



Columbia River Gorge Commission Commission Meeting

September 9, 2025
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
via Zoom

**ZOOM LINK to register for the September 9, 2025,
Gorge Commission Meeting:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1c9tvWHPRzubtwW8Bpndjg

AGENDA

- 8:15 a.m. Begin Call/Sign-in** – Test for video and audio connections
- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 8:33 a.m. Appeal Hearing: *Smartlink, LLC v. Skamania County*, CRGC No. COA-S-24-01** The Gorge Commission will hear oral argument in this appeal and deliberate to a decision. The appeal is limited to the parties; the public may listen, but there is no opportunity for the public to comment on the appeal.
- 10:30 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. Continuation of appeal hearing**
- 12:00 p.m. Approval of the July 8, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 12:05 p.m. Land Acknowledgment** – Alex Johnson
- 12:10 p.m. Treaty Tribe Word of the Day** – Pah-tu Pitt
- 12:15 p.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.

12:40 p.m. Executive Director's Report – Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, will provide an overview of supplemental budget requests for Oregon and Washington and updates on actions taken by staff to assist landowners impacted by the Rowena and Burdoin fires.

1:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Report – Donna Mickley, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Forest Supervisor, and Nicolas Granum, Deputy Forest Supervisor, will provide an update on USDA Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.

1:20 p.m. Possible Management Plan Amendment: Rebuilding After Disasters* - Staff has been researching possible amendments to the Management Plan to make rebuilding after a natural disaster easier and clearer for landowners. Staff and Kelly Howsley-Glover, Wasco County's Community Development Managing Director, will present plan amendment concepts. The Gorge Commission welcomes residents affected by the Rowena or Burdoin fires to give their perspectives on rebuilding.

3:00 p.m. Committee Reports:

- Communications Committee
- Economic Vitality Committee
- Rules Committee

3:25 p.m. Other Business

3:30 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 Commission Chair reserves the right 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 [September 9, 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:

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 to 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 September 8, 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.