CASCADIA

The greatest nation that is not (yet)

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SO, WHAT IS CASCADIA?
And what makes it special? (A scholarly view, based mainly on https://depts.washington.edu/cspn/)
CASCADIA IS: A BIOREGION SURROUNDING THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS
CASCADIA: POPULATION

Greater Seattle area: 3,439,809 (2010 US Census)
Greater Portland area: 2,226,009 (2010 US Census)
Greater Vancouver area: 2,463,431 (2016 Canadian Census)
CASCADIA: POLITICS

Extremely liberal (bordering on, or, historically, being socialist) west of the Cascades
Lots of publicly owned utilities and COOPs

Extremely conservative (“Black Helicopter Folks”) east of the Cascades
Lots of gun owners and militia
CASCADIAN HISTORY: SETTLEMENT

Originally settled by Chinook tribes 14,000-16,000 years ago

European exploration occurred by ship throughout the 1700s

First settlements were for fur-trading in the early 1800s
CASCADIAN HISTORY: COME FOR THE GOLD AND TREES, STAY FOR THE TECH AND SHIPPING

Mass immigration for several gold rushes during the mid and late 1800s
Lumber boomed (spurred by the gold rush)

In the late 1900s, the tech boom began, first with Microsoft and Intel, then Amazon and others
CASCADIAN HISTORY: INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS

Oregon made the first attempt during the Civil War
Another attempt was made by southern Oregonians, but ended due to WWII
The Cascadia Mayors Council held meetings between the 1990s and 2004
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And what makes it so damn special? (A born-and-raised-Cascadian’s view)
PLEASE RISE, AND REMOVE YOUR HATS, FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
CASCADIA IS (STILL): A BIOREGION SURROUNDING THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS
CASCADIA IS: A REGIONAL CULTURE AND IDENTITY
CASCADIA IS: A BOOMING ECONOMIC MEGAREGION
CASCADIA IS: AN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

https://deptofioregion.org/
https://www.cascadianow.org/
https://cascadiaunderground.org/
https://cascadiafootball.org/
CASCADIA IS: BEAUTIFUL

… As a quick google search will prove
CASCADIA IS: VERY WET AND CLOUDY

Seattle, Vancouver, and Portland all have average annual rainfalls above average for their respective countries.

Seattle gets the most rain (150 rainy days/year), and the most clouds (over 200 cloudy days/year) on average.
CASCADIA IS: A TOP NORTH AMERICAN SPORTS RIVALRY
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CASCADIA IS: A BEER!
CASCADIA IS: WILLING TO FIGHT OVER A PIG

The pig war (1859), in which a single pig died and Washington Territory “won”
CASCADIA IS: OUR HOME

You are currently here (approximately)
Questions? Or should we go straight to our social without unnecessary delay?