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**TO:** Blount County Planning Commission

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**DATE:** February 18, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Called workshop on ridge-top and hillside development regulations 5:00-5:30 PM Thursday, February 26, 2009 in Room 430 of the Courthouse (30 minutes prior to the regular meeting).

The Planning Commission will continue discussions on proposed ridge-top and hillside development regulations at a called workshop 5:00 to 5:30 PM prior to the February 26 regular meeting. At the last workshop, some Commissioners indicated second thoughts and dissatisfaction with the direction that the proposed regulations were going. Please refer to last month's memo for the proposed regulations with changes to that date. This item is open for discussion and direction to staff.

If the Planning Commission decides to proceed in a different direction, staff has procured a copy of the recommendations from an advisory committee in Gatlinburg which also used the Sevier County study as a base, and which may provide some fresh ideas.

The Columbia River Gorge Handbook is not available in compatible format for editing. However, the Columbia River Gorge Commission staff has provided word documents minus graphics. If the Planning Commission wishes to proceed, staff can edit the word documents and copy selected graphics from the pdf file of the Handbook to create our own handbook.