



Columbia River Gorge Commission **Commission Meeting**

July 14, 2026 – 8:30 am to 12:45 pm
via Zoom Webinar

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July 14, 2026, Gorge Commission Meeting:**
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AGENDA

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| 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 May 12, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes |
| 8:35 a.m. | Land Acknowledgment – Connie Acker |
| 8:38 a.m. | Treaty Tribe Word of the Day – Chair Carina Miller |
| 8:45 a.m. | Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address the Commission: As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process, the Commission welcomes input from Treaty Tribe Nations on any agenda item and other matters. |
| 8:50 a.m. | Public Comment* for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda. |

- 8:55 a.m. Executive Director's Report** – Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, and staff will provide updates on biennial budget preparation, climate stewards, meetings with NSA county planning departments, release of the newly revised "Building in the National Scenic Area" handbook and review Commission meeting topics through 2026.
- 9:20 a.m. Rulemaking Hearing*** – The Gorge Commission will hold a rulemaking hearing to consider proposed amendments to its open meetings, public records, conflicts of interest, and administrative procedure rules, as well as amendments to the land use ordinance to implement the disaster response plan amendment adopted by the Gorge Commission in January 2026.
- 10:20 a.m. USDA Forest Service Report** – Nicolas Granum, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, will provide an update on the USDA Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Committee Reports:**
- Communications
 - Economic Vitality
- 11:30 a.m. Additional follow-up discussion on Avarna Report**
- 12:30 p.m. Resolution of Appreciation for former Gorge Commissioner Barbara Bailey**
- 12:40 p.m. Other Business**
- 12:45 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 timing of items if earlier agenda items take longer or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

Meeting materials are available on our website: [July 14, 2026, Gorge Commission Meeting](#).

If you have a disability that requires any special materials, services, or assistance, please contact us so we may arrange for appropriate accommodations: Columbia River Gorge Commission, Box 730, White Salmon, WA 98672, Phone: 509-493-3323, email: info@gorgecommission.org.

GUIDELINES FOR COMMENTING

The Commission appreciates your feedback and provides these guidelines to help make your comments more effective. If you want to speak to the Commission during the comment period or address one of the agenda items designated for comment, please:

Be courteous and professional – Your message is most effective when it maintains a neutral and professional tone. Focus on addressing the issues and facts that matter to you, rather than personalities.

Effective use of comment time – All speakers will be allotted three minutes to share their thoughts. The Chair may adjust the meeting's time limits to keep things on schedule.

Prepare your speaking points in advance to ensure your message is clear to the Commission. The points will have the most impact if they are accurate. Organize your thoughts as follows: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and a

Summary. The Commission aims to use this P.R.E.S. model in discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Be mindful of your time so others can 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 July 13, 2026. This gives 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.
