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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed rule change:

OPRD Exclusion rule update

Date comment received:

October 16, 2023 04:06 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Susie

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I am in favor of whatever rules need to

Be in place to keep our

Areas safe. People who are Unruly and

Abusive in any way

Should be removed

From ALL PUBLIC

OUTDOOR AND INDOOR

AREAS.

Thank you for keeping

Us safe!



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Date comment received:

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Commenter name (if provided):

Jeannie Sutterfield

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I do not agree with this. It gives the park employees the right to make people leave with an accusation that might not be true.

Remember:
Innocent until Proven guilty.

The
burden of proof in on the accuser NOT the accused.

It's
hard enough to live in this state and not be able to just go camping.

Families
are all different as we all know.

I
don't want to see a family get told to leave for their kids or how their
possessions look.

Please
don't pass this,

Thank
you,

Jeannie
Sutterfield

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that might help is, quit putting campers a couple of feet apart. Most of the camping spots are way to small.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Patricia Gruher

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Please update the exclusion rules as noted in the article. State Parks are places where visitors need to feel safe. We also need to better protect our parks from deliberately caused damage, both damage to structures and damage to natural features. We were at Cape Lookout this summer and saw places where names/initials/etc. had been carved into the soft sandstone cliffs. So sad to see!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Margaret

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I am writing to support any changes to OPRD's exclusion rules for State Parks that serve to enhance the safety of the OPRD workers, park hosts and/or visitors. I agree with the proposed rule that will take into consideration whether there are repetitive offenses and the severity of offenses when determining the length of exclusion or whether a permanent exclusion is needed.

Hoping that these rules will help keep our beloved State Parks safer!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Charles Bryce

Location (if provided): Dayton, OR

Public comment:

I do

not believe that the exclusion rule is fair to everybody. You can easily be using that when it should not be used. The exclusion rule should only be applied to somebody through a court of law. State taxes pay for state parks therefore public funds pay for the park there for you have to have a public court. To exclude somebody legally excluding someone is a denial of freedom which can only be served from a court of law and should be reserved to a court of law. That decision should only be made by a court of law it can be added in addition to other restrictions on somebody's freedom in a court of law in order by a judge and jury alone. Reserved for them and no one else. It can be added to a probation or a a restriction but it can only be done by a court. County or state court it cannot be administered by State Park officials. Reason being is that the state park officials when they're not around it can't be issued. When they are it can be issued so therefore it would be inefficient somebody's there in the park that shouldn't be well only when a park official is there can it be administered so you've actually just limited your Park exclusion rules to only when that Park official is there. This takes it to the next level and goes to a much wider broader number of people. they're probably deserve to be excluded from the park it is in a court of law and they simply add a clause that says you will not be allowed into State Park public property due to your unlawful acts in a punishment. You will not be allowed into state parks for the next two years as part of your punishment or probation. when that person is then deemed free to freely live his life again after his probation period is over with and yes that person can then return to a state park.

Hopefully

this clearly states my feelings and the legality of taking someone's freedoms away. If it is a privately owned entity then that's different. The legal liability falls on a private business and probably has less financial access to courts and legal actions.

Charles
Bryce

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Commenter name (if provided):

Daniel Kozie

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I am writing in favor of the proposed updates to Chapter 736, Division 10 and Division 21 of the General Park Area Rules and Regulations. Repeat offenders have no place in our parks.

Sincerely,

Daniel
Kozie, M.D.

Daniel
Kozie

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Commenter name (if provided):

Ben Ward

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I wanted to offer a suggestion. Countless times I have shown up at a campground that shows as being full and a large number of campsites are vacant from people who no show. I love the ability to book in advance online but I think it has opened the door to people booking spots and then no showing. This leaves people without the opportunity to use those spots.

My suggestion is there should be some kind of consequence other than losing your money if you no show and don't cancel the spot. Something in tiers where the first violation maybe adds a fee to their account that has to be paid before they can book again. Then it gets progressively stuffer for each additional violation.

I think this would encourage more people to cancel rather than no show, opening up these spots to other campers.

Thank
you

Ben
Ward

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Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Shepherd

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I believe that park rangers should have discretion to exclude a seriously disruptive person from public parks. But I have seen this authority misuse when I worked as a federal agent. Sometimes an officer is lazy or angry or vindictive or over enthusiastic or un creative at solving problems.

I know the difficulty of hiring the absolute best officers and the complexity of their work, but it is critical that the officers do no further harm and are given adequate resources to problem solve. For instance, if a camper or visitor is behaving in disturbing or damaging way, the ranger must be able to call a mental health practitioner to discuss the situation before taking action. If the ranger concludes this is a mental health emergency then a response service like city of Eugene should respond with police back up. I know this is difficult to hear, but the ethical decision is to get professional help.

would hate to see our parks become security control zones instead of connecting to nature zones. The park system should be expanding with population instead of shrinking and erecting barriers.

V/r

Michael
shepherd

I
have met some really good rangers especially in valley of the rogue

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Commenter name (if provided):

Cindee Robertson

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Dear OPRD,

As a native Oregonian, now 74, I have always enjoyed our Oregon parks in all parts of the state.

We need to protect and maintain those parks for perpetuity for our grandchildren and great grandchildren.

If users of our parks cannot or will not follow the park rules, they need to be excluded from using our parks.

Our taxpayer dollars support the beautiful places of Oregon, and I don't want the parks violated by their misuse.

It's our responsibility to do so.

Cindee Robertson

Eugene, OR

Sent from my iPad



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Date comment received:

October 20, 2023 08:43 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

M J Basti

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Location (if provided): Tillamook , OR

Public comment:

The exclusion rules update must include monetary penalty for willfully vandalizing state park property including graffiti, carving up trees, smashing windows, clogging up sinks, and any other physical property damage. Hours of community service must equal the actual cost of the damage.

Dogs off leash, noise after curfew, starting fires in unauthorized areas, and violations of general park rules that are posted should result in exclusion after a verbal then a written notice. Three strikes and you are out.