



# Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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March 28, 2023

Glenn Casamassa, Regional Forester  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Forest Service  
1220 SW 3rd Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail

Dear Mr. Casamassa,

As Skagit County's Board of County Commissioners, we would like to state our passionate support for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT). Trails and greenways provide an important role in the health of those residing within our communities. With the federal recognition of the PNT, we are honored to know that the trail will continue to have a presence in Skagit County.

The section of the PNT located within Skagit County has been very popular and provides significant recreational and scenic opportunities for our residents and visitors. Trails provide an inclusive recreational opportunity for all, and an inexpensive way to enjoy the outdoors. The Pacific Northwest is a special place and the PNT adds to its fabric and charm. In Skagit County, the PNT is a unique characteristic, setting us apart from other communities, making it a great place to live and recreate.

Thank you for accepting public comment as your agency works to develop its comprehensive plan for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. Please continue providing updates throughout the process and reach out if there are other opportunities for engagement or input.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Peter Browning, Commissioner