



Columbia River Gorge Commission Commission Meeting

March 10, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
via Zoom Webinar

**ZOOM LINK to register for the March 10, 2026,
Gorge Commission Meeting:**

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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. Approval of the January 13, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 8:35 a.m. Land Acknowledgment – Joanna Kaiserman**
- 8:38 a.m. Treaty Tribe Word of the Day – Commissioner Jerry Meninick**
- 8:45 a.m. Meeting Agreement – Commissioner Alex Johnson**
- 8:55 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 agenda item and any other matters.
- 9:02 a.m. Public Comment* for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda.**
- 9:10 a.m. Information Item:* 2025 Annual Report for the Climate Change Action Plan:** Lisa Naas Cook, Climate Program Manager, and Joanna Kaiserman, Senior Land Use Planner, will provide an overview of climate action efforts in 2025, including status updates for the 2025

goals in the Climate Change Action Plan. Community members from the Commission's Pro-Equity, Anti-Racism (PEAR) Team will join staff to present climate equity recommendations for Commission consideration as part of this report. Debra Whitefoot, Nch'i Wana Housing Executive Director and lifelong traditional food gatherer, will share highlights from First Foods workshops for Tribal members hosted in partnership with the Gorge Commission.

10:25 a.m. BREAK

10:35 a.m. USDA Forest Service Report – Casey Gatz, Interim Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Forest Supervisor, will provide an update on USDA Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.

10:55 a.m. Action Item: Rulemaking* – The Gorge Commission will decide whether to initiate rulemaking to incorporate the disaster replacements plan amendment into the Gorge Commission's land use ordinance and to update the Gorge Commission's rules for open meetings, public records, conflicts of interest, and administrative procedure. If the Gorge Commission decides to initiate rulemaking, staff will prepare notices of proposed rulemaking for future rulemaking hearings.

11:40 a.m. Executive Director's Report – Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, and staff will provide updates on the Commission's Annual Best Practices Survey for CY 2025, the 2026 Supplemental Budgets, and the new website.

12:00 p.m. Committee Reports

- Economic Vitality
- Communications

12:15 p.m. Other Business

12:25 p.m. Adjourn

NOTE: The * indicates that comments are welcome and are limited to three 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 at [March 10, 2026, Gorge Commission Meeting](#).

GUIDELINES FOR COMMENTING

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 comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for comment, 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 comment time – All speakers will be offered three 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 mindful of your time so others have a chance to speak.

Submitting Written Comments

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please email your written comments to PublicComment@gorgecommission.org by noon on March 9, 2026. This allows the Commissioners adequate time to review your comments before the 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.