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Endorsing Preser. & Park:

- > 1,000 Citizen Letters (since 2005)
- U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
- U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer
- State Senator Rick Metsger
- State Representative Brent Barton
- Metro President David Bragdon
- Metro Regional Council
- Clackamas County Commissioners
- Damascus City Mayor Jim Wright
- Damascus City Council
- Portland Com. Dan Saltzman (Parks)
- Grant Park CPO (Comm. Plan. Org.)
- Boring CPO
- Rock Creek CPO
- Eagle Creek-Barton CPO
- South Clackamas CPO
- Clack. County Parks Advisory Board
- Carver Store
- Carver Hangar
- Carver Curves Café
- Rock Garden Tavern
- Barton Food Mart
- Still Meadow Community
- Clackamas River Basin Council
- Damascus for Open Space
- Friends of Barton Pk. & Clack. Riv.
- Friends of Mount Hood
- Cooper Spur Wild and Free Coalition
- Oregon Natural Resources Council
- Oregon League of Conserv. Voters
- Native Plant Society of Oregon
- Sierra Club
- Audubon Society of Portland
- Friends of Forest Park
- Three Rivers Land Conservancy
- American Alpine Club
- Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia
- Fed. of Western Outdoors Clubs
- Oregon Equestrian Trails
- Metolious Climbing
- Mountain Hardwear
- Keen Footwear
- Outward Bound
- Ptarmigans
- Mazamas
- The Access Fund

(Copies of endorsement letters available on our website)

Grants Received From:

- Patagonia
- REI/Clackamas
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Jubitz Family Foundation
- Mazamas
- The Access Fund
- Ptarmigans
- American Alpine Club-Oregon
- Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia

Awards:

- Montague Cup/Conservation (Mazamas, 2006)
- Sharp End Award (Access Fund, 2005)

The Madrone Wall Preservation Committee is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) Oregon all-volunteer public charitable organization focused on preserving and re-establishing access to the Madrone Wall of Clackamas County and to act as a parks advocacy organization for a future park at the site of this amazing civic treasure.

The Madrone Wall is NOT open. Please continue to respect Clackamas County's "NO TRESPASSING" posting.

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7 April 2015

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

RE: Request BCC Support for Madrone Wall Park Opening

Dear Chair John Ludlow, Commissioner Jim Bernard, Commissioner Paul Savas, Commissioner Martha Schrader, Commissioner Tootie Smith:

We understand later this month Clackamas County, through a Park Advisory Board review on 21 April, is going to evaluate whether or not to push the Madrone Wall Park opening effort over the finish line or, alternatively, to let it languish indefinitely with no access. Joan Zuber of the South Clackamas County CPO (Community Planning Organization, letter attached), Charlene DeBruin (Eagle Creek-Barton CPO, letter attached), and I seek your support for this park opening. **Would you support this park opening effort?** We are available to discuss this further with you and are flexible with time and date; please contact me if you would like to meet.

The County has owned the 44-acre property, located 2.2 miles east of Carver on Highway 224, since 1937. This public site has, however, been closed to public access for 18 years. Reopening is a "win" for multiple reasons:

1.) **Tourism:** The site was open for decades prior to County closure in 1997. Identified as a cornerstone in the County's "Performance Clackamas – Strategic Plan" promoting the County's Natural Resources to attract tourism, Madrone Wall, once re-opened, will once again boost "outside" tourism dollars spent at rural County businesses. It will support family-wage jobs in rural Clackamas County, an area underserved within the broader economic recovery. All local businesses in Carver and Barton support opening this park (see ledger at left). And why not? There will be an increase in local spending of \$185,000 annually. During closure, local businesses have, in effect, lost access to over \$3.3 million in revenue! Rural Clackamas County deserves its fair share of economic prosperity and should not be held back any longer from applying its abundant natural resource heritage to support business prosperity. I discussed the history of the park creation in a newspaper article published recently in the *Clackamas Review/Oregon City News* (article attached).

2.) **Stop Government Overreach and Open Public Land:** Due to government overreach and bureaucratic delays, this public property has been closed for nearly two decades with no end in site. This is a dubious distinction for being singularly unique among all 2,600 acres of County land. Even though the BCC already issued Order No. 2010-70 in 2010 to "dedicat(e) former Hardscrabble Quarry, as Madrone Wall Park" the site's status continues to be lost in bureaucratic limbo with over 19 separate major studies and counting.

3.) **Heathy, Thriving Families and Communities:** Well over one thousand support letters have been submitted to open this park including 401 letters in the last few weeks to you. Has the BCC ever received this unabated level of voluminous support sustained for nearly two decades? See ledger at left to see the broad support for this park which includes all of Oregon's U.S. Senators and Congressman, State Legislators, City of Damascus, local rural CPO's and businesses (letters posted on our website). The County's Strategic Plan supports "active lifestyles" that promote healthy behaviors. Opening this park will promote increased recreational physical activity which will contribute to reduced childhood obesity. A dozen churches within eight miles and local scout troops want to use this park for parishioners and Eagle Scout projects and seven local Clackamas schools within eight miles want to take ecology/geology field trips to inspire student learning in an outside classroom.

4.) **Road Building Project and Support Our Troops:** The Oregon National Guard expresses significant interest in constructing the access road and parking area and, if they move forward which you can help encourage, is valued at \$57,000 in pro bono labor. This will train 1249th Engineering Battalion soldiers critical road building for their mission. Additionally, the Guard expressed interest in using this future park to train soldiers in land navigation as the site is only six miles from Camp Withycombe. "Support Our Troops" is a familiar refrain, however, unless we actually do that, it rings hollow, bumper stickers notwithstanding. Several organizations, including our's which has provided a long term financial partnership with the County, and Clackamas Tourism Commission, Mazamas, Access Fund, all want to contribute and help raise funds offsetting start-up and long-term operating costs for this primitive park which amounts only to a quarter mile gravel access road, gravel parking lot, and a trailhead privy. We completed a three-year, pro bono (worth \$30,000 at no cost to County) effort to create the necessary detailed engineering construction documents for the access road and parking lot for 20 vehicles. We worked with County Parks and spent 800 volunteer hours to remove illegally dumped rubbish and build trails prior to park opening. Once completed, it would make a great project feature in the County's "The Road Ahead – Clackamas County Road Maintenance Outlook" website (www.theroadahead.us).

Honorable Commissioners, I grew up downstate in rural Albany and that formative experience shaped my whole life. I hunted, fished, and hiked everywhere and still do this today with my young family. While studying engineering at Oregon State University, I worked for the USFS on the Siuslaw National Forest fighting wildfires and conducting controlled slash burns on logged areas so I understand forestry practices. I work in Clackamas County (Wilsonville) as an engineering manager of some three dozen engineers and technicians at one of the larger employers in the the County designing and manufacturing medical devices. I want to see rural Clackamas County citizens have the same opportunities I had to visit a park in a nearby natural setting.

Opening this Park will be a “win” for you promoting multiple cornerstone elements of your Performance Clackamas – Strategic Plan. Would you support this park opening effort? If you need more information, we would be happy to meet with you. We are flexible as to time and date. If you would like us to present briefly at a future BCC Meeting, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration and please contact me as necessary.

Sincerely,

Keith K. Daellenbach

Keith K. Daellenbach (503/673-5065, kdaellenbach@att.net)
Director, Secretary/Treasurer

cc:

- Joan Zuber, South Clackamas CPO (44731 S. Elk Prairie Road, Molalla, Oregon 97038)
- Charlene DeBruin, Eagle Creek-Barton CPO (35200 S. Horseshoe Drive, Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022)

Enclosed:

- South Clackamas and Eagle Creek-Barton CPO Letters Supporting Madrone Wall Park.
- Daellenbach, Keith K., “Now is the time for county officials to open Madrone Wall Park to public,” *Oregon City News/Clackamas Review*, Vol. 94, No. 11, Page A5.

