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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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Lincoln County beach driving

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July 20, 2023 05:00 PM

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

At the May 1st 2023 meeting with the ORPD on this issue - at the 20:00 minute mark Tory states that she is against vehicle access.

She presents her perspective from her home, where, in the video, she sits within the scope of her windows overlooking the beach.

At the 55 minute mark she states "I have a very . . . I can practically see the whole beach from my house in the Cascade Head Marine Reserve " and her argument is "No! No you can't" allow others to access. [Actual quotes.] She offers her documentable biased perspective as she literally looks down on those who drive only temporarily on the beach. I'm not sure a better image of privilege can be documented.

At the 25:52 minute mark she cites her desire to protect the environment from the temporary use of some individuals in their vehicles, while she has herself established a private, permanent residence in the same area that permanently impacts the same region she claims to want to protect.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC4z7Si6sy0>

The State needs to do better and listen to more voices before making any changes to the historic precedent of safe, equitable, access to the beach for all persons, including any non-land-owning, under-privileged persons who want

access to the beach in the temporary protected space of their vehicle.



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I am

Marty Michelson, a white, privileged, older adult cis-gender, property owner, male who lives in Lincoln City, Lincoln County, Oregon.

The state should immediately ask the Lincoln City Council to remove the barricades they have put in place that give equal, equitable and vehicle accessible vehicle access to the 15th Street and 34th Street beaches.

The evidence of History documents safe vehicular use of these vehicle access points to the Oregon beach

When given opportunity in May of 2023, six, white, predominantly aged & retired residents of a single city, in their role as City councilors, have blockaded vehicle access to the hundreds of thousands of Oregonian, perhaps millions, no documentable, verifiable, evidence that vehicles have in fact proven to historically be unsafe. These city councilors are temporarily installed, subject to their being voted into office and their temporary installment should not rule out decades of established precedent.

When given opportunity in meetings in May of 2023 and in July of 2023 neither the city council nor the local police chief we're able to cite a single case of vehicle incident to support their claim that the vehicle beach vehicle access is historically unsafe.

“Rowdy” persons and “drunk” persons, reported as occasional and isolated incidents by the police chief in the May meeting, are not issues sustainable to justify blockading vehicle vehicle access to the tens-and-hundreds of thousands of non-drunk and non-rowdy persons who have enjoyed save vehicle vehicle access to this Oregon beach for decades.

At the public meeting July of 2023, the state presented a single picture of multiple Vehicles parked on the beach, the state certainly has evidence of other pictures that document Oregonians have voted in favor of their Beach vehicle access, by vehicle. Additionally, in the city stating that numerous vehicles on the beach, open quote overwhelm the local police for parking issues, the city demonstrates that persons have voted with their vehicles and their vehicle access that they want this beach open. I personally park my vehicle on the beach perhaps 150 to 200 days of the year, sometimes for a brief few minutes, oftentimes for hours per day when I use my vehicle to vehicle access the beach to complete work related projects remotely. On those occasions I have consistently seen persons of non-white color, enjoying their cultural foods, plain culturally specific music, that clearly

does not reflect the white privilege status of the six individuals, temporarily holding position as City councilors, who have voted against the person's of bipoc origin that vehicle access this beach.

The State Should immediately request and require the city to remove the barricades they have put up, which blockade Equitable and just vehicle access to the beach for persons in their vehicles that have proven to be safe. On the singular occasions, when law enforcement assesses that a particular or specific threat to safety emerges on a particular day within a particular number of hours, by virtue of that immediate threat of Terror or harm, naturally, law enforcement should be able to make individual decisions on those individual days. apart from the immediate threat of unique danger which might emerge, the city council, six, white, elderly, privileged, individuals who hold temporary office, should not be allowed to blockade the vehicle access to the mini black, indigenous, hispanic, latinx, indian, chinese, korean, native american, russian, vietnamese, or other persons of other cultural origin, who have voted by their vehicle access to this beach in their vehicles, that they want vehicle access. These people are routinely represented historically with use of their vehicles on the beach, and their lack of presence at a singular meeting on July 18th 2023 should not be ignored nor discounted.

The barricade should be immediately removed, and if any decisions of temporary ordinance should be decided, those should be effectuated after ample polling and equal representation of people who actually use the beach, are sampled and given opportunity to give their voice in the summer of 2024, with any future decisions to be made based on objective, measurable, quantifiable and qualifiable data in the year 2025 or Beyond.

No proper signage currently exists to explain the closure, nor how to respond. Signage simply states the

vehicle vehicle access is closed, in an english only sign, with information about how to discern, call or understand the imposed closure of these six, temporarily installed city residents.

For any future temporary closures, signage should be provided if such closure lasts beyond some short (24hour?) period of time. Phone numbers for the city officials should be provided on -site when closures are in place for clarity to any person seeking Oregon vehicle access to this Oregon highway.

Vehicle access to public spaces, such as *some* but not all beaches where precedent gives historical viability, should be upheld for all individuals, regardless of their socio-economic status, race, or property ownership. By closing down the vehicle access point, these six white individuals perpetuate inequities and deny certain marginalized groups the opportunity to enjoy and benefit from the beach.

Closing the beach vehicle access disproportionately affects individuals who are economically disadvantaged, non-property owners, and working class. By keeping vehicle access open, we ensure that everyone, irrespective of their financial resources or property ownership, can experience the beauty and tranquility of the beach in all kinds of weather, in every season of the year. It would be a peak moment of disproportionate privilege to allow six temporarily elected white persons of aged representation, to decide the access point for tens of thousands of persons when vehicle access is proven historically safe. It would equally be a travesty of equitable access to force a closure of any Oregon State Park for months or even weeks on end because of the temporary presence in an isolated period of time of a few "rowdy" persons. Again, the city has not established any history of vehicle safety as a point of fact, and the police chief cites only occasional parking issues and/or rowdy persons. And, these might be mitigated by opening up more space now, which the city can do for zero dollars

and zero cents.

Socio-economic disparities should not dictate who has the right to enjoy public amenities and should not give privilege to those who live so close to the beach that they can choose only the best weather days to visit the beach. By maintaining open beach vehicle access, we foster a more inclusive and equitable society that values the well-being and leisure opportunities of all individuals, including those who may not have the means to own property.

The closure of the beach vehicle access might perpetuate historical injustices and systemic racism that have limited vehicle access to natural spaces for BIPOC communities. Opening and preserving vehicle access ensures that historically marginalized groups have the opportunity to connect with nature, enjoy recreational activities, and experience the healing benefits that these spaces offer. Yes, it could be offered that vehicles hinder the natural beauty, and yet, when the vehicle becomes the container that allows BIPOC and economically marginalized persons to get to the beach when they can't afford lodging with a view, this opens their access from within the "lodging" of their vehicle that is free to them.

The beach should be a place of unity and shared experiences, where people from all walks of life can come together to appreciate nature and build a sense of community. I have been witness to persons of colour, ethnic difference, and cultural vibrance when I have been on the 15th Street access. In fact, I will note that I have been subject to music I did not enjoy, from a culture and at a volume I did not appreciate - and yet, I would not allow my routine access as a local resident to trample on the privilege of these others for their single day at the beach. By keeping the vehicle access point open, we encourage diverse interactions and foster understanding between different socio-economic, racial, and cultural groups.

Vehicle access to the beach can provide educational opportunities, particularly for low-income individuals and BIPOC communities who may have limited vehicle access to outdoor recreational activities. By keeping the beach vehicle access open, we may, in fact, promote environmental awareness, foster a sense of stewardship, and create opportunities for learning and personal growth where some persons might take their families on the beach who would not stop at another park for their children to gain access. (Admittedly, some vehicles on some occasions might leak contaminants, though this has not been historically an issue and - every Oregon beach parking lot in every ORPD park would be subject to this same level of scrutiny where any vehicle may leak contaminants that end up in the watershed, etc).

The closure of the beach vehicle access would reinforce the privilege and exclusivity of a few local property owners while excluding those who do not have the same advantages. By maintaining open vehicle access, we promote fairness, equal opportunities, and social cohesion, ensuring that the beach remains a welcoming and vehicle accessible space for all, regardless of their background or economic circumstances.

The state should remove the current (July 20th, 2023) temporary barriers to access that are currently blocking access to vehicles, which was established in May of 2023 without precedent or provocation and no historical validity to claims of factually unsafe experiences. And, in light of the city councilors' concerns about some future safety issue a multi-pronged approach of better signage, traffic lighting, better surveillance, speed bumps, appropriate support of local police, better signage, more effect patrols or other means of equitable and just ideas can be explored by a more diverse group of stakeholders.



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I would like to see rules that do not allow vehicles on Oregon beaches at all. There is no valid reason for allowing this disturbance to wildlife and visitors. So I am certainly not in favor of expanding any areas of vehicle access as well.



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I would be strongly against eliminating all access to vehicles on the beach at the 2 current locations where it is allowed. Being able to take elderly or disabled people directly onto the beach in a vehicle so they can experience it up close, is so important for them...especially when the weather is cold or rainy. I feel like taking this privilege away would negatively affect those people who otherwise can't get onto the beach any other way. Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts in this decision making process.

Sent from my iPhone



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Public comment:

The access needs to closed permanently.

We have a home on NW 34th, one block from the 34th access.

It's a huge risk to all that are enjoying the beach when vehicles are on the beach.

I've spoken several times to drivers about children playing near the access. Drivers generally feel entitled to drive on the beach.

I have seen vehicles race past the posted parking area signs with no regard to persons walking or sitting on the beach and do spin outs.

If you don't close that access and a child is injured, who's at fault? The driver or the state that permitted risky beach behavior.

Thank you

Liz and Brian fackler

1609 NW 34th

Lincoln city, Oregon 97367



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dewey Surbey

Location (if provided): Beaverton, OR

Public comment:

Proposal for Rulemaking, OAR [736-024-0015](#)

I am in favor of this band on vehicles driving on the beach. I think it creates a hazard for people and families beach walking and it disrupts wildlife.

Thank you,

Dewey

Date comment received:

July 20, 2023 09:10 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

phratzs@yahoo.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Hanna Phillips

Location (if provided): lincoln city, OR

Date comment received:

July 20, 2023 07:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hannaphillip466@gmail.com

Public comment:

been cleaning vacation rentals here for a few years now. over heard owners trying there hardest to shut down 34th street even though i never see anyone driving down there minus one guy in a wheel chair and two people once looking for gold but pretty much harmless. I told my boyfriend about it hes to busy to leave a commit so i though i would. His exact words were old retired people trying to protect there investments and use there friend in the city to help. The working class has no time to defend access against retired people that have all the time in the world. I wasn't going to say anything cause i do clean houses for one hopefully this doesn't come back to haunt me and my job. But it is sad thing to see greed manipulate city rules and the working class doesn't get a chance to busy working. Both beach access should maybe require a off road permit that might be it. Hope to see both locations stay open all year long.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jennie Mitchell

Location (if provided): Wilsonville , OR

Public comment:

Where will people park in Lincoln city to see the beach?

How can handicap people look at the beach who can't get out of their car?

This is the best view for people who want to park and look at the beach or park and visit the beach in Lincoln City.

Other parking lots are small and you can't see the full beach and ocean.

Thank you for reconsidering this.
Jennie & family & friends

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

jenniellia@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kerry Ann Fendt

Location (if provided): Lincoln city , OR

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 07:59 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

heritagehillacres@gmail.com

Public comment:

Please don't take away our drive on beaches in Lincoln county. It's one of the only ways several people, especially the elderly or ones who may be handicap or disabled, can get their supplies (camp chairs, food, coolers, beach towels, shade/wind tent, etc...) onto the beach. Moreover, the only LEGAL way the equestrian community can ride on the Lincoln city beach is if they drive their horse trailers onto the beach and ride from there. There is no other accesses that permit horses in all of Lincoln city. Please don't take this access away from people who have been riding on this beach for 85+ years unless we can designate another access that has room for trailer parking and allows horses to ride across the park. For example allowing horses on the roads end state park.



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Commenter name (if provided):

G R

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

The NW 35th beach access needs to be closed permanently. The majority of vehicles who have used that access over the years only use it to squirrel around with their 4 wheel drives on the beach, not to park. In addition, the creek at that access is a huge draw for children of all ages, and the risk is too great for injury to mix in uncontrolled vehicles.

The proposed 15th beach access plan is worth a try. After a year or so, the access plan can be again revised if necessary.

We have lived in the same house a couple of blocks from the beach since early 1990's and have walked both areas many times per year since then.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Laura Sweitz

Location (if provided): Otis, OR

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 06:34 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sweitzlaura@gmail.com

Public comment:

My name is Laura Sweitz I've been a Lincoln County community member for 40 years, Our family had a condo in Lincoln City at Spanish head until I was 16 so most of my life consider this area home. My family is devastated over the proposed closing the beach access from vehicles. My husband, I, our 5 children and 8 grand children know the 15 th street access as our time of memories, laughter and excitement. My mother in law Mary Lou McMillen ride her last ride on her horse, with her red hat waving and smiling to all people on June 25 th 3 years ago and died July 10, 2020. Kerry step dad Arnold McMillen his step dad had MS and rode on Pm Magazine strapped on his horse and won an endurance race. This access has been part of our family and traditions. The time my father could no longer walk to the beach to tidepool search we drove him and walked him to the water to instruct our children his grandchildren how eurchens go in and out , the majesty of a star fish, little fish along the rocks in the tide pools. Watching our daughters ride their first ponies, to their senior pictures at that beach access, non of these memories would be possible if it's closed. I cannot even imagine the changes without this in our family dynamics. I am asking with my entire heart and soul to keep 15 th street access open. Sometimes 1 thing can effect so many future things, your decisions to close something that has affected so many local people in great ways. I as a local saved the oldest covered bridge in Oregon, Drift Creek Covered Bridge we didn't expect 5000 visitors every 6 months but it happened. I am so thankful we as a family gave part of our heart and souls to show our world what creating and saving our past saves future generations. I was find raider for Regatta Park playground and Chairman with Tom Owczarzak to build a park that now serves and changes thousands of peoples lives, especially the children. When does a decision effect our world, yours does say yes to leaving our beach access open to serve a community. We have horse riders, children, grand children, Lincoln County Posse and Rodeo princess's and a Queen this year due to your beach access. I'll never forget the year I brought my 12 year old to a horse show, the horse was Hairy, and no show clothes at the Lincoln County Horse shoe and our daughter the only experience in 15 th street beach access riding, won every class including high jump . We were so proud.

Thank you for letting us comment.

Laura E Sweitz

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1111 N Bear Creek Rd

Otus, Or. 97368



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kerry Sweitz

Location (if provided): Otis, OR

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 06:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sweitzlaura@gmail.com

Public comment:

I have lived here all my life, I own horses and train horses, this is my only access to being legal and riding on state park lands, the beaches of Lincoln City. I am 61 years old, I love my community, I have taken my children, grand children, my wife, my mother, sisters and brothers on this beach through this access. It's been one of the most memorable times of our families memories. We as a family honor the ability to access our Lincoln City beach to create memorable events such as first ponies on beach rides, to my mother who was 85 year old life long member of Lincoln City riding her last ride with Ovarian Cancer in her red hat waving to everyone laughing and smiling, knowing she'd be gone in 6 weeks. To Lincoln County Rodeo Princess's Amanda Sweitz, to this year Lincoln County Rodeo Queen, Kerry-Ann Sweitz Our daughter and son and law are on the Lincoln County Sheriff posse under Jerry Morrow. They ride and enhance young and old to see the majesty and grandeur of a horse loping and walking on Lincoln City Beaches. To take away this access will change and affect so many people, good people of our community to have memories, and greatness to serve in a community where good is needed. I have logged down there just training with Glenn French a man who loved his horses and serving his community as much as I. I think this decision to close off the only beach access for families to bring the little ones to see tide pools, witness the majesty of Lincoln City access is devastating for the entire old, young and future generations of people of the United States of America our Nation that feels the beaches heal, bring families together, love abounds. This decision your making stretches out far greater than today it's for families forever. I ask you in great honor of your positions to vote to keep Lincoln City beach accesses open for our Nation and our Country, for the betterment of mankind.

I implore you to keep our Lincoln City Beaches open to access with vehicles a truck and a horse trailer owner.

Thank you,

Kerry W Sweitz

541 921 5110



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Commenter name (if provided):

Summer Beanland

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please do not allow motor vehicles on this stretch of Lincoln City Beach. Vehicles are dangerous and disruptive to pedestrians, particularly children and those with companion animals. Vehicle traffic on a beach is a huge deterrent for those wishing to enjoy relaxing visit and causes disruption to coastal wildlife and ecosystems as well as increasing fire risk in those areas with coastal grasses. I strongly encourage you to keep this area free of motor vehicles to support continued less destructive and disruptive traffic.

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Commenter email (if provided):

summer.beanland@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Cheryl Strong

Location (if provided): Newport, OR

Public comment:

I would like to express my support for the removal of all public vehicle access to the beaches in Lincoln City.

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Commenter email (if provided):

1strongcheryl@gmail.com



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Commenter email (if provided):

In4brammer@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

My husband and I have lived a few blocks away from the 15th St. ramp for the past 13 years. We have always seen so much trash left behind on the beach when the ramp has been open. It has been a blessing to witness the improvement since it has been closed. There is also less sand being moved from the beach onto our roads which then get distributed throughout the city with the closure.

Sent from my iPad



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Commenter name (if provided):

Marty Michelson

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

The
State should make the decision to ensure
**the vehicle beach access is left
open
and accessible to vehicles 365 days per year**
, excepting for King Tides
and/or life-threatening storms.

For
over 30,000 days, millions of Oregonians in tens of thousands of cars, in every
make and model since the 1930's have SAFELY accessed the 15th Street beach
with their vehicles. This should remain true.

There
is **no** factual historical record of safety that justify changing the decades

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Commenter email (if provided):

marty@peaceandflourishing.com

long, nearly 100 years of access for Oregonians (and others) to access the 15th Street beach with their vehicles.

**Having
been present for the first hour of the Public Meeting on July 18th**

I want to debunk the supposed claims of safety used verbally by those present at the meeting. They are not true in fact of history. This vehicle beach access has been open for 30,000+ days for decades - and no person - not even the Police Chief at the May 1st meeting, can cite even a single example of actual vehicle harm to any person. The Police Chief cited this in the May 1st meeting. There is **no** historically provided fact of there having ever been a safety issue and in fact, this proves the huge safety of the access over time!

The Police Chief at the May 1st meeting cites "Rowdy" and "drunk" people as the problem.

Any Oregon

park can have rowdy and drunk people! A few rowdy or drunk persons is not reason

**The claim that vehicle access
is an historically true and verifiable safety problem is simply false.**

**Not a single vehicle-pedestrian
issue of safety is recorded or shared.**

Additionally - please see my notes with commentary on the May 1st meeting transcript.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC4z7Si6sy0>

Lincoln City Vehicle Access
RAC

OPRD Director's Office

Streamed live on May 1, 2023

25:08

25:08 minute mark of the meeting, New Police Chief states "if we have people driving down there at night, especially, or just people being rowdy going through there, there is a potential that we're going to have some kind of a vehicle-pedestrian conflict." And yet - there is no actual factual statement that this has happened, in 100 years. And, *anytime* anyone shows up "rowdy" it's possible for some pedestrian complication! A single rowdy person is no reason to stop access to the millions of Oregonians who have accessed the beaches in

their vehicles.

29:12

29:12 "Ollie asks directly for examples of "multiple beach injuries" Preson replies and yet cites no injuries. No one in the meeting cites any single injury ever having taken place. That mats do help with ADA issues. Great. Provide more. The mats in no way provide full access for all the ADA needs. And, ADA access on mats and in special mobile wheelchairs is still very, very hard - and assumes and ADA person has someone there to assist them! Add lots more *and* leave parking

31:00

31:00 minute mark Jeanne Sprague notes that Lincoln City has *just* begun their public beach access for ADA. Great. Since it is just begun, wait for years to get it implemented before considering removing the 100+ years of vehicle access which is not now and has never been unsafe. No one answered the 29:12 question about if there were reports of injuries. No injuries from vehicles is cited by the Police nor by Lincoln City as justification for prohibiting beach access. Of 31 beaches, Lincoln city has only put mats at 3 beaches. Mats are hard to use for disabled persons, though we should install more!

34:00

Tory cites at the 34:00

minute mark that "a few years ago" "a couple of mallard ducks" were hit by a car on the beach. While this is certainly likely true, and sad, wildlife are hit on nearly every public road in Oregon - and we don't shut down roads for this. It's not as if these locations are mating areas or nesting areas for routine flocks of numerous birds, etc. Closing for King Tides - 3x per year, makes perfectly good sense!

37:00

37 minute mark: Preson notes

that "most times of the year" "we're kind of neutral" and yet around the 4th of July things can get difficult. Great. Then patrol uniquely and differently on *those* weekends, but don't close access 365.

39:00

39 minute mark. The Police

Chief states it's quite a "headache" and "we are unable to man it down there." "Took one officer almost three hours to get people cleared out of" parking beyond the boundaries. A solution is to EXPAND the area, not close it off! 39:50 "It's just a matter of time before we have a tragedy." Highways have tragedies daily, we don't shut them down. And there is no historical factual claim to there already having been an injury in the decades of safe use for vehicles at 15th street and 34th street.

41:00

41 min mark Jeannie notes

"environmental concerns" - but these issues can be dealt with by providing trash cans, not to remove vehicles. The environmental concerns cited can be address with better trash/recycling provided.

42:30

42:30 minute mark "we

get quite a lot of calls about safety concerns" - again - with no

citation of fact that any injury has ever actually taken place!

And

the access has been open for at least 30,000 days from the 1940s. In 30,000+ days no one at this meeting can cite an actual, factual injury that justifies shutting down vehicle access.

50:

50 minute mark

"Courtney notes "as far as I know there's never been a vehicle pedestrian access on the beach itself."

50:10 the chief of police

states "I'm not disputing that.' The Chief can not cite a single historical reference to a single known vehicle safety issue having ever taken place. 50:30 the Chief says ""We're not going down there this weekend. We, we just can't deal with it unless it's an actual emergency." The Police

Chief factually cites that there are *not* routine, regular emergencies at the beach. He cites no vehicle safety issues and the issues of drunken-disorderliness are not issues about vehicle access on the beach that justify closing down access to the tens of thousands of person, not drunk, who use the beach vehicle access.

53:00

53: minute mark The Chief notes "we rarely have time down there in the Winter, Spring or Fall." "that's where they all want to congregate." Again, this is not a vehicle issue of safety, then. This is a police request to manage large groups of people.

1:05

1:05 - "why not make it larger" I agree! The police chief has said congestion is a problem! Okay! Then expand the location!

1:14

1:14 "it's been stated that there is not enough staff to enforce the rules and safety issues." This is false with respect to the safety issue. No actual, factual occurrence of safety is reported to mitigate! No staffing is needed to mitigate an issue where no factual evidence of a safety/injury has taken place. And, the rules issues is stated to be "rowdy" or "drunk" people. These are not issues of vehicle access - but rowdy/drunken people which take place in hotels, hotel parking lots, grocery

store parking lots, etc. Drunk and rowdy people, again, is not a justification to close access to the tens of thousands of non-rowdy, non-drunk persons who access the beach with their vehicle.

1:15

1:15 minute mark The Chief of police notes there is no difference between police calls to 51st or 15th street. "We get the same kinds of calls" - so the issue is not vehicles on the beach, it is again, drunk or rowdy humans.

~ marty



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Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I believe that the beach accesses at 34th Street and 15th Street should be closed to vehicle traffic at both locations permanently.

When the beach access is open to automobiles it poses a safety risk to those on the beach as well harm to the environment.



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Commenter name (if provided):

goodrich

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Please do not allow cars to enter onto the beach access in Lincoln City at the 34th Ave entrance. The sand there is too soft for cars and block the ability for emergency vehicles to get to anyone caught in the riptide right down from 34th Ave. The only ones that benefit for cars getting stuck in this soft sand at this beach access, are the tow truck drivers. My cell phone number is 503-423-7918.

Thank
you,

Bob
and Judy Goodrich

1545
NW 34th, Lincoln City, OR 97367

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

jlgood30@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

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Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

We've been going to 15th st beach access for years and years now. I have a terribly bad back and can't walk on the sand. Being able to drive down onto the sand and sit in my car and watch and hear the ocean is everything. Please open up beach access for vehicles.

Thank you,

Lori Kadlitz

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 02:09 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sillyyou6769@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

marty michelson

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 02:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

martymichelson@gmail.com

I am Marty
Michelson, a resident of Lincoln City, appointed on the Lincoln City Budget
Committee

Below are
remarks I hope to be able to share publicly at the meeting today, Tuesday 7/18.

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- on May 22, 2023 voted unanimously to block Oregonians access to this Oregon Beach.

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- valid representation.
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A picture from at least the 1940s, perhaps the 1930s, located in the Fathoms Restaurant at the Historic Inn of Spanish Head labeled shows numerous vehicles on the “15th street” beach access.

In the 1930s
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In the 2010s
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In the 2020s
the 15th street beach access was safe and accessible for Oregonians.

Still, in 2023

the 15th street beach access is safe and should be accessible for Oregonians - and persons from other U.S. States, for their access.

Perhaps

hundreds of thousands of cars and millions, perhaps tens of millions of Americans have accessed this beach in their vehicles, and to my awareness, there has been no vehicle related fatality, in a century of access!

Why should six council members in one city now restrict and blockade safe access?

The amended rules state:

At the 15th Street access point a ramp separates vehicle and pedestrian traffic; however, when hundreds of vehicles go on to the beach at the same time, safety concerns arise with vehicles entering and exiting at the same time.

Vehicles and recreationalists, particularly children playing in

the same area
also raised safety concerns.

Historical
evidence proves this to be essentially 100% false over 10 decades.

Safety “concerns”

- presented with

no objective, nor quantifiable data - are not ample to reset the precedent of what is factually known from nearly 100 years. This access is safe!

If it were not so, deaths or vehicle-pedestrian incidents would be in the news, or vehicles would be left askew on the beach akin to the Peter Iredale Wreck outside Astoria.

The safety

concerns of millions using this access with their vehicles has not historically presented safety matters that serve as the precedent for this radical departure from established SAFE protocol.

Additionally,

the access is quite safe due to it's short on-ramp and curious egress and ingress, vehicles can not go fast! There may be no safer street in Lincoln City than the 15th Street Beach access.

Additionally,
ask the parents and children who access this area if they feel unsafe and I am certain they will report they feel safe. They are there, on purpose, by choice to ALLOW their children safe play! No person who drives a child onto this beach does so to cause harm.

The statement
reads:

On busy summer days, the number of vehicles and space available overwhelms local resources for patrol and enforcement at 15th Street.

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The cost for patrolling and enforcement in these sections of the ocean shore are prohibitive for both the city of Lincoln City and OPRD.

I've been on the 15h street access well over 100 days per year, in the past 3 years. I've spent literally thousands of hours in my vehicle on the beach. On only a single day, only one day have I ever been witness to city patrols on the beach. On the one day in early May, just before the pendency of this action, when a single police officer was on the beach - he was merely writing parking/boundary violations. How is this overwhelming? Isn't it simply *the paid job* of a patrol officer to issue citations? Doing one's job is not overwhelming! There was no violence, there was not mayhem. There was a single officer on site, doing his job.

What is more -
the supposed overwhelm could be minimized by expanding the area now , for
summer, as the city proposes for half of the year.

The fact that
the city proposes expanding the area for half of the year, by the way,
undercuts their claim that there are environmental concerns. If
true environmental concerns, *all* vehicle beach access on *every* Oregon beach
should be shut down, but this is simply not been historically true in the past
century.

Who is present
here tonight is not a fair reflection of who uses the beach. I am certain
thousands of Oregonians would say more if they knew that these six city
councilors singularly blocked their Oregon based vehicle access to this Oregon
beach.

The status of vehicle beach access is decades old, and a two minute decision of the Council of six members, on May 22, 2023, should not invoke new barriers without quality metrics and informed perspectives.

A better approach would be to rescind the current order, and, next summer, 2024, send pollsters to the beach to gather data from the persons who use the beach. Use that data to inform the historic precedent that this current city council is upending from the past century, to use as quantifiable metrics to make a more informed decision. The historic opening of this access should remain the precedent until unimpeachable better evidence proves otherwise.

The city is spending millions of dollars on the cultural center. Super. The cost of removing their blockages to 15th Street and 34th street cost Zero dollars. Zero. All that is needed is the removal of their blockade.

Many, many people who come to the beach can not afford overnight lodging, and they can use their cars to access the beach in any weather condition, which can not be done in the same way from pedestrian access.

I live in Lincoln City and I use my vehicle so that I can enjoy the beach in the wind, rain, cold. This is true for many people who want to experience the

beach, on days when the weather is inclement. They still can, in their vehicle.

Many persons

come to the beach to eat meals and barbeque, who can not afford a hotel and meals at expensive restaurants. Vehicle access allows low income persons access to Lincoln City and Oregon Beach. These people, too, are Oregon Tax payers!

The city

spends tens of thousands of dollars on books for the library, and they serve thousands of patrons. great. The cost to remove the barriers at 15th Street and 34th Street cost Zero dollars. And, it serves tens of thousands of people from across Oregon and the US.

I could go on

listing city expenses - the only expense here is ZERO dollars to remove the blockade put up after decades and decades and decades of safe access for children, adults, elderly, disabled, and those "poor" who can't afford hotels or restaurants.

The city

reports they have given recent new mat sand access to other beaches . - great, build 10 more, 100 more and still leave the vehicle access open. Giving more

access does not mean you have to block other access. You can do more!

If the State

and City wish to change the access, they should weigh the evidence of data from the 1930s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010 and actively, faithfully gain data from beach users in 2024 to make a future informed decision for 2025 or beyond.

Clear metrics

of objective and factual quantifiable data should be used

And - the

access should be opened and patrons from Oregon and the United States who access the park should be polled in the summer of 2024 to use as the basis for any decisions to be made after a fair and accurate representative population of users for the access are polled.

If the city

expands the access SEpt 15 to May - they will need to spend money on new signage.

That same money could be spent on signage now to post better boundaries (or, go ahead and expand the boundaries now)

Mayor Susan

Wahlke - How many days have you spent on this beach witnessing the **safety**

of hundreds of Oregonians enjoying the Oregon beach? Why you are personally choosing to roadblock Oregonians' access to safe access to the Oregon Beach for which they pay taxes in Oregon?

Councilor

Mitch Parsons - why are you blocking access to a safe, public free access?

Councilor

Riley Hoagland - why are you creating barriers for others that have not needed to exist in the past?

Councilor Judy

Casper - what number of actual sustained vehiclular injuries have been reported to you that justify you creating new blockades to people's joy?

Councilor Rick

Mark - what number of hours have you personally spent with your vehicle on this beach to witness hundreds of people safely enjoying the space, that justifies your decision to restrict access to others who want access?

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Accessibility

for mobility-impaired individuals: Vehicle beach access allows those with mobility challenges to enjoy the beach and its therapeutic benefits. It provides them with a convenient way to reach the shoreline, reducing barriers to participation.

Convenience

for elderly individuals: The elderly often face difficulties walking long distances or navigating uneven terrain. Vehicle access enables them to enjoy the beach without physical strain, promoting their well-being and social inclusion.

Enhanced independence:

Vehicle access empowers people with disabilities or limited mobility to maintain their independence. They can drive directly to the beach and enjoy their time without relying on assistance from others.

Safety considerations:

For individuals with certain medical conditions or disabilities, walking long distances or navigating *any* sandy paths can pose safety risks. Vehicle access ensures a safer experience by minimizing potential hazards.

Transporting

necessary equipment: People with disabilities or specific medical needs often

require additional equipment such as mobility aids, beach wheelchairs, or medical supplies. Vehicle access allows them to transport these items conveniently, enhancing their overall beach experience.

Family

inclusion: Vehicle access ensures that families with members who have mobility limitations can enjoy beach outings together. It promotes inclusivity and allows for shared experiences and bonding opportunities.

Increased

socialization: Vehicle access enables individuals who would otherwise struggle to reach the beach to participate in community events and engage in social interactions. It helps combat isolation and promotes mental well-being.

Therapeutic

benefits: Beaches have proven therapeutic qualities, including stress reduction, relaxation, and improved mental health. By allowing vehicle access, individuals with limited mobility can benefit from these therapeutic properties.

Equal

opportunity: Accessible beaches ensure equal opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their physical abilities. Everyone should have the right to enjoy the beach and all the benefits it offers.

Promoting

physical activity: While vehicle access may facilitate access for those with limited mobility, it also encourages physical activity for individuals who are able to walk or participate in other beach activities. They can choose between walking or driving, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle.

Accommodating

temporary disabilities: Temporary injuries or conditions can make it difficult for individuals to walk long distances. Vehicle access allows them to continue enjoying the beach during their recovery period, minimizing disruption to their daily lives.

Respecting

personal choice: Vehicle beach access allows individuals to exercise personal choice in how they access and enjoy the beach. It acknowledges that different people have different needs and preferences.

Tourism and

economic impact: Accessible beaches attract visitors, including people with disabilities or limited mobility, who may require vehicle access. This can have a positive economic impact on local businesses, tourism, and the community as a whole.

Promoting

diversity and inclusion: By providing vehicle beach access, society demonstrates its commitment to diversity and inclusion. It sends a powerful message that all individuals, regardless of physical abilities, are valued and should have equal opportunities to enjoy public spaces.

Reducing

social barriers: Denying vehicle access to the beach creates social barriers for individuals with disabilities, limiting their participation in recreational activities and community life. By maintaining vehicle access, these barriers are reduced, fostering a more inclusive society.

Accommodating

large groups: Vehicle access allows large groups, such as community organizations, schools, or senior centers, to organize beach outings more easily. It facilitates group participation and encourages community engagement.

Long-term

planning: Vehicle beach access is an investment in long-term planning that considers the needs of an aging population. As the population ages, the demand for accessible beach access will likely increase, making it important to maintain and improve such access.

Upholding

human rights: Access to public spaces, including beaches, is a fundamental human right. Denying vehicle access can infringe upon the rights of individuals with disabilities or limited mobility, whereas ensuring such access respects their dignity and autonomy.

Preserving

freedom and individual rights: Building blockades and barriers without clear and sufficient proof of harm can infringe upon the freedom and individual rights of residents. It is important to respect personal liberties and avoid unnecessary restrictions that limit people's access to public spaces.

Fostering

community trust and transparency: Implementing blockades and barriers without clear and sufficient proof of harm can erode trust between the local city council and the community. Transparent decision-making processes that involve community input and evidence-based reasoning are essential for maintaining trust and ensuring the legitimacy of governance.

Encouraging

inclusivity and accessibility: Unnecessary blockades and barriers can create additional obstacles for individuals with disabilities, the elderly, or those with limited mobility. It is crucial to promote inclusivity and accessibility in public spaces, allowing everyone equal opportunity to enjoy and participate in community life.

Avoiding

unintended negative consequences: Implementing blockades and barriers without clear evidence of harm may have unintended negative consequences. It could disrupt the flow of traffic, create unnecessary congestion, or impact local businesses and tourism. It is essential to carefully consider the potential unintended consequences before implementing such measures.

Historical and

cultural preservation: Maintaining the status quo for safe vehicle access to a beach that has been around for a century preserves the historical and cultural significance of the area. It allows residents and visitors to experience the beach in a way that reflects its long-standing traditions and heritage.

Supporting

tourism and economic growth: Accessible beaches that allow vehicles attract tourists from near and far. These visitors contribute to the local economy by spending money on accommodations, restaurants, shops, and recreational activities. Maintaining the status quo for vehicle access supports tourism and fosters economic growth.

Convenience

for families and large groups: Many families and large groups, such as those with young children, elderly members, or individuals with disabilities, find it more convenient to access the beach by vehicle. Maintaining vehicle access ensures that these groups can enjoy the beach together without facing unnecessary logistical challenges.

Safety

considerations: Vehicle access to the beach can provide a safer option, especially for individuals with limited mobility or health conditions. It allows them to reach the beach without putting undue strain on their bodies and reduces the risk of accidents or injuries associated with long walks or challenging terrain.

Marty
Alan Michelson, Ph.D.



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vehicle restrictions

Commenter name (if provided):

janice skipper

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Hello,

My name is Janice Skipper. I live and own a home on NW 34th St. here in Lincoln City a couple of blocks from the beach. I love our neighborhood and take daily walks with my dog and sometimes friends. I always enjoying seeing neighbors and having a friendly chat. Not a single resident likes vehicles on the beach.

I am strongly against opening the 34th Street beach access to vehicles except for emergency crews. Oregon is all about clean air, environment, protecting nature in addition to keeping locals and visitors safe. There is absolutely no good or safe reason to allow vehicles on the beach.

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 02:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

janiceskipper541@gmail.com

Grace Hammond who donated the 34th St access to the city is rolling over in her grave according to her granddaughter Sharon who still lives in her home on Jetty across from the 34th St beach access.

Allowing vehicles on the beach serves no purpose at all. It is dirty, unsafe, crowded and extremely dangerous. It get's very hectic during the summer with the crowds of tourists playing on the beach. In addition to the parking lot at the 34th St access seems to be the hot spot for pot/marijuana smokers who sit behind the wheel puffing it up, sometimes with the children in the car.

The beach is a place to sit, walk, just think and enjoy the beauty of the waves and all that's around. Contemplate, inspire, imagine, rest...simply put to get away, leave stress and worries behind.

Please keep the beach in it's most natural state for all to enjoy. No cars, trucks or vehicles please. I can not stress enough the dangers the vehicles create. I can not believe this is even a topic.

Again except for emergency access.

Thank you so very much,

Janice Skipper

janiceskipper541@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

craig Williams

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

No. Just no

Vehicles should not be in the beach. They leak oil. They cause congestion. The 15th access is close to rocks with a multitude of sea life. Tourists constantly are unaware of big swings in tides and get stuck.

You even need to replace the ballisters/ poles at canyon park entrance. I've seen vehicles think it's ok there despite signage.

Thank you

Craig Williams

Full time Lincoln City resident

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 02:04 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cwdrifter@yahoo.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Amy Williams

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Dear Ms. Gauthier-

I am a resident of Lincoln City.

I strongly object to ANY vehicular access to Lincoln City beaches.

Expansion of access from 150 feet to 300 feet is also a dreadful idea.

Why?

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 02:03 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

oregonamyk@gmail.com

Because motorized vehicles do not belong on beaches, especially in cities like Lincoln City.

There is nothing special or protected about being able to drive your car onto the beach. It does not enhance your experience.

Unfortunately, beach visitors who park on Lincoln City beaches do not respect the environment. They leave mounds of trash for locals to pick up. Vehicular beach visitors appear unconcerned about tide pool creatures living near the beach access point. Oil leaked from vehicles is often evident on the sand. Many visitors simply do not comply with firework restrictions, and I often find discarded illegal firework "mortars" along the beach.

I don't mind participating in beach "clean ups," but it's becoming exhausting.

I feel the majority of visitors who regularly abuse vehicle beach access have lost the privilege to drive onto the beaches for ALL visitors.

I strongly encourage you and the city of Lincoln City to completely and permanently ban beach parking.

As an alternate, I would suggest:

1) OPRD and the City develop more beach access for the disabled, such as installing a ramp at "D" River for easier access.

2) Lincoln City invest in a seasonal "trolley car" to transport beach goers from designated public parking lots to all of commonly

frequented beach entries, to include stops along 101 business locations.

3) Lincoln City explore options for increased parking areas for the NW 35th Street beach access.

Vehicles don't belong on beaches. Period.

Thank you.

Amy Williams



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Commenter name (if provided):

Phillip Johnson

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Dear Katie Gauthier,

Attached

please find a comment from the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition concerning the proposal for beach vehicle closures in Lincoln City. Thank you for considering these comments.

I would be glad to answer any questions or discuss the matter.

However, I should note that I am leaving on a week's

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

phillip@oregonshores.org

vacation and won't be reachable until July 24.

Regards, Phillip Johnson, Conservation Director Oregon
Shores Conservation Coalition

(503) 754-9303



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brian

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

My
mentally disabled friend and I just had a rather horrific experience using the
beach access at 15th street in Lincoln city. My mentally challenged friend
(Jaykobi) was utterly devastated by the addition of the yellow poles on the
beach access, he never even made it to the sand that day. He kept running into
them at night, unlit and they were at a unbelievable height for him and lead to
injuries of his ego after he had doubled over in front of a crowd of girls
after impacting the new yellow poles with his male organs. He is so fragile
mentally that the laughter he endured when he was in pain on the ground, caused
lasting trauma 10 days later! I'm not sure what the purpose these dangerous
installments hold but they have impacted this community.

Brain

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 01:59 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bmaninger@gmail.com



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Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 01:59 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Diane CONrad

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please do not allow any recreational vehicles on Oregon beaches. Diane Conrad



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brian Maninger

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I went to the beach with my 70 year old mother (Rita) last week on 15th street in Lincoln City and I was unable to drive on to the beach like we do every year and get her out on the beach. We wish that it would be open for events or when personal are available to see that we play nice.

Brian
Maninger

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 01:58 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

brianm.0991@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Griffiths

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

To: Oregon
Parks and Recreation Department

From: Steve
Griffiths

2643
SW Dune Ave.

Lincoln
City, Oregon 97367

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 01:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sgoregon@gmail.com

Date: July
10, 2023

I
am a full-time resident of Lincoln City. I'm writing to urge you to prohibit
car parking on the beach at NW 15
th and NW 34th
Street
throughout the year. With the exception of emergency vehicles, cars should not
be allowed anywhere on Lincoln City beaches.

Most
people, I suspect, come to Lincoln City to get away from the hustle and bustle
of urban life. The beach is a perfect place to escape – to walk for miles by
yourself or with friends without seeing or hearing a car, or to peddle a bike
or ride a horse.

Some
drivers who park their car on the beach at NW 15
th
are either
careless or ignorant of tides and the ocean's behavior. Every once in a while,
a car gets stuck in wet sand and battered by waves, creating a problem for the
car owner and rescue personnel. Our Lincoln City police do not have the time to
patrol the beach to ensure that cars are parked in designated areas.

Most

of my time on the beach is spent in the Nelscott area. I'm always impressed when I walk the beach – almost daily – with how clean and free of debris it is.

But

the beach car parking area at NW 15th

can be a different story.

I helped clean the beach there after the Fourth of July and was appalled by how much garbage car drivers had left behind.

Most

everyone has access to the beach in Lincoln City. In the last couple of years, mobi mats have been placed at some beach access points, enabling those in wheelchairs to get on the beach and enjoy a chat or a picnic with friends.

Please

keep our beach a beach. Allowing portions of our beach to be used as a parking lot is not appropriate.

Thank

you for your attention to this matter. Please confirm that you received this message.

Steve
Griffiths



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Commenter name (if provided):

Katelyn Williams

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

We
deserve to have open access on the beach

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

k.fredrickson429@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Elaine Walsh

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I believe this is a very bad idea and not necessary. It puts drivers, their passengers, beach walkers, and possible sea life at risk and is totally unnecessary. Tides can change abruptly causing danger for walkers and especially vehicles unable to see them. Further, at risk autos on beaches causing authorities to rescue them, will and has caused a unnecessary expense to local authorities.

I suggest those who want to drive their autos on beaches, contact their insurance companies and see if such conduct would be covered, and if so, at what risk to their policy premium and continuation of coverage.

Elaine Walsh, Lincoln
City, OR

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

walshins321@aol.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Debbie Newhouse

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I was so disappointed to see vehicles on Oregon beaches.

Pollution and safety hazards increase tremendously with vehicles on the beach. Let's protect our beautiful public beaches. If people are disabled maybe we could do a special permit with a designated area.

Vehicles will increase erosion and harm living things on the beach.

Let's keep Oregon green, safe, clean, and beautiful!

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

nsmktg@bellsouth.net



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Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 01:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

montypython0@gmail.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Today we visit the beach access at 15th street with the intent to drive down to the beach. Instead, my 7 month pregnant wife and 2 year old toddler were forced to park above and walk down the steep hill. This was extremely disappointing as we planned on having the vehicle for easy accessibility for our family members in need. Vehicles are already very restricted to the designated marked parking, please allow us accessibility for those in need.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Angela Cruz

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I was appalled to find our favorite beach access point, in Lincoln city, is closed. I have a disabled mother, and a wheelchair bound child, who aren't able to walk onto the beach. The only way they're able to enjoy it, is via access like the one you shut down. Please, for families like mine and so many others, reopen the beach access point

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

angelac101016@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dave

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Hello
Lincoln City,

I took my kids to the beach access today. Instead of driving down as we normally do on 15th Street, we fought for a parking spot for 30 minutes. My youngest was then honked at as we we walked in the street down to the beach. The whole thing was stressful and unnecessary. Open the beach driving access back up there and stop being power hungry jerks.

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

dscrutton@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dustin Boyd

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I'm disturbed to see that I drove all the way to lincoln city so I could get down to the beach in my vehicle, and you guys closed the beach. I'm in a wheelchair now I can no longer access the beach. I can't go up and down the extremely steep hill!

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 11:51 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

dustinaboyd@icloud.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jason Thomas

Location (if provided): Lincoln city, OR

Public comment:

Keep open

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 09:10 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

JRTOTIS81@GMAIL.COM



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Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 09:04 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Amelia Knox

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I support banning vehicles on the beach because, as a kid I love walking and playing without worrying about getting run over or hit. Another reason I support this is if there are vehicles on the beach it would damage the surrounding wildlife with the exhaust and other polluting car parts, Lastly, I support banning vehicles on the beach as it could ruin floats. If vehicles are on the beach they could accidentally run over a float.



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Commenter name (if provided):

CHRIS SMITH

Location (if provided): Otis, OR

Public comment:

I don't believe either access should be closed. It it's wrong to blame everyone for the inappropriate behavior of a few. Most people who use the drive on accesses do it safely and professionally. Most people driving on the beach are quick to help others who might have gotten stuck. The access to public beaches without vehicles hurts the access by handicapped people. Making the accesses much bigger would help with the close quarters. The Oregon beach bill making the beaches a highway and hb1600 and hb1601 protecting access to the beaches helps all beach goers have access to our beautiful beaches.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jessica Wentzel

Location (if provided): Tigard, OR

Public comment:

I frequent the beaches in Lincoln City and would love a ban on vehicles on the beach. I think it's a safety issue and I would feel more safe with my family if there were no vehicles allowed on the beach.

Date comment received:

July 19, 2023 06:15 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

JESSICA.WENTZEL@GMAIL.COM



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Commenter name (if provided):

Erica Fulton

Location (if provided): Portland , OR

Public comment:

I'm writing in support of the vehicle ban. As a parent, I find it's always so nerve wracking to be at the beach when vehicles can drive freely. I'm on constant alert not only with the waves but also with cars and trucks. It's definitely a deterrent for visiting beaches that allow vehicles.

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 10:03 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

ericafulton13@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Harnack

Location (if provided): Lincoln City , OR

Public comment:

If this access is closed, it means the end of family photos on the beach with their car, which sets the time period. I believe that the owners of property are responsible for wanting this closure, although 90 percent of them are not full time residents or live near Lincoln County.

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 09:06 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

steveharnack@hotmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jillian Cochran

Location (if provided): Lincoln city, OR

Public comment:

We have lived in Lincoln City our entire lives and have utilized these beach accesses for years. We have a young son and hope to be able to continue our beach adventures.

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 08:53 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

thecochranwedding@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jacob White

Location (if provided): Otis, OR

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 08:39 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jacobwhitejiw@gmail.com

Public comment:

Please keep open. It's not asking too much in my opinion. Plenty of beach that doesn't have drive on. It's a great experience being able to bring family who otherwise can't walk on beach that close conveniently. No harm in a small area being drive down. Been taking my kids and family down the drive down for as long as i can remember.



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Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 08:39 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Adrionna

Location (if provided): Lincoln city , OR

Public comment:

We should keep motor vehicle access open on the beach



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Commenter name (if provided):

Debi Frank

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Please stop allowing private vehicles on the beach, any beach, in Lincoln City. It is destructive to the landscape (beaches, tidepools, trails, etc.), harmful to wildlife (sea, land, and air), and dangerous for people and pets. Walking to and on the beach is part of the joy of living in Lincoln City. Limiting damage, destruction, and danger should be our goal. Make our beaches vehicle free!!

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 06:00 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

debi.frank@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jill Marks

Location (if provided): Newport, OR

Public comment:

I support limiting access for vehicles to be on our beaches. To protect people walking, kids, wildlife and the beach ecosystem itself I feel like closing the access is the best way forward.

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 05:04 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hillsideshack@yahoo.com



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Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 04:21 PM

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Hello,

I prefer a car free beach. Cars have no place on a beach. Especially when you walk with children and dogs, it is sometimes very dangerous because you cannot hear the cars coming from behind, especially in strong winds and waves.

Also, some just drive too fast without considering the people on the beach.

Thanks Heli



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rachael Prescott

Location (if provided): Dallas, OR

Public comment:

To whom it may concern,

My family and I stayed two nights at the Coho Oceanfront lodge in March. We were shocked and disappointed during the three days we spent at the beach to witness vehicles driving over tide pools, and past the designated parking area, often doing so recklessly. The NW 15th st. Beach access in Lincoln City is open to the public, with two signs designating the parking perimeters, with the instruction of not driving over tide pools, however these signs are completely ignored and not enforced. I have video of a vehicle doing cookies around other parked cars, as well as moving ones. I have pictures of cars parked well beyond the boundaries. My family witnessed multiple vehicles drive over the tide pools, where families were presently exploring nearby. My 5 year old daughter with Down syndrome was honked at while flying a kite, outside the parking area. It was unsafe. I reported such an instance to the Lincoln City non emergency line, and no officer responded. Whoever is responsible for the regulation of this access point is not able to do so effectively. I would like to see this access point either receive the means to be enforced properly, ran as a permit required space for the elderly and disabled, or unfortunately closed down for the safety of pedestrians and preservation of the tide pools. I have sent my video and pictures to the director of Lincoln City Parks and Recreation, as well as the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Thank you for your time,

-Rachael Prescott

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 03:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

leftyspirit_3@hotmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Edward Wolfe

Location (if provided): Newport , OR

Public comment:

It is time to end beach driving for good. It's dangerous to people young and old trying to enjoy the beach the way in which it should.... on foot! It runs the risk of ruining wildlife habitat. Throw in offensive noise and pollution... what's to like here? The happiness of one individual at the expense of absolutely everybody and everything else?

End cars on the beach. Now. Please.

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 03:06 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

zagsfan@aol.com



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Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 02:52 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Amelia

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Attached/Below are my niece's comments on the proposed vehicle ban:

I support banning vehicles on the beach because as a kid I love walking and playing without worrying about getting run over or hit. Another reason I support this is if there are vehicles on the beach it would damage the surrounding wildlife with the exhaust and other polluting car parts. Lastly, I support banning vehicles on the beach is it could ruin floats if vehicles are on the beach, they could accidentally run over a float.

Amelia

4th Grade



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Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 02:48 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Hannah

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Attached/Below are my daughter's thoughts on the proposed vehicle ban:

I support banning vehicles on the beach because as a kid and a pet owner I am concerned about the lives who could be in danger of getting hit at any moment from an unfocused driver. Also if a driver is driving down an access, that could shift the rocks and that could injure somebody. Also I like not worrying about getting run over. Lastly I am concerned about car exhaust damaging the wildlife!

Hannah

3rd Grade



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Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 02:24 PM

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

July 18, 2023

RE: OPPOSED TO VEHICLES ON OREGON BEACHES

I am writing to oppose all-year-round vehicle driving on the Oregon Coast in the two remaining areas open to this activity: Lincoln City, NW 15th and NW 34th Streets.

It is my position that all Oregon beaches should be closed to motorized vehicle traffic at all times. Currently, public use of our beaches is skyrocketing. It is my opinion that beaches should remain open only to pedestrian uses, including horse riding in select areas. Public service agencies (for example, local and State park departments and emergency services), have had long opportunities to evaluate the affects of vehicles on our public beaches. Results of these evaluations indicate that driving activities represent increased safety hazards for people and pets, and injury or destruction of natural areas and the habitats they provide. In addition, trash is much more noticeable in the two vehicle areas in contrast to the rest of the coast line. And, importantly, Lincoln City and County public safety services do not have the ability to continually supervise these areas or always respond in a timely manner to vehicle-related incidents requiring police and/or fire and paramedic services.

It is my opinion that vehicles on public beaches should be banned on all Oregon beaches, all year round.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 02:14 PM

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

As a mom and an ICU nurse, minimizing driving on the beaches is very important to me. There's poor visibility, ill defined driving patterns and children can easily be hurt. Our family are avid birders and the disturbances vehicles present threaten the safety of our native snowy plovers and ruddy turnstone in this area. Including vehicles means threatening fragile ecosystems and decreasing environmental tourism. Please help defend the safety and fragility of our coast by making it car free.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donna Slinger

Location (if provided): Newport, OR

Date comment received:

July 18, 2023 12:27 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

donna.slinger@gmail.com

Public comment:

Vehicles should not be allowed on any beach in Oregon. At any time, winter or summer. These vehicles pose a safety threat to pedestrians and animals on the beach. In addition, it creates unnecessary pollution and destruction of natural areas. I have seen people driving over animals and birds, destroying creeks and other fresh water sources, driving up sand dunes, driving through surf and scaring wildlife, throwing trash out of their windows, and racing their vehicles at high speeds on Oregon beaches. These problems have gotten exponentially worse since the beginning of the pandemic.

Vehicles also encourage people to bring heavier items onto the beach, like shovels and chainsaws, which they then use to take out large amounts sand, gravel, driftwood, plants, and rocks.

Please stop allowing people to destroy the natural beauty of Oregon beaches. Ban vehicles from beaches completely.

Thank you,
Donna Slinger



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Commenter name (if provided):

Victoria McOmie

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I represented Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition on the initial advisory meeting for the closures of the beach access to vehicle parking on two different beach access points in Lincoln City. Today I am writing my own comments about the issue which is separate from the comments submitted from Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition.

In the advisory meeting I heard representatives from Lincoln City Parks and Lincoln City Police.

This is what I heard the Police Chief say (paraphrased), "the beach access parking is not safe. When the department gets calls about parking problems on the beach sometimes I tell my officers to not go because we do not have enough officers on duty to do parking control." To that I ask OPRD, do you really want to have parking on the beach when even the police say they cannot guarantee safety?" Furthermore, where is the OPRD staff presence on the beach in Lincoln City? To that I can say, since I live here, there is only rare OPRD beach staff on this beach except for cleaning bathrooms in Roads End State Park. OPRD is not a reliable and swift presence for any sort of problem that happens on the beach adjacent to Lincoln City.

Lincoln City Parks and Recreation director, Jeanne Sprague, said her office gets numerous calls about problems with beach access on 34th and 15th St and does not have the staff that would be needed to adequately address issues of beach vehicle access to the beach. She said her department does help ADA access to the beach by providing MOBY mats and beach wheelchairs available for free with a reservation.

OPRD's own Preson Phillips stated summer beach use has increased so that peak use time is now considered from Spring Break until Halloween. I would add that outside those dates, there's Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Valentines Day, King Tides and storms. How can OPRD open and close beach access points at what could be frequent and irregular intervals with adequate and timely communication to the public?

After the advisory meeting, I came away feeling I heard ample reasons to close the beach access points permanently and all year long. So I was shocked when I read in the newspaper that OPRD has come up with their very own plan for these beach access points and ignore the voice of local citizens and local authorities. Do you plan on and agree to being the sole department to be responsible and liable for any accidents related to beach vehicle access and parking?

On the issue of ADA access to the beach, OPRD has the ADA Transition Plan (March 2021). That plan should be used to determine where and when ADA access will or have occurred. OPRD should not make a rule for access because of ADA access to Lincoln City Beaches in a separate rule that does not originate from the OPRD ADA Transition Plan.

What really disturbs me is the OPRD over-reach to determine who and how the beach is used. The state of Oregon determined in the Oregon Beach Bill (house Bill 1601) in 1967 decided who and how Oregon State beaches are used. In Section 5:

"In order to promote the public health, safety and welfare, to protect the State recreation areas recognized and declared by Section 2 of this act and by ORS 274.070, to protect the safety of the public using such areas, and preserve values adjacent to and adjoining such areas, the natural beauty of the seashore and the public recreational benefit derived therefrom..."

I do not believe that a beach parking lot has any natural beauty. And I do not believe parking on the beach is a recreational activity. In fact, it hinders the public right to natural beauty dramatically. Motor vehicles on the beach hinders public safety as well and can impede recreation activity.

If people complain that there isn't enough beach access parking in Lincoln City, the city is the entity to provide parking on city streets and property. The city is in the process on updating it's comprehensive plan and beach access is addressed in the plan. People can comment on the comprehensive plan now via Lincoln City's government website.

The beach access points discussed here are part of the Cascade Head Marine Reserve. The Marine Reserve needs more protection from motor

vehicles not less. Please close vehicle parking on beaches.



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Date comment received:

July 17, 2023 11:08 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Megan Sorensen

Commenter email (if provided):

being.megan@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I reside in the Wecoma Beach area of Lincoln City. You may be aware that the beach access at NW 35th Court (Wecoma Beach Access) has been a site of controversy. Local residents in 2017 petitioned the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to restrict the access to vehicles at the beach access. In a hearing in response to the petition, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department voted to continue to allow vehicles to access the beach at Wecoma. In the past year to year and a half we have seen increasing and escalating issues with vehicles on the beach at the Wecoma Beach Access. The intent of the Oregon Parks and Recreation was to keep the access available to vehicles for disability access and those who wanted to unload equipment for kite boarding or other activities. The beach is so torn up from vehicles at to make it inaccessible to those with disabilities and the many elderly who had previously been using the beach access. Many days there are ruts in the sand as deep as two feet! Once was a neighborhood beach access known for a safe area for families is now being overrun by vehicles tearing up the beach, making donuts in the sand, driving up and down the access to the water, and using it as an access to drive completely up and down the beach in Lincoln City, sometimes at high speed. Recently, my daughter was taking our dog for a walk on the beach near the Wecoma Access and was nearly hit by a Jeep going at high speed through the sand. No one is safe and there is no longer spaces for families to enjoy the beach. Approximately three weeks ago the situation further escalated when signs were placed at the beach access indicating for pedestrians to look out for vehicles coming off the beach and for vehicles to watch for children on the beach. It has done nothing to improve behavior and is now an open invitation for vehicles to go onto the beach. Additionally, in the early Fall of 2018 the signs indicating vehicles be restricted to a specific area on the beach were also removed, further welcoming drivers to go up and down the beach. I have included a few recent video posts from social media of vehicles at the Wecoma Access. Please tell me how this is safe behavior and welcoming to families and those with disabilities. These posts are not all, residents in the Wecoma neighborhood are reporting incidents on a daily basis, sometimes multiple times a day. Further, the Wecoma Access is located in the Cascade Head Protected Marine Area, yet we are allowing vehicles on the beach that harass native birds and animals, disrupt vegetation, and pollute the stream that drains into the ocean at the Wecoma Access. The residents of our neighborhood will soon bring forth to the Oregon Parks and Recreation a new petition, this time backed with a significant amount of evidence that the Wecoma

Access is being abused and misused. It is hard to turn a blind eye to what was once a peaceful neighborhood and family access to what it has become, and it is time to overturn the previous Oregon Parks and Recreation decision from 2017. The residents of the Wecoma Neighborhood are willing to meet with you or representatives from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to discuss our concerns and I would be happy to make arrangements if needed. In the end we are concerned citizens that have lost our neighborhood beach access that many of us have grown up using and appreciating.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Sara Schreiber

Location (if provided): South Beach, OR

Public comment:

I am a member of Oregon Shores. I can find NO reason to allow any vehicles, other than emergency or Park Services, on any Oregon beach!! Join the 21st century which has all the studies of beach animals that will be harmed by automobiles driving over their homes.

Date comment received:

July 17, 2023 09:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

joethecat43@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Patty Gardner

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Vehicles should never be allowed at NW 34th St. because:

1. It is part of the Cascade Head Marine Reserve
2. There is much soft sand at the entry and cars frequently get stuck and require rescue
3. Having vehicles on the beach promotes littering and poor beach stewardship

In addition, vehicles should never be allowed on NW 15th St because they damage the fragile ecosystem of some of the best, most accessible tidepools in our area. I would not be opposed to a beach mat to improve access for those in wheelchairs and other mobility restriction

Date comment received:

July 17, 2023 11:38 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

gardgals@comcast.net



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Date comment received:

July 16, 2023 08:54 PM

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I support banning vehicles on the beaches due to safety issues, cleanliness, and preservation of natural areas.

As a parent to a young child, I fully support strengthening the safety of our beaches by stopping vehicles from driving on them by drivers who are not necessarily paying attention to all the people on the beach. Children and people of all ages don't want to be on the lookout for vehicles while enjoying the beach and ocean. Imagine taking your children and family to the beach to play games and one of them gets hit by a truck and dies. It would be a completely unnecessary and preventable death. If civilian vehicles are allowed, they often block the access for emergency vehicles so if a beach-goer gets hit and initially survives, emergency support might not be able to get there in time to save a life.

I understand the argument of folks in wheelchairs who also want to enjoy the beach. For those people, I support additional regulations and processes to allow them to go to a specified area for a temporary amount of time as allowed by permit so they may enjoy our wonderful beaches also.

Wherever vehicles go, there is pollution due to exhaust or other liquids dripping from the engine. Our beaches should remain as pristine as possible. Humans have already polluted our oceans enough so let's do what we can, where we can, to preserve this amazing environment with fragile life growing on it.

To me safety is the number 1 concern when it comes to allowing vehicles to drive on the beaches. I already have to watch my daughter when she's near the water to ensure I can see when larger or sneaker waves are coming. Having to also watch for oncoming vehicles which don't follow any lanes or roads makes it so that I don't get to enjoy the beach as much as I'd like to. As a resident and taxpayer of Lincoln City, I feel that I have every right to enjoy the beach as much as anyone else without being concerned about getting hit by a truck.

Thank you to those who support this ban who have public safety and preservation of natural resources in mind.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Griffiths

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I am a full-time resident of Lincoln City. I'm writing to urge you to prohibit car parking on the beach at NW 15th and NW 34th Street throughout the year. With the exception of emergency vehicles, cars should not be allowed anywhere on Lincoln City beaches.

Most people, I believe, come to Lincoln City to get away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. The beach is a perfect place to escape – to walk for miles by yourself or with friends without seeing or hearing a car, or to peddle a bike or ride a horse. But ride in a car? No.

Some drivers who park their car on the beach at NW 15th are either careless or ignorant of tides and the ocean's behavior. Every once in a while, a car gets stuck in wet sand and battered by waves, creating a problem for the car owner and rescue personnel. Our Lincoln City police do not have the time to patrol the beach to ensure that cars are parked in designated areas.

Most of my time on the beach is spent in the Nelscott area. I'm always impressed when I walk the beach – almost daily – with how clean and free of debris it is.

But the beach car parking area at NW 15th can be a different story. I helped clean the beach there after the Fourth of July and was appalled by how much garbage car drivers had left behind.

Most everyone has access to the beach in Lincoln City. In the last couple of years, mobi mats have been placed at some beach access points, enabling those in wheelchairs to get on the beach and enjoy a chat or a picnic with friends.

Please keep our beach a beach. Allowing portions of our beach to be used as a parking lot is not appropriate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date comment received:

July 16, 2023 05:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sgoregon@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Greg O'Keefe

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I am a 5 minute walk from the NW 34/35th street beach access

Please do not allow vehicles to use the 34/35th street beach access

Loud, smelly moving trucks and other vehicles will ruin the beach experience and are dangerous, especially to young children.

There are other beaches for motor vehicles.

Greg O'Keefe

Date comment received:

July 14, 2023 08:11 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

gfokeefe@gci.net