall site be taken off the chopping block forever. We request that we be put on the PAB's agenda for discussions regarding the future use of this site. We request Dan Zinzer contact us on behalf of the PAB to set this up.

A report by ECONorthwest shows that quarrying this site would be uneconomical even under the best circumstances. The Metro region simply should not allow the destruction of one of its great last scenic treasures for a trophy housing development to be enjoyed by only a few citizens. Far more preferable to either scenario would be to make this natural treasure a preserve for the benefit of all in perpetuity.

The Ptarmigans are in full support of the efforts of the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee to do just that. In addition, our more than 100 members will lend their energy to the volunteer, financial, and conservation efforts necessary to upgrade this site when it does become a park.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and attention to this crucial issue.

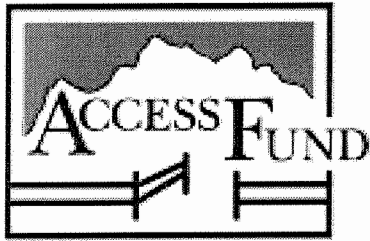
Sincerely,


Rhonda Nelson

President, Ptarmigans Mountaineering Club

cc:

- Commissioner Bill Kennemer, Vice Chairperson
- Commissioner Larry Sowa
- Dan Zinzer, Manager, Transportation Engineering, Parks & Property Management, Clackamas County



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October 16, 2004

To Clackamas County Commissioners,

My name is Kellie Rice, and I am writing to you in regards to a location in your county known as Hardcrabble Quarry, or the Madrone Wall. I volunteer for a non profit called the Access Fund. The Access Fund is a national nonprofit rock climbing organization founded in 1990, and the mission of the organization is to keep climbing areas open and to conserve the climbing environment. As one of the volunteer regional coordinators for the state of Oregon with the Access Fund, it is my responsibility to: organize stewardship projects of local climbing areas to maintain trails and pick up trash with the help of volunteers, work with government officials such as Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the US Forest Service that manage these climbing areas, and also to organize events and meetings for climbers to network.

Not only am I writing to you as a climber, but as someone that appreciates natural areas and greenspace. Upon moving to Oregon in the Fall of 1997, this site was closed in 1997 to public access. So, I have not had any opportunities to use it. However, after working with members of the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee, and having conversations with people who used the site, I know that it is a civic treasure with all of the native plants and wildlife, it's location along the Clackamas River, as well as the geological evidence and features from the Clackamas River's original path.

This site is not only a valuable place for recreation, but for education as well. What an opportunity for students in your community to use the site as a classroom for learning science, natural resources, and about the many native plants and animals in the area.

I would hope that you all will consider the option of preserving this space as a natural area for people in your community to use for education and recreation.

Sincerely,

Kellie Rice
Oregon-West Access Fund Regional Coordinator
971-235-6169



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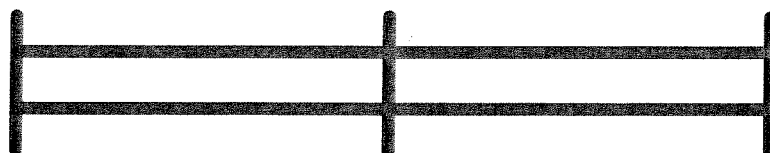
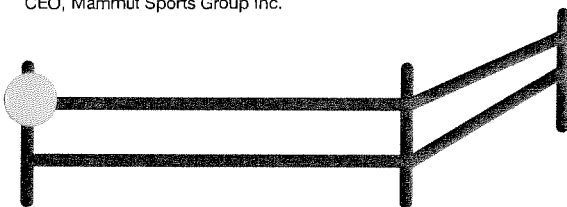
**RE: INPUT TO COMMISSIONERS AS PAB CONCLUDES REVIEW
OF FUTURE USE OF MADRONE WALL**

Dear Commissioners Schrader, Kennemer and Sowa,

I am writing on behalf of the Access Fund, a national advocacy and conservation organization, to support the work of the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee and Kellie Rice, Access Fund Regional Coordinator-Oregon. *We strongly agree with and support the efforts of the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee and the many other Oregon and national organizations to permanently preserve Madrone Wall as protected and open space.*

The Access Fund

The Access Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit advocacy and conservation organization, is the nation's largest climbers' organization, representing over 1.6 million technical rock climbers and mountaineers nationwide. The Access Fund's mission is to keep climbing areas open, and to conserve the climbing environment. Preserving the opportunity to climb and the diversity of the climbing experience are fundamental to our mission.





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The Access Fund encourages an ethic of personal responsibility, self-regulation, and Leave No Trace practices among climbers; works cooperatively with public land managers on conservation projects and management planning, supports local climbing organizations, provides funding for conservation projects and scientific studies, develops and distributes educational materials, represents the interests of climbers on public policy issues, acquires and manages land, and annually sponsors over 100 Adopt-a-Crags across the country. A significant number of the Access Fund's members live in the Northwest, in particular the Portland-metro area.

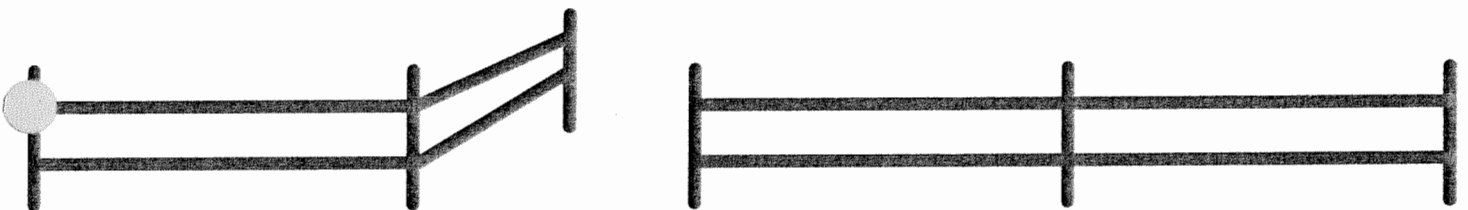
The Access Fund's grant program regularly provides funding for management initiatives that develop or support partnerships with resource management agencies, conservation organizations, land trusts, and local climbing groups. Since the grant program's inception, over two million dollars have been awarded to support local activists' efforts. In 2005 alone, over \$100,000 was awarded in Climbing Preservation Grants to support Climber Activism, Stewardship, Education and Land Acquisitions across the country, including over \$8,500 to Oregon projects.

Tradition of Recreational Use at Madrone Wall

Madrone Wall was an open space resource for Portlanders and Oregonians for many years prior to its closure in 1997, and it was an important destination for a variety of recreational activities, including rock climbing. People came to Madrone Wall because it was an oasis of open space close to a major metropolitan area.

This geologically unique bluff offers unparalleled scenic vistas of the lower Clackamas River basin. The spectacular columnar basalt cliff is a precious resource for rock climbers who live in the area. Climbers, like other outdoor recreationists, seek urban escape, nature appreciation, wildlife observation, exercise and a variety of other enriching outcomes when we visit open spaces and parks. They are also strong supporters of the environment, open space, and conservation. Moreover, the opening of Madrone Wall to climbing and other forms of recreation will have a significant and positive overall effect on the local economy, as well as the health of the local citizenry.

I sincerely hope that local activists, the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee, and the Access Fund can address your concerns regarding the opening of Madrone Wall to recreation as a park and open space. To this end, the Access Fund and the local climbing





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community are prepared to assist the County with issues as they arise. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Access Fund or rock climbing in general, please don't hesitate to contact me 1-888-863-6337, x112; deanne@accessfund.org. We very much appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Deanne Buck
Programs Director

Cc: Steve Matous, Access Fund Executive Director (via email)
Kellie Rice, Access Fund Regional Coordinator, Madrone Wall Preservation
Committee (via email)
Keith Daellenbach, Madrone Wall Preservation Committee

