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Dear Columbia Gorge CWMA members and prospective members,

The **Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)** is an organization dedicated to preventing the spread of invasive plants throughout the Columbia River Gorge. The CWMA supplies a valuable service to land managers and residents by providing a forum for information sharing, producing educational opportunities, and collecting and consolidating data and resources relating to the management of invasive weeds. Partner collaboration increases the efficacy of our work and builds a more resilient landscape for the future.

In 2025, partners signed on to an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the supporting document between the CWMA and its members, and we are looking to grow our membership even larger with your support. This MOU is available on [our website](#), along with this request for support. If you haven't had a chance to sign onto the MOU and would like to become a member of the CWMA, please reach out to our CWMA Coordinator (contact information below).

As we continue to serve and support our constituents, we ask that our current and prospective members also consider becoming sponsors of the CWMA. Our sponsors support the CWMA through financial donations or by providing staff time and resources. Contributions from sponsoring organizations allow the CWMA to support their Coordinator, improve communications, increase capacity for planning and hosting events, and develop outreach capabilities. The funding level amount is entirely determined by your organization. The current level of member funding can support our 0.25 FTE coordinator, but increased funding support will be crucial to the continuation of the CWMA's services beyond 2026.

As you are preparing your budgets, please consider becoming a sponsor to help fund the Columbia Gorge CWMA. Together we can keep collaborative weed control in the Columbia River Gorge strong. Please contact our CWMA Coordinator, Courtney Comer (509-427-3942, columbiagorgecwma@gmail.com) to learn more about becoming a sponsoring member of the Columbia Gorge CWMA.

Columbia Gorge CWMA Partner Support 2024-25	
Mt. Hood NF	\$ 5,000.00
Friends of the Gorge	\$ 150.00
Oregon Parks RD	\$ 1,000.00
Clackamas SWCD	\$ 1,000.00
EMSCWCD	\$ 3,000.00
BLM	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 20,150.00

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