



COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

AGENDA – FEBRUARY 11, 2025

8:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Meeting will take place via Zoom Webinar

- 8:15 a.m.** *(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)*
- 8:30 a.m.** Call to Order and Roll
- 8:35 a.m.** Discussion on procedure for making motions
- 8:45 a.m.** **Continued Deliberation and Decision on *Friends of the Columbia Gorge, et al. v. James D. Howsley and Clark County*, CRGC No. COA-C-23-01.** The Gorge Commission will continue its deliberation and decision on the above appeal filed by Friends of the Columbia Gorge and several individuals. The Chair of the Commission will issue a final written order at a later date. Please contact the Commission's Counsel, Jeff Litwak, for copies of the appeal documents.
- 11:45 a.m.** Break
- 12:00 p.m.** Approval of January 14, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes
- 12:05 p.m.** Land Acknowledgment – Bryce Guske
- 12:10 a.m.** Treaty Tribe Word of the Day – Carina Miller
- 12:15 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 Nations on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 12:20 p.m.** **Public Comment*** for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda. *Please note that this time is tentative and could be scheduled earlier depending on when the hearing ends. If there is any doubt that you can wait until the afternoon, please submit your comments in writing to the Commission via email by February 10, 2025 to ensure your comments will be available for Commissioners to review.*
- 12:25 p.m.** **Executive Director's Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, and staff will provide brief updates: 2025-2027 Budget process, Access Database Replacement Project Phase 2, Annual 2024 Compliance Report, and Best Practices Survey.
- 12:45 p.m.** **USDA Forest Service NSA Manager's Report:** Donna Mickley, Forest Supervisor, and Nicolas Granum, Deputy Forest Supervisor, will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.

1:00 p.m. Committee Reports: The Communications Committee will provide an update to the Commission.

1:15 p.m. Other Business

- Schedule for the Executive Director's Annual Performance Review

1:20 p.m. Adjourn

NOTE: The * indicates that public comment is welcome and is limited to 3 minutes.

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.

Meeting materials are available on our website [February 11, 2025, Gorge Commission Meeting](#).

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 follow the Public Commission Meeting Protocol found on our website [February 11, 2025, Gorge Commission Meeting](#).

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 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 ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and a Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its 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 email your written comments to PublicComment@gorgecommission.org **before noon on February 10, 2025**, to allow the Commissioners adequate time to review your comments before the Commission meeting.

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