



Hells Bells - April 2021

Get ready to raise some hell with Greater Hells Canyon Council!

[Hellraiser](#) is just around the corner. Please join us on Saturday, May 8 to raise some hell for the Greater Hells Canyon Region. Golden Raffle Tickets are soon to sell out. You can buy one or more even if you can't make it to the event. You also won't want to miss the [silent auction](#) that goes live on Monday, May 3.

Hellraiser 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, but **make sure to buy premium Section Hiker or Thru Hiker tickets by tomorrow, Friday April 30**, to make sure you get your goodies, including a GHCC-branded MiiR mug and more, in time for the event.



[Register Now!](#)

Sen. Wyden Town Halls in NE Oregon

Senator Ron Wyden is hosting virtual town halls in Northeast Oregon next week, and he wants to hear from you. The Town Hall for Wallowa, Union, and Umatilla Counties is happening at 11:30am on Sunday, May 2nd. [You can watch it here on Facebook Live.](#)

As rural Oregonians, we know there are a range of important issues the Senator needs to hear about so he can do his part to protect and restore the salmon, wildlife, lands, and waters of Eastern Oregon. For more information on where to submit a question for Senator Wyden, please [click here.](#) The link includes some target questions and issues relevant to our work.

Wyden is also hosting a Town Hall in Morrow County on May 1 ([watch](#)) and in Wasco County on May 2 ([watch](#)).

Other news you may have missed...

Oregon's Wolf Population Grows, and With it Grows New Threats

According to the latest tally by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, there are now 173 wolves living in Oregon, a 10% increase from last year. While this is good news, conservation groups, including Greater Hells Canyon Council, remain concerned about increasing reports of poaching and other attempts to remove protections that are still much needed for wolves to fully recover. [Read more here.](#)

Robbs Hill Quarry Quashed (For Now)

The resistance effort to the proposed quarry along Robbs Hill Road outside of La Grande made its mark. The developer withdrew its application in light of the Union County Planning Commission's vote to recommend rejecting it. The developer has indicated they plan to regroup and resubmit a new application, but no new timeline was provided. For now, the quarry has been

quashed. [Read more 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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