

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA – November 8, 2016
White Salmon Fire Hall
119 NE Church Street, White Salmon, Washington

- 8:45 a.m. Committee Meetings**
- **Assessment Committee**
 - **Tribal Affairs Committee**
- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 10:05 a.m. Welcome:** David Poucher, Mayor, White Salmon
- 10:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes for October 11, 2016 Commission Meeting**
- 10:15 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission**
As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 10:20 a.m. Public Comment ***
- 10:30 a.m. “Gorge 2020” Management Plan Review Kick-Off Workshop*:** Staff will engage the Commission in a dialogue about the public outreach process and will include the following:
- Review the roadmap and timeline
 - Review the National Scenic Area Act requirements for the Management Plan
 - Provide an update on the public outreach process, workshops and schedule
 - Report on the status of resource inventories and assessments
 - Discuss possible criteria for narrowing issues to address in the “Gorge 2020” plan
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 12:45 p.m. Primer on Gorge Commission Appeal Process*:** Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel, will present an overview of the Commission’s appeal process; the roles of the commissioners and staff; tips for commissioners to prepare for oral argument; avoiding ex parte contacts and conflicts of interest, and appearance of fairness problems.
- 1:15 p.m. Committee Reports:** The Assessment and Tribal Affairs Committees will present information about the outcomes from the morning discussions. Other committees may also provide updates as needed.
- 1:45 p.m. Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski
- Urban Area Boundary Legal Descriptions Open House/Workshop Schedule
 - Summary of meetings at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (bi-state compact agency)
 - Recruitment status for the vacant NSA planner position
 - 30th anniversary celebration December 13, 2016, Hood River Inn 3:30-7:00 pm
- 2:00 p.m. U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report:** Lynn Burditt
- 2:25 p.m. Other Business**
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn**

NOTE: The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please carefully and completely fill out a sign-up sheet clearly indicating which item or items in you wish to participate. Please respect the Commission meeting by handing your completed sheet and any written testimony or other documents to the Commission's Assistant prior to the start of the public comment on that item(s). The Commission's Assistant sits at the end of the side table closest to the audience.

NOTE: The chair reserves the right to not to hear comments if a comment sign-up sheet is incomplete or illegible.

Be courteous and professional.

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone. Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

Effective use of public comment time.

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

Submitting written comments.

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please bring a printed original for the record. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 printed copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.