



Comment on Proposed USFS Old Growth Rule by Friday, Feb 2!

In late December, the Forest Service announced its plans to begin the process of amending all Forest Plans across the country with language that protects old growth trees. While imperfect, this is the first time the agency has made significant commitments toward permanently banning commercial logging in old growth forests. The “scoping” phase of this public comment period is open until Friday at 9pm. Submit a comment [here](#), and learn more on our blog [here](#).



Biden Administration Takes Action on Salmon in the Basin

Late last year, four Columbia Basin Tribes, a coalition of conservation and angling groups, and Oregon and Washington’s state governments reached an important agreement with the Biden administration on salmon recovery in the Basin. While the White House press release specifically says that the Administration “is not making a judgment on whether to breach the dams”, there are significant commitments in this agreement – financial and otherwise – that lay the groundwork for breaching the dams. Learn more on [our blog](#).

New Business Sponsor - Cafe Mam

We are thrilled to announce our newest business sponsor – Cafe Mam, a family-owned and operated coffee company based in Eugene, Oregon. Cafe Mam sources 100% certified organic, fairly traded and shade grown coffee from procedure cooperatives in the highlands of Chiapas, Mexico. Thanks to Cafe Mam and all our [business partners](#) for supporting our conservation efforts in the Greater Hells Canyon Region!



GHCC Wants Your Best Photos of the BMT

We're hard at work developing a set of trip planning resources for notable sections of the Blue Mountains Trail, and we need your help to show everyone the stunning beauty of the landscape and all the ways to enjoy it.

If you know a generous shutterbug who has visited or plans to visit any part of the BMT soon, please get in touch with trail coordinator, Pip Redding: pip@hellscanyon.org

The resulting itineraries will offer information and assistance for those of diverse interests and ability to explore the trail and beyond in Northeast Oregon.

Happy Trails!

Other News We're Following...

[Minam, Oregon - 15,000+ of Prime Elk Habitat](#)

[Forest Service issues 2026 timeline for Baker Watershed Treatment Project](#)

[From Foe to Friend, \(Some\) Ranchers Are Welcoming Beavers Back](#)

[Yale Climate Opinion Maps 2023](#)



New in 2024! Join us for Coffee!

You're invited to join Greater Hells Canyon Council for coffee on the last Thursday of every month at the Press Room. Enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of La Grande's newest coffee shop while chatting with GHCC's Development Director and other staff, board members, and guest experts.

This will be an informal gathering of GHCC members and supporters meant to spark conversation and connection. Bring your favorite environmental topics, questions, or anything you feel like chatting about. In future months, some coffee hours will be open conversation while for others we'll invite an expert or choose a topic in advance to guide our time together. Suggestions are encouraged!

RSVP for the Next Coffee Hour!

Gear Up!

Represent Greater Hells Canyon Council in the wild! Our new [Online Store](#) is full of goodies including hats, insulated mugs from MiiR, and beautiful notecards.

Interested in Volunteering with GHCC?

There are many ways to volunteer with GHCC and the Blue Mountains Trail. We are always thrilled to work with our members, supporters, and fellow conservation advocates. We are offering some new and exciting opportunities for you to join us to connect, protect, and restore the Greater Hells Canyon Region.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, be it at a trail stewardship event, doing wildlife and wilderness surveys, monitoring and community science projects, or joining us on a GHCC-led outing, we've created a survey that will help us know where to direct you and which opportunities to send your way. Completing this survey should take 5 minutes or less of your time. Thank you — we look forward to spending time with you!

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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.

We have a big vision for the future of the Greater Hells Canyon Region, and your support is critical to making it happen. [Join us!](#)

- Emily Cain, GHCC Executive Director

By joining GHCC's River Runner program for \$10/month or more, we'll include a special gift celebrating GHCC and the Greater Hells Canyon Region.

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

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