



Hells Bells - August 2023



In the Clarks Project outside of Halfway, the Forest Service is proposing commercial logging in Old Growth Management Areas (like the one pictured above).

Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Begins Again

The Forest Service has officially begun the Blue Mountains Forest Plan revision process. The Blue Mountains Forest Plan will determine how public lands across Eastern Oregon are managed for the next several decades. Open house meetings are being held across the region over the next few months. Make plans to attend and speak up for the places that are important to you. Learn more on the [GHCC Blog](#).

GHCC and Oregon Wild are teaming up for a citizen engagement training on the Blue Mountains Forest Plan in early October - stay tuned for details!

Public meetings at all locations will be held between 4-7pm. Please attend the one closest to you, if you can! October 10th is a virtual meeting so be sure to circle that date.

Date	Host Forest	Location
Aug. 17, 2023	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Baker City Event Center 2600 East St. Baker City, OR 97814
Aug. 22, 2023	Malheur National Forest	Malheur National Forest Headquarters 431 Patterson Bridge Rd. John Day, OR 97845
Aug. 23, 2023	Umatilla National Forest	Umatilla National Forest Headquarters 72510 Coyote Rd. Pendleton, OR 97801
Sept. 13, 2023	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Union County Fairgrounds 3604 N 2 nd St. La Grande, OR 97850
Sept. 19, 2023	Malheur National Forest	Prairie City Ranger District 327 SW Front St. Prairie City, OR 97869
Sept. 21, 2023	Umatilla National Forest	Heppner Ranger District 117 S. Main St. Heppner, OR 97836
Oct. 10, 2023	Virtual (Zoom)	https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/1611024130
Oct. 17, 2023	Umatilla National Forest	Columbia County Fairgrounds (Youth Building) 5 N. Pine Street Dayton, WA 99328
Oct. 23, 2023	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Cloverleaf Hall 600 NW 1 st St. Enterprise, OR 97828
Oct. 24, 2023	Malheur National Forest	Emigrant Creek Ranger District 265 Highway 20 South Hines OR 97738

Introducing New Development Director Megan Keating



GHCC is excited to welcome Megan Keating to our team as the new Development Director. Megan has a background in climate adaptation research, digital campaigning and advocacy, and nonprofit operations. She spent the last three years working as the Program Manager for Anthony Lakes Outdoor Recreation Association and is thrilled to make the transition from recreation to conservation. Megan is an avid cyclist, skier, and hiker who loves exploring NE Oregon. Based in La Grande, Megan is especially looking forward to connecting with our local supporters!



Save The Date

**Greater Hells Canyon
Council's 2023 Fall Gala**

October 7th @ 5pm

Save the Date - Fall Gala on October 7th

[GHCC's 2023 Annual Fall Gala](#) will be on October 7th in La Grande. Join us for an evening of merriment, including dining on locally sourced foods, socializing with neighbors, and chatting up GHCC staff and board. We are thrilled to share exciting program updates on our efforts to protect, connect and restore this spectacular region. We hope to see you there!

Look out for the invitation to purchase tickets and information on an online auction. Note: We are always so grateful for the generosity of attendees. Donations are encouraged but there will be no paddle raise for funds or auction items.

Grand Ronde Public Lands Day

GHCC is excited to partner with other local conservation groups and the Forest Service to host this year's Grande Ronde Public Lands Day. The event will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am-1pm at Bird Track Springs Campground outside of La Grande. There will be watershed monitoring, a first foods walk, litter pick up, nature art, and a free lunch. [Learn more and sign up!](#)



Other News We're Following...

[Montana judge blocks logging project in grizzly territory](#)

[Judge rules in favor of Montana youths in a landmark climate case](#)

[An update on Co-management relationships between tribes and the USFS for public lands](#)

[From Foe to Friend: \(some\) Ranchers are welcoming beavers back](#)





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!

[GHCC Volunteer Survey](#)



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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