

**IMPROVE Steering Committee Meeting
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
Meeting Location at the Skamania Lodge - Stevenson, WA
October 21-22, 2010**

The IMPROVE Steering Committee Meeting and the Black Carbon Workshop will both be held in Stevenson, WA, at the Skamania Lodge. We have conveniently reserved a block of guest rooms at the lodge for meeting attendees.

The Columbia River Gorge is a canyon of the Columbia River. Up to 4,000 feet deep, the canyon stretches for over 80 miles as the river winds westward through the Cascade Range, forming the boundary between Washington to the north and Oregon to the south. It contains a high concentration of waterfalls, with over 90 waterfalls on the Oregon side alone.



Travel:

- Air: The nearest major airport is the Portland International Airport (PDX) in Oregon. (http://www.portofportland.com/PDX_home.aspx). Travel time from the Portland airport to the meeting location in Stevenson, WA, is 45 minutes.
- Car: Rental car companies are located inside the airport (Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, and Hertz.)

Driving Directions From Portland to Stevenson:

Leave the airport via I-205 South. Exit to I-84 East (toward The Dalles). Continue east on I-84 until the Cascade Locks/Bridge of the Gods/Stevenson Exit #44. Take the Bridge of the Gods across the Columbia River (toll bridge), then turn east (right) onto Highway 14. Immediately after entering Stevenson city limits (approx. 1½ miles), turn left onto Rock Creek Drive. Travel a short distance before turning left onto Skamania Lodge Way.

Climate:

October usually sees 65° F daytime and 45° F nighttime temperatures.

Lodging:

We have reserved a block of guest rooms at the Skamania Lodge, in Stevenson, WA. When making reservations, use code "USFS IMPROVE" to get the special rate. Visit www.skamania.com for complete information. Telephone: 1-800-221-7117.



Restaurants: Skamania Lodge conveniently has two restaurants in it: The Cascade Room and The River Rock. There are few other restaurants in Stevenson, a small town of about 1,500 people.

Meeting The meeting/conference room is located inside the Skamania Lodge. Currently we are using the Jefferson Room, but this may change.

Site Visit Columbia River has two IMPROVE monitoring sites, Wishram (east) and Mt. Zion (west). We will visit the western site as it is much easier to access than the eastern site. Site operator Mark Kreiter will guide the group.



