



Elkhorn Range and the Powder River. Photo courtesy of Dave Jensen.

## Hells Bells - November 2021

The holiday season has arrived, and we have so much to be grateful for. A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in to support GHCC in 2021!

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Thank you Danae for 14 amazing years!



Since her hire at GHCC in 2008, Danae has literally kept the organization running. As she nears retirement at the end of this year, we feel a tremendous gratitude for her many contributions to our work, growth, and efficiency; for her care; and for the love she's shared with everyone in the GHCC family. Darilyn Parry Brown wrote [this moving article](#) about Danae's work and what she means to all of us at GHCC!

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## Will you join us this Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Like thousands of charitable organizations around the world, we are thankful to receive support from members, old and new, as the holiday season arrives.

This year, GHCC supporter, board member, and artist Robin Coen has offered to match all donations up to \$1,000. And to show our gratitude, anyone who donates over \$35 by Sunday, December 5 will receive a copy of our 2022 wall calendar.



*I am honored to support Greater Hells Canyon Council and our efforts to protect the wild lands, waters, native species and habitats of the Greater Hells Canyon Region. This mission means so much to me. This Giving Tuesday, the need to support conservation in the Greater Hells Canyon Region is as important as ever. - Robin Coen*

[Donate today!](#)

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## A round of applause!

We are so thankful for everyone who volunteered with GHCC this year.

For all of you who showed up to lend a hand on bumble bee surveys, helped to clear the Blue Mountains Trail, participated on events committees, and served on our board of directors or advisors, thank you. Your efforts are instrumental in sustaining a thriving Greater Hells Canyon Region.

Help us extend a special thank you to this year's volunteers (in alphabetical order): **Joella Arment, Mike Beaty, Barbara Bond, Priscilla Coe, Robin Coen, Dieter Cohrs, Grace Covill-Grennan, Lynne Davidson, Catherine Dickson, Brock Evans, Laura French-Wallace, Matt French-Wallace, Linda Garcia, Cole Gustafson, Mike Hansen, Stephen Hatfield, Donna Higgins, Mike Higgins, Naomi Hudetz, David Johns, Al Josephy, Charlie Jones, Jim Kennedy, Mara Kennedy, Rhonda Kennedy, Sadie Kennedy, Emily Klavins, Rob Klavins, Suzy LaRuffa, Whitney LaRuffa, David Mildrexler, Emelie Montgomery-Jones, Renee Patrick, Cassidy Quistorff, Marina Richie, Pete Sandrock, Lindsay Schuelke, Becky Strickler, Randy Tweten, and Mike Unger.**

Volunteers make our work more effective and more fun! We appreciate you.

Keep abreast of volunteer opportunities via our newsletter and at [hellscanyon.org/volunteer](https://hellscanyon.org/volunteer).

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## Other news we're following...

### Decolonizing Idaho's Road Signs

As old and deteriorating historical markers along Idaho's highways are slated for replacement, Tribes in the region are collaborating with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office to ensure new signage is truly reflective of the history before and during European colonization. You can read more about this effort in [this recent article published in High Country News](#).

### Merkely and Wyden Propose the Sutton Mountain National Monument

Oregon's Senators have proposed a 66,000-acre National Monument surrounding the Painted

Hills along the John Day River. The Sutton Mountain National Monument would be administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The proposal follows years of work by Oregon Natural Desert Association to create lasting protections for the wildlife and plant species that flourish in the area. You can read more about this National Monument proposal in [this article on OPB](#).

## Wallowa Mountains Hells Canyon Trails Association Seeking a New Executive Director

After five years at the helm of WMHCTA, Rick Bombaci is stepping down, and the trail maintenance organization is looking for a new Executive Director. This person will take over a robust organization leading volunteer trail stewardship efforts in the Eagle Cap Wilderness and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. The job description and information on how to apply is available [here](#).

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GHCC works to protect, connect, and restore the lands, waters, native species, and climate resiliency of the ecologically magnificent Greater Hells Canyon Region.

*[Join us](#) in protecting the Greater Hells Canyon Region today and for future generations! A monthly contribution, large or small, adds so much stability to our financial planning and lets us focus our energies on conservation instead of fundraising.*

*Darilyn Parry Brown, GHCC Executive Director*

**By joining GHCC's River Runner program for \$10/month or more, we'll throw in a special gift.**

***[Find out more here, and sign up today!](#)***

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