

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

AGENDA – July 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Meeting will take place via ZOOM Webinar

- 8:15 a.m. *(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)*
- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order and Roll
- 8:35 a.m. Approval of June 8, 2021, Commission Meeting Minutes
- 8:40 a.m. Land Acknowledgement
- 8:45 a.m. **Yakama Nation Word of the Day:** Commissioner Jerry Meninick will share the Yakama Nation word of the day.
- 8:50 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 issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 8:55 a.m. **Public Comment*** for items not on the agenda.
- 9:05 a.m. **Executive Director's Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski and staff will provide updates on:
- Klickitat County Compliance Study
 - Climate Change Action Plan
 - Vital Sign Indicators
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative
 - Other upcoming topics for future Commission agendas
- 9:30 a.m. **Work Session: Draft Klickitat County Land Use Ordinance:** Joanna Kaiserman, Senior Land Use Planner, will present a progress report on drafting language for the Klickitat County Land Use Ordinance that is incorporating the approved policy and guideline revisions from the Gorge 2020 Management Plan update. The Commission will have an opportunity to ask for clarifications to assist staff with finalizing the draft language prior to scheduling a public hearing in the fall 2021.
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. **Information Item*:** **Re-establishing Passenger Rail to Connect Rural Communities -Reviving Amtrak Along the Southern Columbia River:** Elaine Clegg, President, City Council, Boise, Idaho, will provide an overview of the Greater Northwest Rail Coalition and their efforts to create a plan for Amtrak passenger service along the Columbia River to support connections between rural communities and alternative transportation options to mitigate for climate change.
- 11:15 a.m. **U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager's Report:** Donna Mickley/Casey Gatz will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 11:35 p.m. **Other Business**
- 11:45 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 chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity 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: [July 13, 2021, 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 follow the Public Commission Meeting Protocol found on our website at: [July 13, 2021, Gorge Commission Meeting](#)

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 in order 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 can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for 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 July 12, 2021**, to allow Commissioners adequate time to review your comments.

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.