



Hells Bells - November 2025



Before Thanksgiving: Contact Your Congresspeople about the Roadless Area Conservation Act!

With the repeal of the Roadless Rule looming, the Roadless Area Conservation Act is gaining momentum in Congress! [Please take a few quick minutes to send a message](#) (or give a call!) to your folks in Congress, asking them to support this bill that would permanently protect Inventoried Roadless Areas. In Oregon, Reps. Hoyle and Bentz are the only ones not (yet) on board. In Washington, Reps. Baumgartner and Gluesenkamp Perez still need convincing. And nobody from Idaho is currently supporting (reminder: Idaho has its own roadless rule, so this doesn't affect them, but they would still vote on these bills in the U.S. House and Senate).



If at First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again... to Live with Beavers

In this reflective post, Ian Wilson invites us behind the scenes of a recent tet-a-tet with a very large beaver with a flawless work ethic. Beginning in early spring 2025, Ian worked with a landowner in the Walla Walla area who wanted to support their resident ecosystem engineers, but also keep them from flooding the neighbor's property. Ian highlights how working to keep beavers on the land demands creativity, persistence, and humility. Rather than give up when early structures failed, he adapted, switching from exclusion fences to pipe and leveler systems to work with beavers. Ultimately, it's a story about matching the animals' relentless energy, learning as you go. [Read the full account in Ian's blog.](#)

Lessons in Connection from the R.U.N. in Unity Conference



In October, we attended the R.U.N. in Unity conference led by the Nez Perce and the Columbia and Snake River Campaign, along with an assembly of Northwest partners and allies. The conference prioritized education, cultural awareness, the exchange of ideas, inspiration, and powerful stories surrounding the current needs of water, orca, and salmon. In this blog, Outreach Coordinator, Nash Wadhams reflects on the magical and mysterious power of connection. [Read the full account here.](#)



A Guide to Tax-Advantaged Giving

There are more ways than ever to give to the organizations and causes you care about. From donating **stock**, required distributions from **retirement** accounts, giving from a **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)**, or by listing Greater Hells Canyon Council in your **estate plan**, there are numerous ways to take advantage of current federal tax deductions that allow you to give larger gifts. GHCC is able to accept all of these gift types, and we explain briefly why each might be a good way to give this year end in our Guide to Tax-Advantaged Giving.

[Your Guide to Tax-Advantaged Giving](#)

Upcoming Events



La Grande area coffee hours will resume in 2026!

We're taking a short break from our monthly Coffee Hour gatherings for the rest of the year as we enter the holiday season. We'll be back in 2026 with fresh topics, inspiring guests, and plenty of hot coffee to share. Until then, we hope you find time for rest, reflection, and maybe a winter wander in one of your favorite wild places.



SAVE THE DATE FOR HELLRAISER 2026 APRIL 18 at Rossi Farms Portland, OR

We hope you can join us this year in Portland for a night of fundraising and advocacy for the wild lands and waters of NE Oregon.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

Other news we're following...

[Sturgeon in Hells Canyon are on the Decline](#)

Research indicates that the white sturgeon population in Hells Canyon has collapsed, largely due to slow growth, invasive species, and because the fish are being pulled into dams.

[Letter: Walla Walla community deserves a voice in Tiger Mill decisions](#)

A letter to the editor highlights concerns that the local community is being sidelined in the decision-making process for the Tiger-Mill Project, which proposes logging and thinning near the Mill Creek Watershed.

[OPB documentary 'First Descent: Kayaking the Klamath' follows Indigenous kayakers on a historic journey after dam removal](#)

This documentary chronicles Indigenous teens paddling the length of the Klamath River following its restoration, underscoring the cultural and ecological renewal that came with dam removal.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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 2 minutes or less of your time. Thank you — we look forward to spending time with you!

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Donate Now

Donating stock or qualified distributions from a retirement fund are **tax-advantageous ways to support GHCC**. You can also donate as a **business supporter**, and many **companies will match donations** to non-profit organizations. To learn more about all of these ways to give, visit <https://www.hellscanyon.org/join> or reach out to jared@hellscanyon.org.

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