



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

### Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

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**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Council is authorized under the National Trails System Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail as described in the Act.

**DATES:** Two virtual half-day meetings will be held on January 16, 2024, and January 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each day, Pacific Standard Time (PST).

*Written and Oral Comments:* Anyone wishing to provide virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST on January 9, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted up to 11:59 p.m. PST on January 9, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Council may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All council meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meetings prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the link posted on the Pacific Northwest Trail Advisory Council Meetings webpage:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory->

*committees/?cid=fseprd505622*, and the public may also join virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the same link. Council information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622> or by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

*Written Comments:* Written comments must be sent by email to [jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov) or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Jeffrey Kitchens, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Suite 1700, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

*Oral Comments:* Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST, January 9, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov) or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Jeffrey Kitchens, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Suite 1700, Portland, Oregon 97204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Kitchens, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 458-899-6185 or by email at [jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meetings is to:

1. Approve meeting minutes;
2. Discuss implementation of the comprehensive plan for the Pacific Northwest Trail; and
3. Discuss and identify future Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council activity;

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda.

Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under DATES.

Please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Council. To ensure that the recommendations of the Council have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent

minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: November 30, 2023.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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