



Columbia River Gorge Commission Commission Meeting

January 13, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom Webinar

ZOOM LINK to register for the January 13, 2026, Gorge Commission Meeting (registration is required):
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. Approval of the December 16, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 8:35 a.m. Land Acknowledgment – Krystyna U. Wolniakowski**
- 8:38 a.m. Treaty Tribe Word of the Day – Commissioner Pah-tu Pitt**
- 8:43 a.m. Public Comment* for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda**
- 8:55 a.m. Welcome new Gorge Commissioner Steve Hochman – Commissioner Hochman is a Hood River County appointee and will provide a summary of his background.**
- 9:00 a.m. Disaster Replacement Amendment Hearing - continued* - The Gorge Commission will continue the public hearing from December 16, 2025, and vote on a proposed Plan Amendment to the Management Plan addressing rebuilding in the National Scenic Area following a disaster.**

- 9:10 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address the Commission on the Plan Amendment**
- 9:50 a.m. Public Comment* on the Plan Amendment**
(approximate time)
- 10:30 a.m. Commission deliberation and vote on Plan Amendment**
- 11:30 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:45 a.m. Action Item* - Annual Executive Director Performance Review Criteria** – The Gorge Commission will review and approve the criteria to conduct the 2025 performance evaluation.
- 12:15 p.m. Committee Assignments for:**
- Executive Committee
 - Communications Committee
 - Economic Vitality Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Oregon Investment Board
 - Washington Investment Board
- 12:40 p.m. USDA Forest Service Report** - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Deputy Forest Supervisor, Casey Gatz, will provide an update on USDA Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 12:50 p.m. Other Business**
- 2026 Supplemental Budget Update
- 1:00 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 [January 13, 2026 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 January 12, 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.