



Rulemaking: Hunting Rules Clarification

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed rule change:

Hunting Rule Clarifications

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Public comment:

Hunting is an important pastime to many Oregonians, and outdoor recreation has recently had a resurgence. The locavore movement is creating a sort of renaissance in the hunting culture, and many new people are finding that hunting can be an impactful way for them to obtain food while simultaneously combating climate change.

A few years ago there was a study done addressing declining hunter numbers. The impetus of the study was to try and address the problems before hunter recruitment began impacting Pittman Robertson funds to the detriment of the agencies tasked with managing our wonderful public lands. Ranked highly among reasons that people had quite hunting was a loss of access.

Oregon is blessed with ample federal public lands, but often getting to these areas from population centers can be difficult. State lands offer Oregonians a diverse spread of public lands to recreate on, often times in good proximity to home. I would encourage the department to pursue their goal of clarifying hunting rules in state parks, and provide as much information as possible. Maps and on location postings are always great, but it would also be helpful to have this information in an accessible online portal. Many hunters and outdoorspeople use technology like OnX and similar GIS based software/ apps to locate hunting and hiking opportunities, and to confirm that they are legally recreating.

I support the departments effort to simplify hunting rules, as well as support the retention of hunting in as many areas as can be deemed safe.

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Commenter name (if provided):

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Public comment:

I am in support of making it easier for the public to know if legal hunting is allowed or not allowed in certain areas. I think it would be great if this extended to all public lands within the state of Oregon, such as city and county owned properties as well

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Commenter name (if provided):

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Public comment:

I support the proposal and the continued allowance of hunting in some OR State Parks where it is appropriate, and clarifications to said boundaries should be easy to change as deemed appropriate, simply publishing a map should be sufficient to identify the boundaries.

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Commenter name (if provided):

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Commenter email (if provided):

Public comment:

I support the use of maps rather than verbal descriptions to codify where individuals may hunt. I believe that the rule should refer to a boundary, rather than a map. "Hunters in XYZ state park are limited to the xyz state hunting zone." This zone should be depicted on a map available on the website, but also should be hosted as a WMS or JSON layer that individuals can utilize, and/or on a webmap on the website. There are many vendors that make "hunting apps" which allow hunters to see their location versus various boundaries. Providing this data publicly in a consumable geospatial format would allow those vendors to add those boundaries into their products, allowing hunters to know exactly where they are in relation to the hunt boundary.

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Commenter name (if provided):

Randy Davis

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Public comment:

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission,

I'm writing in favor of clarifying hunt area boundaries within specific state parks where hunting is allowed, and expand hunting access to other state parks where hunting would make sense (hunnable populations of game, low risk of conflict with other user groups). Legal, ethical hunting is an important aspect of wildlife conservation within the state of Oregon, and legal, ethical hunters want to make sure they hunt only where they are supposed to, thus avoiding conflict with other user groups. A clear map of hunt area boundaries (especially if available on gps systems like OnX) will ensure this, and save the state the resource hassle of posting the boundaries. Any move the state makes to responsibly open more hunting access is a win.

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