

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed rule change:

Lincoln County ocean shore vehicle restrictions

Commenter name (if provided): Brianna HUBER Date comment received:

June 22, 2023 04:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided): holt.bee@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Vancouver, WA

Public comment:

This is the only way disabled are able to get down to the ocean. This is a right to the community. Don't take it away. Vehemently disagree with this asanine decision.



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Commenter name (if provided): Patricia Cirello Date comment received:

June 22, 2023 04:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided): patriciacirello@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City , OR

Public comment:

The Grace Hammond beach entrance is often busy with pedestrians, with families often playing on the beach just beyond the access point. Accessibility is pretty poor since the sand washes out during the winter. I don't think the signs limiting the width of the access have ever made it through a winter making some people think you can drive the whole beach.

I hope the cars stay off the beach at this access point. Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided): John Beeson Date comment received:

June 22, 2023 10:36 AM

Commenter email (if provided): johngbeeson@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Overall in favor of closing Lincoln City NW 15th Street to vehicle beach access May 01 through September 30th as proposed.



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Commenter name (if provided): Angela Lindbo Date comment received:

June 21, 2023 07:05 AM

Commenter email (if provided): alindbo93@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Thank you for the consideration of protecting beaches, wildlife/sea and sand life and human visitors. Cars do not belong on beaches. Keeping cars off beaches make them safer and more scenic for all.



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Date comment received:

June 20, 2023 09:36 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Julia Greenwald

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Living near the 15th street access provides me with year round ability to observe the area of beach in question. I have seen too many drivers doing unsafe maneuvers with vehicles while there are adults, children, pets, and other vehicles close by. Drivers routinely drive too close to the incoming waves, often driving over large rocky areas where they become stuck and need assistance to get out. The amount of garbage left on the beach is easily 10 times greater when vehicles are present. I've hauled up tons of garbage including small grills, aluminum foil pans, dirty diapers, bottles, cans and every type of garbage imaginable. For these reasons, I support the closure of this access. However I do NOT support making the parking area larger (from 150 feet to 300 feet) if the area is opened to vehicles in the "off-season". During the fall and winter months, the number of vehicles is considerably less than during spring and summer and the larger parking area would not be needed for vehicles. It would however allow those that do come down in vehicles to be emboldened to push further onto the beach cutting safety to those on the beach without vehicles.



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Commenter name (if provided): Cynthia D'Angiolillo Date comment received:

June 19, 2023 09:34 PM

Commenter email (if provided): mscindyrella@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Corvallis , OR

Public comment:

Please do restrict vehicle traffic on public beaches. We must do all we can to protect and preserve the fragile ecosystem of our beaches. Vehicles damage the environment through pollutants, trash and noise, in addition to rendering the beach hazardous to people and sea life.



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Commenter name (if provided): Joshua Zantello Date comment received:

June 18, 2023 04:00 PM

Commenter email (if provided): Joshua.Zantello@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Our 15th Street and 34th Street beach accesses should remain open to vehicles year round. I've lived in Lincoln City for 10 years. I've personally used the beach via vehicle. It's a unique experience that we should retain.



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Date comment received:

June 18, 2023 09:30 AM

Commenter email (if provided): nhojaw@yahoo.com

Commenter name (if provided): John Watt

Location (if provided): West Linn and Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I fully support year round ban on vehicles on the beach at the 15th street access point in Lincoln City.

The reasons are that there is always litter such as dirty diapers and food packaging, as well as oil leaking from vehicles. The cars and trucks are environmentally unsound and, frankly, create an unpleasant experience for humans and animals alike.

During the periodic closures that exist today, the natural beauty and peacefulness is exponentially improved.

While some complain of access for elderly or disabled people, the fact is that the vast majority of vehicles that park on the beach at this spot are with able bodied individuals who could easily park above and walk down to the beach. And there are other locations where cars can park very close to the beaches that will allow disabled people to access the beach without driving onto it.