



Hells Bells - March 2021

Are You Ready for Hellraiser?

Join us to raise some hell for Oregon's wild lands, waters, and habitats! It all happens **virtually** on Saturday, May 8. [Hellraiser 2021](#) will feature the Blue Mountains Trail. The night will include an energizing live auction and an inspiring presentation from keynote speaker Renee Patrick, Oregon Desert Trail Coordinator from ONDA, who recently completed the first solo thru-hike of the Blue Mountains Trail.

Tickets start at just \$30, and don't forget to purchase your [Golden Raffle Tickets](#) before they sell out (HURRY, they're going fast!).

[Register Today!](#)

Problem Solving for Oregon's Salmon



"Coho Spawning on the Salmon River" by [BLM Oregon & Washington](#) (CC BY 2.0)

U.S. Representative Mike Simpson's (ID-02) provocative "salmon and energy" infrastructure proposal demands serious engagement from all Oregonians, and from the Pacific Northwest congressional delegation, ASAP. Our region's future is on the table in more ways than one. [Read GHCC's Connections Coordinator Christina deVillier's article on this issue and opportunities for a way forward on The Oregon Way blog.](#)

Spring on the Blue Mountains Trail

Spring arrives with a bloom of news from the Blue Mountains Trail. In March [we published a new interactive map](#) showing the full trail route in detail. After four months soliciting and reviewing route feedback, the proposed route has been shortened to 530 miles, but the new route also removed many of the miles that were on pavement and some of the busier gravel roads.



We were also awarded funding from Travel Oregon as a Destination Ready project for work that will happen between now and the end of September. This will be instrumental for developing improved mapping for the trail and hiker-focused town guides for the communities on the route,

getting hiker materials ready for this summer and fall. It also will enable us enlist hiker support for trail maintenance this summer.

[Visit our blog for more on how to hike the trail, volunteer with trail maintenance, and to read more on what's to come this spring.](#)

Welcoming New Board Members

We are excited to announce two new additions to our [Board of Directors](#). Mike Beaty and Stephen Hatfield were invited to join the board in March, and we are thrilled to have their support, guidance and commitment to protecting, connecting, and restoring the Greater Hells Canyon Region.



Mike Beaty

A geographer by trade, Mike has 32 years of Federal natural resource management experience in Maine, Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest. He lives in Halfway, Oregon with his wife and two border collie mixes.



Stephen Hatfield

Stephen is an independent consultant working on regenerative tourism solutions for communities. In previous roles, he worked for Travel Oregon, REI Co-Op, and Forest Park Conservancy. He lives in Portland with his wife and two daughters.

Other news you may have missed...

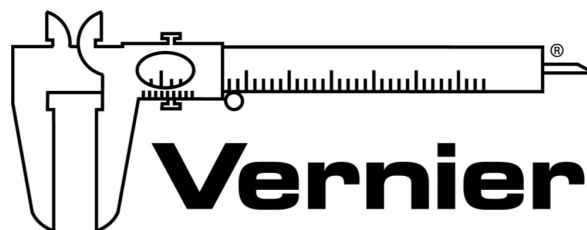
Five Wolves Found Dead in Union County

Oregon Fish and Wildlife officials reported that five wolves were found dead in the Mt. Harris area of Union County in Northeast Oregon on February 9. Officials said all five carcasses were taken to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife forensic lab to determine the cause of death, and the incident remains under investigation. [You can read more in an article published in the La Grande Observer.](#)

Survey Seeks Public Input on the Morgan Nesbit Proposed Timber Sale

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is currently in the planning stages of the Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project, a proposed 87,000 acre timber sale east of Joseph and bounded by the Imnaha River. The agency has created a [very brief survey](#) to learn more about how the general public values and prioritizes ecosystem services in the area. We hope you can take a moment to complete the survey. And you can see maps of the project and learn more about the planned timber sale [here](#).

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Please join us in extending a much deserved thank you to Vernier for your continued support.

You can read more about Vernier's story and philanthropy efforts [here](#).



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!

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