

Columbia River Gorge Commission Public Comment Guidelines

Thank you for providing public comment to the Columbia River Gorge Commission. We welcome your input. Please read the Commission's guidelines to help ensure that your comments are delivered in the most effective way.

Be courteous to others

- 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 your public comment time

- All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts.
- Under certain circumstances the Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits.
- Planning your speaking points prior to your public comment will help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear.
- Short, concise messages convey the main points of what you want to say. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy.
- 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 provide 2 hard copies to staff and 13 copies for Commissioners before you begin speaking.
- You may submit written comments electronically to the Commission PRIOR to the meeting or bring 15 hard copies to the meeting (as detailed above). *It is often easier to bring the copies to the meeting and reference them during oral testimony.*
- Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you.
We appreciate your time and the thought you put into your comments.