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March 13, 2008

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**Approval of a Collection Agreement with USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest
for tourism services**

The Clackamas County Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department partners with the USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest in providing a number of visitor services on the federal lands. In order to handle the exchange of funds to support the agreed on services, this Collection Agreement covers two programs. One program is to supplement the cost of providing a full year of visitor information service at the Zig Zag Ranger District headquarters to compliment the same visitor information service being provided with partnership agreements in Sandy with the Chamber of Commerce and in Government Camp with Mt. Hood Adventure and Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center. The other program in this Collection Agreement is the Federal Lands Tourism Action Plan program. It supplements the funding of the tours at Timberline Lodge and other programs at the amphitheater, nature hikes and campfire stories. This is the funding provided in 12 other communities and cities through out the County for similar tourism projects.

The funding for this Collection Agreement in 2007-08 is in the current Tourism and Cultural Affairs budget and will be in future budgets with the funds coming from the Transient Room Tax funds. Purchasing has agreed that the document that the USDA Forest Service calls a "financial plan" can be the invoice Tourism and Cultural Affairs submits for payment.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff respectfully recommends the Board approve and sign this collection agreement with the USDA Forest Service, Mt Hood National Forest.

Sincerely,

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