



# Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

**Proposed rule change:**

Lincoln County ocean shore  
vehicle restrictions

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Holly Laspa

**Location (if provided):** Lincoln City, OR

**Public comment:**

Cars on the beach is the past; just as smoking on airplanes, using single use products, and a little whiskey on a child's gums is in the past. We did back in the day, we're not proud of it but we're striving to do better now.

Continuing to hold on to "how it's always been" ages Lincoln City and keeps us from evolving and growing. It's beyond time for us, residents and those who care about Lincoln City, to make a statement that we are ready to contribute to the future in a meaningful way. Cars on the beach is old, it's unsafe and unhealthy, and it's on the wrong side of history. We know better now. Close the beach to cars.

If we do not set an example of how our coast is to be treated, why would anyone else care to treat it well?

**Date comment received:**

July 13, 2023 11:54 AM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Camron

**Location (if provided):** Lincoln City, OR

**Public comment:**

I am looking forward to the re-opening of the 15th Street beach access. I live in an Adult Foster Home and two of my housemates have low-mobility so walking down and in the sand is difficult and unpleasant for them. They enjoy being able to be driven down onto the access and watch the seagulls and the sunset from the comfort of a vehicle and they are looking forward to the re-opening as well. These are people. These are citizens.

The only way my uncle was able to enjoy the beach was by taking his car down to the beach. He passed away due to Covid-19 near the end of 2021 and hanging out with him on the beach are some of my favorite memories with him.

This isn't an environmental concern as many Oregonians are switching to hybrid & electric vehicles.

Oregonians as well as American citizens with disabilities/mobility struggles/no mobility have the same rights as every other Oregonian/American citizen and they should be allowed to enjoy the beach and not have to enjoy it "from a distance". By placing restrictions on these rights, you are restricting the rights of disabled US citizens who were either born with disabilities, came upon a life-altering injury, and/or injured during service with the US military. Restricting the rights of veterans. Who is advocating for these citizens? These humans?

These people should also be consulted before imposing long-term closures, especially permanent ones.

My hope is that the City of Lincoln, as well as the state of Oregon, considers the rights of disabled Oregonians, US veterans, citizens of the United States of America when they make this decision and do NOT impose restrictions on immobile United States Citizens.

I oppose any and all restriction of rights placed on disabled citizens. Thank you.

-Camron, Lincoln City resident

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**Date comment received:**

July 12, 2023 06:35 PM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Chester Parker

**Location (if provided):** Otis, OR

**Public comment:**

The ocean shore line needs to stay open for several reasons but the number 1 is for our disabled VET's and disabled Americans to access the beautiful ocean shore line. There are very few beach access for vehicles to drive on. I believe this would limit our disabled tourists and locals to enjoy the shore line in only a few areas that are not HDA accessible. Please leave them open.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Stephen LANE

**Location (if provided):** Otis, OR

**Date comment received:**

July 11, 2023 07:35 AM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

candlaneconcrete@gmail.com

**Public comment:**

So familyblives.out of town, being able drive down and park on beach has allowed us to include older family and family with young to join us for beach days. Parking and rock hounding, parking and walking and parking and just kicking back is nice when you don't have to load stuff and pack to beach. Nice to be able to do all that once on beach. My family and friends really injoy the motor use of our beaches. Please leave them open.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Eric Mays

**Location (if provided):** Lincoln City, OR

**Public comment:**

I have lived in Lincoln city my whole life. I have two dogs with terrible hip problems. The 15th street drive on beach is the only beach we can take them down to because they can't walk for to long. If you permanently close that beach for driving we can't take our dogs down to their favorite place. Driving in that little area of the beach has little to no impact on wildlife or habitat. It's great for the economy  
Please! do not let a Few people being unhappy about life bring down the rest of us.

Don't close the beach too vehicles!!!!!!

**Date comment received:**

July 10, 2023 09:26 PM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Kelly Sigman

**Location (if provided):** Otis, OR

**Public comment:**

It just hurts the people that can't walk very well. Stupid people will still litter and abuse the rules either way. Same with the forest.

**Date comment received:**

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**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Eric Creighton

**Location (if provided):** Otis, OR

**Date comment received:**

July 10, 2023 08:31 PM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

ejcr8on@gmail.com

**Public comment:**

I want the 34th St vehicle access to stay open. Lincoln City should remove the barrier. The city should not be denying access to our state parks. I agree the 15th St parking area should be expanded to 300'. I do not agree with blocking the 15th St at any time. The city should remove the barriers. The city could instead have signs warning motorists they may get stuck in soft sand. These two vehicle beach accesses, are the only 2 left in Lincoln county. My family has used these accesses for five generations! Restricting vehicles from the beach would destroy family traditions. Blocking 34th and 15th would deny handy cap access.

Stop taking our history and traditions away from us!



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Sarah Creighton

**Location (if provided):** Otis, OR

**Public comment:**

I adamantly disagree with any permanent closure or partial closure to the last 2 vehicle beach accesses in Lincoln County.

Stop punishing the locals for the idiot decisions of the tourists.

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## Commenter name (if provided):

Ken Mergentime

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

## Public comment:

I am a permanent resident of Lincoln City and am

### **NOT IN FAVOR**

of allowing more cars on the beaches by expanding beach area for cars. In fact, I support a total ban on cars driving on Oregon's beaches, with the exception of emergency vehicles and/or official government vehicles.

Expanding automobile beach access will only add to our already acute erosion problems, and further degrade and pollute our beaches.

- More cars on the beach represents a greater safety hazard to people/children who walk the beach.
- More cars will create more delays/problems for emergency vehicles needing access to the beach.

More cars will mean more cars getting stuck in the sand creating more havoc /crowding at access points.

- The beauty of our beaches will be further degraded in favor of an ugly sandy parking lot (not to mention oil and/or gas dripping from cars)

More cars will add to the problem of refuse and trash left on the beaches.

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ore cars will add to congestion issues near access points.

Expanding car access to our beaches is a terrible idea.

I strongly oppose expanding car access to our beaches. I support fully eliminating car access to the beaches of Lincoln City, and throughout the State.

-Ken Mergentime



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Eileen Mergentime

**Location (if provided):** Lincoln City, OR

**Public comment:**

As a resident of Lincoln  
City, please do **NOT** allow cars on the beaches!!

Lincoln City has already added  
beach access and mats for people with mobility issues and wheelchairs.

The cars on the beach  
greatly disturb the wildlife and natural beauty.

The cars are also hazardous  
to people walking and add an extra burden to our police department.

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**Date comment received:**

July 7, 2023 10:15 PM

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

Please keep both ramps open. Please do not shut them down during the summer. Only shut them during storms.

thank you,  
Martin Ginsburg  
Lincoln City resident



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**Date comment received:**

July 7, 2023 01:18 PM

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

Regarding the closure of the beach access at NW 15th street in Lincoln City:

- The closure over the summer has been very successful. More families and walkers are enjoying the beach. There are no late night vehicles doing wheelies and/or driving up and down the beach.
- I recommend it stays closed.
- If not - change the nomenclature - it's not a driving on the beach access. It's a place to park on the beach with very limited availability. No cars can actually drive on the beach legally except within the 150 ft markers.
- I do not recommend widening the parking area. This solves nothing. The issue is safe access. The beach access is only wide enough for one vehicle at a time to either go up or down. It's already a traffic nightmare at the 15th street area when in place.
- There is no full time monitoring of the parking. Many vehicles ignore the signs and DRIVE down to the D River especially at night..
- This summer closure has brought less issues, more enjoyment and a safer beach experience.