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Division 10, Smoking Restrictions

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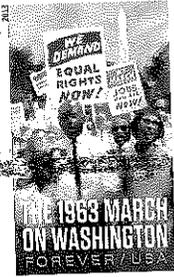
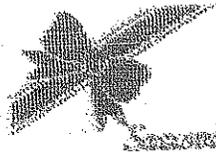


Ms. Charmaine Rehg
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EVERY ANIMAL DESERVES A HOME

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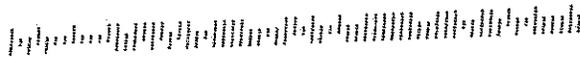


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State Parks and
Recreation Department

Richard Walkoski
Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.
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Mr. Walkoski,

Please stop smoking at our beautiful state parks. I have spent years picking up litter at beaches and other parks. A great deal of this litter are cigarette butts.

Cigarette butts can kill wildlife and it looks disgusting. And cigarette butts do not decompose.

People who do such littering do not care about the parks, its wildlife, or other visitors.

Yes, stop smoking at our state parks (everywhere for that matter).

Please, somehow include our ocean shores, as well.

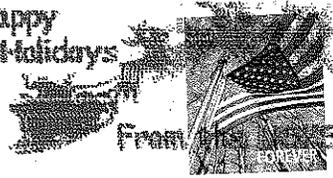
Sincerely,
Charmaine Rehg
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Greg Henderson
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Grants Pass Ore
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MEDFORD, OR 975

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Happy
Holidays



Richard W Alkaski

One Parks & Rec

725 Summer St NE

Suite C

Salem Ore



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State Parks and
Recreation Department

Dear Richard

I do not smoke
cigaretes

At the same time I
think that the world has
way to many silly rules now

If somebody wants to
smoke outside leave them
alone

Thanks

Greg Henderson



Ms Cassandra Henderson
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Happy
 Holidays



RICHARD WALKOSKI
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State Parks and
 Recreation Department



RICHARD,

I AM NOT A SMOKER BUT
 MAKING A RULE TO NOT SMOKE
 OUTSIDE IS STUPID!! INDOORS NO
 SMOKING IS FINE.

WHO DECIDED THIS WAS A GOOD
 IDEA ANYWAY?

NEXT WHAT WILL IT BE ??

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
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Jan. 9, 2014

To the Department,

Clatsop County would like to express support for proposed rules that would restrict outdoor smoking in Oregon State Parks.

Within Clatsop County, these rules would impact Fort Stevens, Oswald West, and Ecola State Parks; Saddle Mountain Natural Area; and six State Recreation Areas on our shores. Further restricting tobacco use at the state parks aligns with the county's tobacco-free ordinances for all county worksite properties and a tobacco-free county fairground.

In addition to the proposed rulemaking, Clatsop County's recommendations are:

- Include ocean shore Recreation Areas
- Include overnight campsites and camping areas
- Define tobacco products to include all cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and any lit smoking device.
- In communications regarding the new rules, emphasize that they promote healthy lifestyles as well as reduce litter and protect natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. H. S.", written over a horizontal line.

Chair
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners

James R. Becraft, M.P.H.
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MY NOTES
FOR EXTENP.
COMMENTS

Richard Walkowski, Recreation Program Manager
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
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Salem, OR 97301

↓ also support Sect. 21
restrictions ASAP. JRB

My name is Jim Becraft. I am from Oceanside, up the coast in Tillamook County. I come as a citizen and child of the West to speak on behalf of myself--and as a public health advocate for children, young families, and yes, my generation of health and medical professionals. Over the past 50 years and more we have seen the impact of tobacco on children, families, and our economy. Many of us see it each day.

I support the important steps being taken to limit the exposure and influence of tobacco in our State Parks.

I believe the policies the Department has crafted are sensible. Understand they are being implemented in consultation with citizens and a broad range of interested health leaders across they state.

From my point of view these regulations certainly fit with goals to create healthier people and populations over the next 50 years by Oregonians, in that they

1. Restrict where one can use tobacco in our parks, limiting exposure to non-smokers and enhancing models for children around the campfires, play areas, and campgrounds.
2. Continue to educate families and shape our built environment and culture to de-normalize tobacco, the leading cause of early morbidity and death in Oregon. A financial & health drain.
3. Protect non-smokers and children from tobacco smoking and other smoking instruments in our public places.
4. Support smokers in their attempts to free themselves from slavery to Big Tobacco, Nicotine Pushers.
5. Support amazing work being done by private and public advocates of prevention across the state and country.

The policies you propose--if they lack anything, might also include restricting the emerging threats of hookah smoking and much wider use of marijuana smoking in public places. They might simply best strictly delimit any smoking instrument in parks except those very delimited areas allowed, if such regs are not in place.

Tobacco and smoke-free places promote a healthy lifestyle and discourage youth tobacco use initiation and future addictions.

In closing, 50 years ago a family doctor gave me--a 15 year old--the new Surgeon General's Report on Tobacco—published 50 years ago this week. Reading that report turned me into a foe of Big Tobacco—coffin nails—all nicotine products, and turned me into the rebel for good that became my generation: Make "love"—take care of our people—as we went on to careers in human service.

Both kindness to smokers and toughness against toxics in our environment are central to the public health of the 21st century in preventing chronic diseases and increasing the quality and length of lives lived. Let's be kind, tough, and specific. These regulations fit the problem and seriousness of tobacco as a killer.

We can be the leaders tonight pointing the way for the next 50 years—for our parks—whether we are 15 or 85, and ask what we can do to solve Oregon's tobacco problem tonight and over the next 30 to 50 years.

Best of health to you and our great state! Our West is special—going toward tobacco-freedom.

Thank you.

6735 NE Hancock
Portland, Oregon 97213
January 15, 2014

Mr. Richard Walkoski
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mr. Walkoski:

I am writing to comment on the proposed rule changes concerning smoking in Oregon's parks.

I understand that, under these new rules, smoking will be confined to personal vehicles, tents, and RVs, as well as to campsites in developed overnight camping areas. I support these changes, except for permitting smoking in campsites. The difference between smoking in public areas and smoking in campsites in developed areas is not clear to me. Secondhand smoke is just as dangerous in developed areas as anywhere else. Smoking should be confined to the smoker's breathing zone as much as possible.

I have heard many people say that there is no danger from secondhand smoke outdoors. However, in a fact sheet posted on the National Cancer Institute's Web site (<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Tobacco/ETS>), it is clearly stated that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

I know from personal experience that secondhand smoke is an issue indoors or out. I can smell a cigarette a block away, and sometimes farther. Pedestrians are subjected to secondhand smoke every time a smoker passes them. I have seen smokers on Portland's MAX platforms, where smoking is prohibited but not enforced, envelope children with their smoke. It is not right to expect us to "rely on the kindness of strangers" for the clean air to which we have every right.

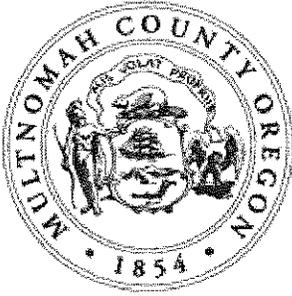
As far as the state parks are concerned, smoke is an issue for adults, children, pets, and wildlife. Tobacco-related litter is a danger to animals.

I have heard the worries concerning a "nanny state" expressed when an issue such as this arises, as well as the notion that we are already breathing poison from car exhaust, so why not just let people smoke wherever they like? These are sophistry, not argument.

Please do the right thing and protect the right of every park visitor and wild resident to breathe clean air. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Anne Marie Fleming



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January 13, 2014

Richard Walkoski
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Dear Mr. Walkoski:

The Multnomah County Health Department supports comprehensive tobacco prevention strategies. We applaud the Oregon State Parks for making a step towards protecting Oregonians from secondhand smoke. The Surgeon General states there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in Oregon. It is associated with many diseases including cancer, stroke, heart disease and lung cancer. In Multnomah County alone, \$223.2 million is spent each year on medical care for tobacco related illnesses. Another \$195.7 million in productivity is lost due to tobacco-related illness and early death.

Research demonstrates that establishing tobacco-free policies provides healthier environments which in turn reduces tobacco use, helps keep former smokers stay quit, and shapes community norms. Eliminating outdoor smoking can prevent health issues of people and children highly affected by secondhand smoke like asthma and allergies, prevent or reduce fires, and decrease litter caused by non-biodegradable cigarette filters.

There are a number of state parks and recreational areas in Multnomah County that these rules would impact. These include: Tryon Creek, Lewis and Clark, Rooster Rock, Government Island SRA, and Guy Talbot State Parks to name a few. In addition, Multnomah County residents visit a variety of state parks throughout the state and would benefit from this policy directly.

In 2011, our staff provided technical assistance to Metro in its decision to make all its properties tobacco free including the regional parks, campgrounds, and the Oregon Zoo. We are prepared to offer assistance to the Oregon Parks and Recreation if requested.

We do have a few recommendations to strengthen the proposed rules. We recommend the following:

- Defining tobacco products to include all cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, any lit smoking device and smokeless tobacco products.
- Phase-in policy implementation for all overnight campsites in overnight camping areas.
- Include ocean shore recreation areas in the Oregon Parks and Recreation District policy.

Most recently, the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Surgeon General reminds all of us that the US Government supports the trend of adopting comprehensive tobacco-free policies on campuses, open areas, and workplaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Marissa Madrigal
Multnomah County Chair

Joanne Fuller, MSW
Chief Operating Officer
Interim Health Department Director

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Salem OR 97302
January 15, 2014

To: Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept
725 Summer St. NE
Salem OR 97301

From: Paula Hyatt
State Parks User

Re: Smokng Ban

I fully support the BAN on smoking in our parks in areas where people gather (campfire circles, central areas, etc.) and on trails in the parks. While smoking should be allowed in areas to include private vehicles, etc., there should be some consideration about tent sites if they are close together, so smoke does not drift to the next site.

Re beaches, I've never encountered a problem, I've also seen very few smokers on the beaches I have walked, tho' I know they must be there because of the litter they leave. One area that might be included in the BAN, in this regard, is where a narrow trail through the dune to the beach is involved. These are a "Trap" like doorways into stores and public buildings. Fifteen feet doesn't make it work; it has to be the whole approach from the parking lot, or wherever.

Thank you for listening.



Phone 503 362-2765

January 9, 2014

Oregon State Parks Department
725 Summer St. NE Ste. C
Salem, Oregon 97301-1266

Ref: Smoking ban in Oregon State Parks:

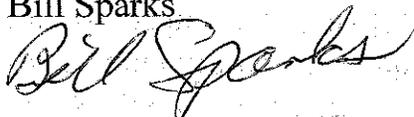
It is my understanding Oregon State Parks would like to ban smoking in our State Parks. As a camp host for the Oregon State Parks I want to voice my opinion on this matter.

It is very hard for me to believe that this would do nothing more than irritate the current campers that we have on a regular basis and stop any future campers from enjoying our State Park System. As a camp host I find it very hard and impossible to try and enforce any such ridiculous law as that. Our Parks are a public entity that we as hosts and the Parks employees can be very proud of. I also feel it is infringing on a personal right to smoke or not smoke. Our Park System is not a confined area and it is designed to have the public come and enjoy our System. Let it be clear I do not smoke myself and at one time I did but quit several years ago. Being a host I try to enter each and every campsite to welcome the people that come to enjoy our Parks and at no time have I ever had some ones smoke bother me because it is the outdoors and the smell does not interfere with my work or communication with our campers. Please let all people be their selves and not put in another crazy law that would be impossible to enforce without making a bad name for our Park System now and in the future.

Think of the people who pay their camp fees to enjoy their self and forget about making their lives miserable with a ridiculous law the will be next to impossible to enforce. I do not like smoking either but this is not the place to ban it.

Sincerely

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January 14, 2014

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Mr. Walkoski:

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division would first and foremost like to commend the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Executive Committee and Commission for demonstrating leadership in tobacco prevention and education by making Oregon State Parks smoke-free.

By making all Oregon state parks smoke-free, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will improve the quality of life for all people in Oregon. Oregonians have invested significantly in our parks and recreation system, and taking the next step to go smoke-free will promote the health of our community, environment and the state's bottom line.

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division (PHD) is fully supportive of OPRD in establishing smoke-free state parks. PHD also encourages expansion of the rule to include other forms of tobacco, including hookah, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco, reflecting the successful model policies put forward by county governments. Currently, Oregon has 17 tobacco-free fairgrounds and 36 jurisdictions have restricted tobacco use in parks. Local governments are also establishing tobacco-free properties and creating healthier workplaces. Most recently Umatilla County has joined Benton, Clatsop, Deschutes, Hood River, and Multnomah counties in passing a tobacco-free policy for all county properties. Many of these policies are comprehensive and inclusive of electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

In addition, PHD recommends that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission open rulemaking for Ocean Shore State Recreation Areas and simultaneously implement smoke-free ocean shores. Of the eight Oregon counties with an elevated proportion of adult cigarette smokers, four are located on the coast: Curry, Coos, Douglas and Lincoln. In each, more than one in four adults smokes cigarettes. Providing smoke-free state parks, inclusive of Oregon's beaches, will make a difference for Oregonians that are disproportionately affected by tobacco.

In Oregon, tobacco use continues to be the number one cause of preventable death and illness, resulting in approximately 7,000 deaths per year. Tobacco use costs Oregon in dollars as well as lives, costing Oregon nearly 2.4 billion dollars in direct medical expenditures and lost productivity due to premature death. Smoke-free State Parks will help smokers quit, protect Oregonians from second-hand smoke, and show kids that tobacco use is not the norm.

- Three out of every four Oregon smokers want to quit, and having a tobacco-free environment helps with the difficult decision to become tobacco-free. The Surgeon General's 2000 Report on Reducing Tobacco Use found that smoke free laws "have been shown to decrease daily tobacco consumption and to increase smoking cessation among smokers."
- Second-hand smoke can be just as deadly outdoors as indoors. Recent studies show that sitting three-feet away from a smoker outdoors can expose you to the same level of secondhand smoke as if you were sitting indoors with a smoker.¹² In addition, secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks and other immediate adverse health effects for park users.
- Tobacco-free spaces promote a healthy lifestyle and discourage youth tobacco use initiation and future addictions.

Again, PHD thanks you for moving forward on protecting people from tobacco in Oregon. PHD houses a nationally recognized Tobacco Prevention and Education Program and is available to provide technical assistance, provide community education, and support your implementation efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.



Karen Girard, MPA

Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention Section Manager

Oregon Public Health Division

Center for Prevention & Health Promotion

¹ Wayne Ott and Neil Klepeis. Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association (JAWMA), May 2007.

² Barnoya and Glantz. Cardiovascular Effects of Secondhand Smoke: from the Center for Tobacco Control.



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OPRD Public Comments
Division 10, Smoking Restrictions

116 comments received through e-mail
(includes letters that were e-mailed to the department)

Comment Period Ending: January 17, 2014

From: Connie Soper <clsoper@msn.com>
To: <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 8:47 AM
Subject: proposed rules on smoking

I support the proposed rule to limit smoking in state parks-in fact, I think it should be banned altogether from the parks, but this is a step in the right direction.

Connie Soper

Portland, Oregon

From: "Robin Hansen" <rhansen@dyerpart.com>
To: <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 9:03 AM
Subject: Limiting Smoking in State Parks

I think it would be wonderful to implement this rule! I'm so tired of cigarette butts in parks and on beaches. The fact that they are discarded without considering the fact that they are virtually indestructible needs to be part of the education process. I don't think the public has been educated about that aspect nearly as well as they should be.

Further, I react very badly to cigarette smoke in public places, and sometimes have to go to extremes to avoid breathing people's cigarette smoke, which is absurd!

Keep up the good work,

Robin L. Hansen

From: Park Info
To: Chris Havel
Date: 12/19/2013 10:11 AM
Subject: Fwd: New proposal

One for you...

Sheri

>>> Hank Christensen <cottonmouth@eoni.com> 12/19/2013 10:10 AM >>>

Im emailing you because of your new proposal to ban smoking in the parks and trails.

I, myself am a former smoker oppose this.

Most people dont smoke today as in past years where most people did smoke.

This is an intrusion on our rights as citizens and I am not in support of this.

Actually because of the Anti-smoking community

Im considering to start again. I dont like this being thrown up in my face and the LEFT doing their thing in telling us what to do.

Be careful, youre intruding on peoples rights.!

DONT PUSH THIS!!

RH Christensen

From: Edward Renfroe <britthazard@gmail.com>
To: <park.info@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 11:22 AM
Subject: Oregon considers limits on smoking at state parks

WOW, I thought our taxes paid for our forest and trails so if they are gonna bann our rights to smoke in camping areas and trails and parks they are gonna lower our taxes BECAUSE THEY ARE TAKING AWAY OUR FREEDOMS ON PUBLIC LANDS!!! see I won't blame the liberals but this is MORE GOVERMENT TAKING AWAY OUR RIGHTS AS AMERICAN CITIZENS!!! SO WITH AS HARMFUL AS PEOPLE ARE SAYING CIGARETTES ARE THAT MEANS WE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE IN PUBLIC PARKS, THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO LEAVE OUR VEHICLES AT THE FRONT GATES BECAUSE OUR VEHICLE PUT OF MORE CARCINOGENS THEN CIGARETTES DO!!! WHEN YOU BANN THE SEMI'S AND TRACTORS IN THIS STATE THAT BURN DIESEL AND FIGURE THAT OUT FIRST THEN LOOK AT THE SMOKERS!!

From: Linda VanMarter <lindavanmarter@live.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 11:50 AM
Subject: Smoking

Even as a non smoker I am very much opposed to the ban on smoking in Oregon State Parks. There are more and more smokers who ONLY smoke outside and not in their vehicles, RVs etc and I think they have a right to smoke outdoors. In addition, it just might prevent many from even using the park system and, therefore, reducing revenue for same. I've been a volunteer in Oregon State Parks for 5 years and I've not seen any abuse of smoking.

Thank you,
Linda VanMarter

From: Chris Havel
To: Havel, Chris
Date: 12/19/2013 1:01 PM
Subject: Smoking comment by phone

Jim Morris

Smoking rule comments

541-738-0377

Smokers are a terrible nuisance we can do without. Totally supports the rule. Dangerous to allow smoking out in the forest, and they don't flush easily. Be a great relief to the general public. Would include the beaches and everywhere, too.

From: Dan Motley <danmotley@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 1:33 PM
Subject: No smoking in state parks

For our health, better to ban the use of charcoal stoves & barbeques than cigarette smoke. Charcoal smoke is twice as deadly and is TOTALLY unnecessary with electric and gas grills/barbeques. But regardless, this sounds like another rule to protect us from us, the ultimate in nanny-state nannyism!! Stop the idiocy now, PLEASE!!

From: "Al Tocchini" <a.tocchini@comcast.net>
To: <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 2:30 PM
Subject: Comment on Proposed Smoking Ban

Dear OPRD and Commission,

Although I am not a smoker and generally do not like the smell of second hand cigarette smoke, I am opposed to a ban on smoking in Oregon State Parks for other than fire danger abatement purposes, and beyond laws that forbid smoking in indoor public places. My reason for opposing such a ban is that it is not fair to the already-inconvenienced sector of the public that do smoke tobacco. How is tobacco smoke any more irritating dangerous than campfire smoke and gas and briquette stove/grill emissions? Or the odor from toilet facilities, for that matter! How are cigarette butts any more unsightly and polluting than dumped dishpans and beverages, expelled chewing gum, or pet excretions? I can support a ban on indoor smoking in enclosed park facilities such as offices, pavilions, lodges cabins and yurts (no need to have "smoking and non-smoking lodging/room designations) and that may already be in effect. But State Parks are largely about "outdoor recreation", and a blanket-ban on courteous smoking in an outdoor setting is unnecessary, unnecessarily-punitive to recreationists who happen to enjoy smoking tobacco, and furthermore out of the purview of agencies such as OPRD. I say "NAY" to this proposal!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Alan Tocchini

1210 Panorama Court SE

Salem, OR 97302

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From: Michael Orth <orth_michaelh@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 7:08 PM
Subject: Do not ban smoking in state parks

We have too much big government as it is.

Sent from my iPad

From: Michael Barton <darwinsbulldog@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/19/2013 8:29 PM
Subject: Smoking in Oregon State Parks

I am a regular visitor to Tryon Creek State Park in Portland, OR. I bring my two young kids for walks and nature play quite often (here's proof: <http://traveloregon.com/trip-ideas/grants-getaways/why-we-love-tryon-creek/>).

I would like to see a smoking ban go into effect. On several occasions a walk in the park was made unpleasant by a walker in front of us smoking and blowing their smoke off to the side with no regard to those walking behind them.

Thank you for considering this change!

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Michael D. Barton
Portland, OR
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Twitter / Facebook

From: Kent Yinger <kentyinger@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/20/2013 6:55 AM
Subject: Public park smoking ban - No

You already know the pro's and con's, so I'll just add a voice . . . please do not institute this ban.

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Kent Yinger
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tel. 503-521-9958
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From: Gus Gates <ggates@surfrider.org>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/20/2013 9:07 AM
Subject: Comments on Tobacco Use Rulemaking
Attachments: OPRD_PublicComment_TobaccoUse_SurfriderFoundation.doc

Hello-

Please find the attached comments for rule making on Tobacco Use on State Park Property on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation Oregon Chapters. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and taking important steps to protect the health of park visitors and the ecological health of the parks.

Sincerely,
Gus Gates
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December 19th, 2013

Re: Promoting Smoke Free Beaches as part of Statewide Rulemaking for Tobacco Use

Chair Graves, Members of the OPRD Commission & Director Wood,

On behalf of hundreds of Surfrider Foundation members in Oregon, we would like to thank you for your efforts to promote the health and wellness of Oregonians and visitors to our state parks by initiating rulemaking about tobacco use within state park property. As longtime partners of the agency in addressing the on-going challenge of marine debris, we feel that a significant oversight has been made in not including the Ocean Shores Recreation Area as part of the draft rules. After considering the full range of ecological, social, and economic impacts associated with tobacco use on our public beaches, we respectfully request that the Ocean Shores Recreation Area be included for adoption in final rulemaking under Division 21 rules at the same time as Division 10 rulemaking.

Cigarette butts are the number one litter item collected during our frequent chapter beach clean-ups. According to the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, an estimated 1.69 **billion** pounds of butts wind up as litter worldwide per year. Surfrider volunteers participate annually in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Day and data reports are kept on the type of debris collected. These reports state that "cigarette butts have been the single most recovered item since collections began", representing 35% of the total debris collected. Cigarette butts are not only unsightly litter, but can also be toxic to young children, wildlife and pets.

Cigarette butts are polluting the coastal areas where people surf, swim, kayak, fish, and play. They can be toxic to marine life, take decades to decompose, and have been shown to be lethal to fish and other marine species. Oregon's coastal parks are the crowning glory of our state park system and receive some of the highest rates of visitation within the state. Leaving the Ocean Shores Recreation Area out of rulemaking would send an incorrect message to the public; that smoking on Oregon's public beaches has no negative consequences. This is clearly not true. Cigarette butts are time consuming and expensive to pick up because of their small size. If steps are taken through rulemaking to reduce or eliminate them from our beaches, then volunteers will be able to focus their efforts on different challenges such as removal of tsunami debris.

The negative effects of tobacco and secondhand smoke have been well known for years. Secondhand smoke exposure outdoors can be just as harmful as secondhand smoke exposure indoors. Recent studies indicate that sitting three feet away from a smoker outdoors exposes a person to the same level of secondhand smoke as a comparable indoor setting. Governor Kitzhaber, recognizing the negative health effects of outdoor smoking, has issued an executive order directing state parks to undertake this rulemaking effort.

This initiative does not tell people they cannot smoke. It simply prevents them from smoking in public parks and using our beaches as ashtrays. By establishing tobacco free beaches, Oregon will join a growing number of public parks and beaches across the country that are protecting people's health and the environment. Tobacco free beaches do succeed in areas that have good signage, good public education, and self-enforcement. The Surfrider Foundation, along with the Oregon Health Authority, is ready and willing to partner with you on the implementation of this policy change. If adopted, this effort will preserve the beauty of our beaches and parks, while also improving the health of our residents and visitors. Please take advantage of this opportunity to eliminate a chronic source of marine debris by including rulemaking for tobacco use in the Ocean Shore Recreation Area under Division 21, in addition to the current draft rules under Division 10.

Sincerely,

Gus Gates
Surfrider Foundation- Oregon Policy Manager

Charlie Plybon
Surfrider Foundation- Oregon Field Manager

Beth Hawkyard
Surfrider Foundation Newport Chapter- Chair

Brittany Getz
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From: "Jim Morris" <morinv@qwestoffice.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/20/2013 2:45 PM
Subject: Outdoor smoking

There's plenty of fresh air so back off. Smoking will tail off of its own accord so there's no reason for more stupid laws.

Jim Morris

From: "ghasting" <ghasting@comcast.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/20/2013 7:40 PM
Subject: Public Smoking

I support the reduction in areas where smoking is allowed.

Greg Hastings

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Chris Havel - Smoking ban in oregon state parks

From: Dee Hobbs Mcclarin <hobbsd8@yahoo.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/21/2013 9:56 AM
Subject: Smoking ban in oregon state parks

I have practically stopped camping in state parks that I love, because I am sick of breathing secondhand smoke. I find campfire pits with cigarette butts repulsive.

I have completely stopped going into day-use areas of state parks because of the lowlife smokers who pollute the air others breathe and the offensive cigarette butts they throw on the ground.

I would like to see smoking banned on our beautiful oregon beaches for all the reasons listed.

Delores Hobbs McClarin

From: "Jamison, Ann" <Ann.Jamison@icfi.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/22/2013 4:08 PM
Subject: Smoking limits in Oregon parks

Yes! I'm thrilled with the proposed limits on smoking and have been hoping for this for years. I look forward to the day when cigarette butts are no longer coating the ground everywhere I go.

Thanks,
Ann Jamison
Hillsboro

From: Annie Pollard <anniempollard@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/22/2013 6:30 PM
Subject: Smoking Ban in State Parks

Hello!

My name is Annie Pollard. I am a seabird ecologist living on the South coast of Oregon. I have recently learned about the statewide initiative to ban cigarettes in State Parks. I think this is wonderful! This will allow for a healthier, more enjoyable experience for most park users, especially families. It will also help to ameliorate environmental issues with improperly disposed cigarette butts.

However, I have learned that beaches are not currently included in this initiative. It is extremely important for beaches managed by State Parks to be included. Environmental impacts of cigarette butts are perhaps more severe on beaches than in other areas for a multitude of reasons. Here are a few:

- 1) Beaches are foraging grounds for millions of migrating shorebirds and seabirds each year. Tobacco and non-biodegradable filters have negative effects on birds and the food web that supports them.
- 2) Our shoreline is home to an incredibly diverse intertidal community. We have no idea of the severity of the impacts of tobacco on these delicate creatures.
- 3) Tidal movement and periodic sand inundation on beaches insure that almost none of the butts discarded on beaches ever get picked up. They are not biodegradable. They will remain out there somewhere, forever.
- 4) Surfers and children put their faces in that water.
- 5) The persistent and shifting winds on our beaches make avoiding a nearby cigarette smoker to avoid second hand smoke nearly impossible.
- 6) Second hand smoke is likely to be as damaging to coastal wildlife as it is to humans.

Thank you for taking the time to read my public comment.

Annie Pollard, M.S.

From: Carmen Matthews <beachcarmen@yahoo.com>
To: "oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us" <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/22/2013 6:41 PM
Subject: Cigarette Ban in Public Beaches.

To whome it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Coos Bay chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Our chapter has decided to support including our State Park run beaches in the cigarette smoking ban. Beaches are primarily used by families and people seeking healthy recreation. Cigarette smoking negatively impacts the healthy enjoyment of one of our more precious natural resources. Also, cigarette butts are a constant source of non-biodegradable beach debris. They are unsightly, and contain untold toxic chemicals that end up in our ocean.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Carmen Matthews
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Coos Bay Chapter

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From: "ZELLER Clyde C" <clyde.c.zeller@state.or.us>
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Date: 12/23/2013 9:07 AM
Subject: Smoking restrictions on State Parks

Greetings, let me begin by saying that I am not a smoker. I do however manage 5 fee campgrounds, 2 boat launches, 3 OHV Staging areas, 325 miles of OHV trail, 25 miles hiking trail, 87 designated dispersed sites in the Tillamook District of Tillamook State Forest. My experience is that smoking outdoors in a campground is not a problem nor a threat to public health. At this time the public can already have campfires belching wood smoke that drifts to all other the campgrounds. Wood smoke is not healthy especially with the other stuff campers throw in the fire grates (plastic, aluminum cans, coated paper, lighter fluid ect) so why not ban campfires as well? Seems like medical marijuana users with a card will be exempt from the ban and free to toke out at the edge of their designated campsite. What about clove cigarettes? Maybe you should ban people who wear too much scent (perfumes, aftershave) as this can aggravate those with sensitive nasal passages.

It is a little unclear what the goal is here....fall in line with the governors mandate, or misguidedly protect public health outdoors?

I ask you to consider the reality on the ground. Do you really want your Ranger 1's spending their time enforcing a smoking ban on the roads, trails, amphitheaters, of the state parks, or dealing with more serious violations (pit bulls off leash, drunk partiers with firearms)? State agencies are already short staffed so piling additional enforcement duties when there are higher priority things to be done seems foolish. In my view the restriction is largely unenforceable and will do little to improve public health.

In addition, your staff will be further at risk trying to enforce an unpopular and unenforceable administrative rule. People will get irate and retaliate. Reality is this restriction will be as effective as the ban on talking on a cell phone while driving so ask yourselves why push something through that has no practical means of being enforced? It may be time to listen to your staff and for common sense to trump the governors edict and for OPRD decide to let things sort themselves out.

My experience has been that the camping public is fairly respectful of others right to clean air and avoid smoking in enclosed areas or in close proximity. At busy day use sites in the summer I have taken to partially burying a 5 gal. plastic bucket filled with sand and signing it as receptacle for cigarette butts. Miracle of miracles people actually use it and the river beaches stay clean of cigarette butts!

I appreciate that you are accepting comments however my larger concern is that ODF will adopt whatever nonsense OAR's OPRD implements. In concept my staff will be tasked with informing the public they cannot smoke tobacco on the roads and trails and have to call one of our over-stretched forest deputies to deal with the non-compliant public. A great use of limited resources!

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From: "YATES Macy" <macy.yates@state.or.us>
To: "PUBLICCOMMENT OPRD" <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/23/2013 1:12 PM
Subject: Smoking Rule Changes
Attachments: Parks_Smoking2.docx

Hello:

I have attached a comment for Smoking Rule Changes.

Macy Yates
Recreation Facilities and Operations
ODF Tillamook District

Attn: OPRD Rule Making Public Comments

As OPRD works through the need to comply with the Governor's executive order on Tobacco Free Properties, the agency should follow its own enforcement mantra for managing parks and recreation resources. The agency can protect people from people, people from resources and resources from people using a common sense approach of prohibiting smoking in all buildings, amphitheatres, common areas, historic structures and trails. In these areas, the public would be protected from second hand smoke exposure, littering and possible damage or loss of resources would be reduced and public safety from potential wild land fire might be prevented. The agency also meets its goals of promoting wellness and fire prevention as encouraged by the governor.

It's a losing battle to limit visitors to smoking in vehicles and campsites without accounting for visitors who use picnic sites and rent picnic shelters. I anticipate there will **not** be a high level of compliance in these types of day use sites. Attempting to enforce a smoking ban on picnickers may not only be ludicrous considering the amount of carcinogens produced from barbecue grills and fire pits but also create a good deal of public animosity the agency can ill afford or deserves.

Macy Yates
Recreation Facilities and Operations
ODF Tillamook District

From: Park Info
To: oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us
Date: 12/23/2013 4:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: Banning Smoking

>>> <Rob@RAINLINES.COM> 12/23/2013 4:21 PM >>>

YES!! YES!! Nothing is quite as offensive as taking a walk in the pristine parks of Oregon and have it fouled by the obnoxious smell of cigarette smoke. Please move forth with your efforts to ban smoking anywhere you can.

Thanks much,
Rob Rainey

From: Jim Boone <jameslboone@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/23/2013 5:13 PM
Subject: Smoking in State Parks

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to give my comments concerning the proposed ban on smoking in almost all areas of the state parks.

I am in full agreement with the proposed rules as outlined in The Oregonian in Sunday's edition (page B4, Dec. 22, 2013). These rules make good sense to me and I hardily endorse them. I and my partner find tobacco smoke very irritating and offensive, and we don't go to the great outdoors to breath in others' pollution.

Please proceed along the path to implementation as son as possible.

Thank you very much, James L. Boone

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From: Steven-Nanc Tuttle <sdtnat@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/23/2013 7:23 PM
Subject: Outdoor smoking limits support

Hello,

Smokers have the right to smoke. However, their right to smoke ends at my nose and lungs.

I strongly support controlling outdoor smoking in Oregon parks. State parks are sold out almost a year in advance. The busy summer months cram people into every available space and it is a huge intrusion when a single smoker can pollute the enjoyment of several nearby campers and there isn't a thing anyone can do about it.

It's time that we expand the common courtesy that we enjoy in smoke free indoor areas to the beautiful outdoor areas for all to enjoy equally.

Sent from my iPad

From: Laurence Eckman <leckmanrn@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/26/2013 8:36 AM
Subject: Smoking Limits Proposal

Dear Richard Walkowski et al,

I would like to offer my support for this impending change(s) to the smoking ordinances. Too often those of us who are non-smokers, are forced to breath in the very toxic fumes from smokers. These are known cancer causing agents and while others may choose to end their lives earlier, I for one do not wish to die prematurely. I go out into the public parks and recreational facilities to enjoy clean fresh pure air and do not wish to have it fouled with known carcinogens. My only wish is that these proposed changes could be implemented in 2014 and not wait until 2015.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Eckman

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From: Newport Chair <chair@newport.or.surfrider.org>
To: <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/27/2013 12:33 PM
Subject: Include Ocean Shores Under Division 21!

I am writing in support of the inclusion of the Oregon Shores area under Division 21, in addition to the current tobacco use at state parks draft rules.

As a resident in Newport, Oregon, there are so many amazing activities to participate in; walk my 4 year old black Lab Freya on the beach, surf at any one of the amazing long-boarding breaks with my husband, Matt, hike through the dunes, search the blue horizon for whale spouts and investigate tide pools with my nieces.

As Chair of the Surfrider Foundation Newport Chapter, I've participated in countless beach and highway clean-ups and have come to realize that marine debris is not always the large, obnoxiously visible debris, but also includes the small bits, such as cigarette butts. Our collection data shows that these make-up an overwhelming (and unassuming) majority of the debris we remove from our beaches. Cigarette butts are toxic to animals and small children (my Lab and nieces are fortunate that I'm aware of this prevalent danger at their favorite place to play and explore) and a detriment to the health of the marine environment.

There are many things to be proud of in our protection of Oregon's natural environment; the Bottle Bill, the Beach Bill, Marine Reserves, SOLV and Surfrider Beach Clean-Ups. Let's add preserving our coastlines from the inundation of cigarette butt pollution to the list.

I strongly encourage you to include the Ocean Shores area under Division 21, in addition to the current draft rules for smoke-free parks.

Thank you,

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From: L Martin <lindanpdx@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/29/2013 6:30 PM
Subject: Please ban smoking at parks

Dear OPRD,

Yes please, please ban cigarette smoking in outdoor areas of Oregon Parks! Parks should be places where humans and animals alike can enjoy nature and fresh air, not cigarette smoke and filthy cigarette litter. I have picked up and thrown away cigarette butts hundreds of times and they are foul and toxic. Since we cannot stop people from littering their cigarette butts, a complete ban on cigarette smoking would surely make a tremendous positive impact on keeping park air and grounds clean. Please pass this ban on cigarettes in Oregon Parks!!

Sincerely, Linda Martin
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From: Jennifer Little <jlittle@co.klamath.or.us>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/30/2013 9:52 AM
Subject: Rules restricting outdoor smoking in OR state parks

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,

I want to applaud you for promoting health and wellness in our beautiful parks by ensuring all visitors and staff have clean air to breathe. I also support your effort to preserve the health, beauty, and longevity of our state parks and wildlife by minimizing tobacco litter and danger of wildfire.

Our state parks are an important part of Oregon culture, and by making them tobacco free you are modeling tobacco-free living, ensuring clean, smokefree air, and supporting those who have quit.

Outdoor secondhand smoke travels and negatively affects those who have chosen not to use tobacco. Furthermore, cigarettes are the most littered product, and destroys the health and beauty of our natural areas. I support the decision to open up rulemaking for ocean shores and phasing in the implementation of tobacco-free overnight campsites.

As an outdoor enthusiast and a public health professional, I thank you for your commitment to protecting the health of all visitors, wildlife, and the natural habitat that we come to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

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From: Ricardo Small <ricardosmall@comcast.net>
To: <oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 12/31/2013 8:25 AM
Subject: Smoking Restrictions in Oregon State Parks and Natural Areas

Ricardo Small
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Dear Oregon State Parks Board:

Restricting smoking in Oregon's Parks and Natural Areas is an excellent idea that I fully support.

A recent article quoted a Department spokes person as saying only warnings would be written upon discovery of violations of a smoking ban. I hope that is NOT the case and that maximum fines are imposed for smoking on trails and other locations within Oregon's Parks and Natural Areas, where second hand smoke is a noxious experience that I have had more often than I want to.

Please ban smoking in Oregon's Parks and Natural Areas with instructions to personnel to strictly enforce the rules.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Small

From: Alyssa Bruhn <ABruhn@h.co.crook.or.us>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
CC: Carly Rachocki <CRachocki@h.co.crook.or.us>, Kris Williams <kwilliams@h...>
Date: 1/2/2014 11:45 AM
Subject: Public Comment: Tobacco Use in Oregon State Parks

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alyssa Bruhn and I am an AmeriCorps*VISTA working in tobacco prevention and education at the Crook County Health Department. I would like to submit a public comment regarding the proposed changes to tobacco use policy in Oregon State Parks.

While I do think that limiting tobacco use in parks is an excellent idea, I am concerned that encouraging people to smoke in their cars is problematic. In light of the recently implemented "smoke-free cars" law, which prohibits smoking in vehicle with minors, I think it would be confusing and counterproductive to simultaneously mandate that citizens do smoke inside their vehicles, even if only in park settings. If people have minors in their RV, for instance, what legal solution will be available to them? I would encourage policy makers to consider other possible solutions besides requiring park visitors to smoke inside their cars.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alyssa Bruhn
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From: <pstauff@aol.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/2/2014 1:11 PM
Subject: Please include smoking ban on Oregon's ocean beaches

Dear State Parks,

I urge you to initiate rule making for tobacco use on the ocean shore recreation area under Division 21 rules in addition to the current draft rules before final adoption. Cigarette butts are an extremely common type of debris on our beaches and cause major impacts to wildlife. Tobacco use on our beaches also degrades the quality and experience of these important recreational areas.

Sincerely,
Pete Stauffer
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From: alexandra phillips <onionandpotato@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/3/2014 11:18 AM
Subject: Smoking ban

OPRD:

The opinions expressed in this letter represent my individual opinions and not any group or organization.

I strongly support Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department's proposed no smoking rule at State Parks.

If I were to ask a Park Ranger if I could burn a carcinogen that kills thousands of non-smokers every year and exacerbates asthma symptoms the ranger would immediately say no to my request. If this carcinogen was called a cigarette the ranger would have to say yes. This disparity is what the ban would address.

Of course there are other hazards visitors to state parks are exposed to, such as wood smoke. If these hazards start killing and causing cancer at the same rate as secondhand smoke I would support a State Parks ban on them too.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Phillips

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From: Park Info
To: publiccomment@prd.state.or.us
CC: j1hypo@earthlink.net
Date: 1/7/2014 8:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: other questions question/feedback via website

>>> <j1hypo@earthlink.net> 1/7/2014 6:20 AM >>>
Message from Terry Williams:

I do not think a smoking ban is the answer. If you ban smoking you should ban campfires, they are as bad, we do not know what people are burning. Please keep things as they are so we can live your lives without to many restrictions. Thank You, Terry User agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; SLCC2; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; Media Center PC 6.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; MDDC; rv:11.0) like Gecko

From: Craig Ernst <whoppin@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/7/2014 9:06 AM
Subject: Rulemaking Comment - Tobacco Use

Hi,

I am opposed to tobacco use at Oregon's Public Beaches.

Please initiate rule making for tobacco use on the ocean shore recreation area under Division 21 rules in addition to the current draft rules before final adoption. Including Oregon's public beaches will help to improve consistency for implementation of new rules and eliminate the potential loophole by not including beaches. Cigarette butts are a chronic source of marine debris that have impacts to human and environmental health, eliminating smoking on Oregon beaches will improve recreational enjoyment of one of the greatest treasures of our park system, our public beaches.

Thank you,
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From: Mason Brock <mason.w.brock@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/7/2014 10:14 AM
Subject: Smoking Ban in Public Parks should Include Ocean Shores

As the Treasurer of the Portland Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation and a SOLVE Volunteer, I've helped organize and taken part in many beach cleanups over the past 5 years. There is no single item of litter more prevalent on the beach than cigarette butts. The health and environmental impacts from littered cigarette butts on our Ocean Shore are profound that I strongly support OPRD including Ocean Shores area under Division 21 rules in addition to the current draft rules banning smoking in parks. The lack of inclusion of this critical public resource is an immense missed opportunity to help get at one of the most toxic and numerous forms of waste on our beaches and marine debris in our oceans.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mason Brock
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From: Lindsay Stover <innovation.forward@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/7/2014 3:12 PM
Subject: Public Comment: Please include the ocean shore recreation area under Division 21 rules!

Greetings Oregon Parks Commission,

I am writing to you today to be included under the Public Comment section of your important conversations around banning tobacco use in Oregon State Parks. I personally plead with the members of this Commission to include the ocean shore recreation area under Division 21 rules in addition to the current draft rules before final adoption.

I recently moved to the Portland area with my family. One of the predominant reasons why we chose to settle in Oregon from Colorado is to be able to access the stunning coastline that runs along this gorgeous state. The beaches and ocean front here are a true national treasure. My family tries to get out to the state parks as much as possible (at least 2-3 times per month) to hike the trails, use the campgrounds, surf, and play on the beaches. Every time we go to the beach we do a mini-beach clean-up and pick up all the litter we find around us on the sand and on the trails all the way back to our car. My family can tell you that most of the garbage we pick up is cigarette butts. We have a young puppy who is especially good at finding cigarette butts! We are always terrified that our puppy will end up swallowing a cigarette one of these days and possibly suffering serious health issues as a result. My partner and I can only imagine how concerned parents of babies and young children must be in this regard. Cigarette butts are toxic and a ban on the ocean beaches would potentially help my family in avoiding running into them every time we go to the beach. Please, help all of your volunteers and stewards of this precious resource by making our jobs a little easier in trying to keep the beaches clean of cigarette butts.

My family has also unfortunately encountered cigarette smoke while hiking on trails in state parks near the shore and trying to enjoy lunch on the beach. It is extremely difficult to get away from this smoke while out in nature as you can't just leave the room. It has really deterred from our positive experience as a visitor to the state parks and beaches. A ban on smoking on the beaches will protect those of us, like my family, who do not smoke from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke.

My family believes that including Oregon's public beaches will help to improve consistency for implementation of new rules and eliminate the potential loophole by not including beaches. It just does not make logical sense to leave out the beaches from consideration in this current rule-making process. Cigarette butts are a chronic source of marine debris that have impacts to human and environmental health, eliminating smoking on Oregon beaches will improve recreational enjoyment of one of the greatest treasures of our park system, our public beaches.

Thank you, kindly, for your time and consideration in regards to my family's experience and this important issue.

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From: Raymond Riha <recumbentrider1@aol.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/7/2014 8:49 PM
Subject: Smoking Ban

I wholly support a ban on any kind of public smoking. If people who smoked were more aware of the damage they do to our environment by throwing their cigarettes on the ground, beaches, not to mention alongside the roads causing fires, it wouldn't come down to banning public smoking. It's not fair to people who don't smoke to have to inhale someone else's smoke.

Raymond Riha
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From: Donald Anderson <danderson61@clearwire.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/7/2014 10:29 PM
Subject: Smoking Regulations

This is to address specifically the new consideration of "Smoking" restrictions in State Parks.

1-Is this a quest to generate revenue by restricting "smokers" to smoke in their vehicle when the new law of not smoking in a vehicle with children just went into effect. Thereby creating the opportunity to "fine" the offenders.

2-Smoking in "Tents!" What a stupid recommendation when manufacturer's explicitly instruct users to keep away from open flame or sources of heat. Are you encouraging the endangerment of people by smoking in flammable spaces.

3-So is the next step.....no campfires as they emit smoke!

4-Legalization of Marijuana as a state, but regulate smoking. What kind of double standard are we creating. Its okay to do drugs, but don't do drugs, but do drugs as the state needs the revenue.

Ironically, I am not a smoker but have friends that do. They are very respectful of those around them, especially minors.

If you continue to extend your "long arm of government" regulations, I will be more than happy to quit funding the very programs that the State of Oregon Parks department offers and find other ways to

From: Tom McGirr <McGirrT@columbiabank.com>
To: "Oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us" <Oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 7:25 AM
Subject: Proposed Additional Smoking Bans

I am in FAVOR of the ban. We do a lot of outdoor activities including hiking and camping. I can not tell you how disgusting it is be hiking in a pristine forest and smell cigar smoke. Common areas in campgrounds/day use areas should be treated the same as restaurants in terms of smoking restrictions. Why should a non-smoker have to inhale second hand smoke?

I am, quite frankly, surprised the proposed ban does not apply to the beaches as well. While the wind normally blows the smoke away, the butts are always thrown on the sand for the birds to ingest or to pollute the waters.

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From: "Tom Hoots" <thoots@comcast.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 9:01 AM
Subject: Smoking ban in State parks.

Folks,

Please accept my comment in favor of instituting a smoking ban in your State park system. I am one who routinely tries everything I can to avoid exposure to second-hand smoke, even to the point where I will actually avoid going to some State parks because of the possibility that I won't be able to use them without encountering second-hand smoke.

So, I am very much in favor of a smoking ban -- I definitely want protection from those who just don't care about the other people who they expose to their foul-smelling, carcinogen-filled smoke.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment regarding this much-needed new rule.

Tom Hoots

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From: Reva Lux <marmyluz@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 11:05 AM
Subject: smoking in parks

To Whom it may concern,
I have attended various outdoor events that Oregon and the City of Salem have offered and have enjoyed these until someone lights up a cigarette. I have breathing issues and this can set off a bronchial attack for me and just takes the joy right out of things meant to be enjoyable for all. I am also concerned for the health and well being of children exposed to this.
Please keep our outdoor events family friendly for all!
Thank you,
Reva Lux

From: Muriel Delavergne-Brown <mdelavergnebrown@h.co.crook.or.us>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 12:43 PM
Subject: Outdoor Smoking Restriction in Oregon State Parks

I and my TPEP staff would like to state support for the changes to the Division 10 - General State Park Rules:

In Central Oregon the wildfire situation have been challenging and anything that would decrease the risk of forest fires is positive.

We also would like to see the following:

- * Phase-in policy implementation for overnight campsites in overnight camping areas
- * Open Division 21 rulemaking for ocean shore recreation areas
- * For both ocean shores and parks, define 'tobacco products' to include smokeless tobacco as well as specify all cigarettes, cigars, electronic-cigarettes, and hookah

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: <solocean@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 12:49 PM
Subject: (OAR 736-010) Tobacco use in state parks

As a frequent user of the Oregon State Park system, asthmatic and father, I strongly support the proposed ban of tobacco in all Oregon State Parks. I cannot tell you how often a beautiful outdoor experience for me and my family has been derailed by one or more thoughtless individuals who think everybody in their vicinity does not have the right to clean air. Let alone the cigarette butt trash they feel entitled to throw on the ground.
Thank you for this wonderful measure. I will be following it closely.

Sincerely,
Mark Evrard

From: Robert Rubenstein <robert.rubenstein@comcast.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 1:33 PM
Subject: A proposed rule would ban smoking in some open air places at Oregon State Parks

Gentlemen,

I am an Oregon citizen who is opposed to this rule for the following reasons:

1. The rule is an intrusion into the behavior of private citizens with little public benefit.
2. The rule is essentially unenforceable, therefore leading to an increased sense of contempt for the rule of law. Consider the Volstead Amendment and the unintended consequences it created.
3. The rule is a bureaucratic approach to a perceived public health problem. It will be as ineffective as the "war on drugs" has proved to be. People who want to smoke will continue to smoke.

Sincerely,

Robert Rubenstein

From: Lauren Benjamin <lbenjamin@santiamhospital.org>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 1:35 PM
Subject: beach

Greetings,

I read the article in today's paper and I find it odd that the bill would not be extended to the Oregon coast. Frankly, if the department is going to take this measure then take it all the way. I feel that cutting the beach short will only influence people that smoke to visit more at these camp/hike sites, allowing for more pollution. Also cigarettes butts can and do wind back in the ocean contaminating our beaches, the water, fish etc. If you want a bill to pass then take a stand full heartily, within mind the entire state of Oregon.

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From: Patricia Lindquist <pattilind@frontier.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 1:42 PM
Subject: no smoking / state parks

I am thrilled at the prospect of the no smoking ordinance in the State Parks. Folks go to the parks for an outdoor experience with all the wonderful accompanying smells. Someone smoking on the trail spoils that for everyone. Smoking is a fire hazard. Cigarette butts are pollutants that do not go away, and are harmful to wildlife. As a docent at Silver Falls I have picked up more than my share of butts in the picnic area and on the trail. I could go on - but I hope that you are cognizant of all these problems and more and will go ahead and pas this ordinance for our State Parks. Thank you - Patti Lindquist

Chris Havel - Hello smokeing in parks

From: "sarah97501" <sarah97501@gmail.com>
To: oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us<oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 4:04 PM
Subject: Hello smokeing in parks

I THINK SOMETHING LIKE THIS SMOKEING IN PARKS JUST TAKES MORE OF ARE RIGHTS AWAY I MEAN COME ON WE THE PEOPLE AND DON'T WE HAVE RIGHT'S TOO I MEAN COME ON ARE RIGHT'S HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AWAY ON SMOKEING IN CAR'S WITH KIDS IN IT I THINK CARS ARE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY NO MATTER WHAT ITS LIKE THE OBAMA CARE THAT JUST TOOK EVERYONE'S RIGHTS AWAY AND OHP AND OTHER HEALTH PLANS STILL DONT COVER EYE HEALTH CARE AND IF OUR RIGHTS KEEP GETTING TAKEN AWAY SOONER. OR LATER WE AS THE PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO SMOKE ANY WHERE EVEN IN OUR OWN HOUSE'S OR APARTMENT' S WITH THE WAY EVERTHINGS GOING BUT SEE ALIT OF APARTMENT'S WILL NOT LET YOU SMOKE IN THEM ANY MORE I MEAN WE PAY RENT WHY CAN'T WE SMOKE IT'S LIKE SPRING ST APARTMENT'S AT 750 SPRING ST THEY DID A REMODELING. THERE AND NOW THEY WILL NOT LET YOU DRIVE ON THE PROJECT IN YOUR CAR SOMKEING IF YOU WANNA SMOKE THERE YOU HAVE TO PARK UR CAR AND WALK DOWN TO THE END OF THE PARKING LOT THERE UNDER A GAZEBO TO SOMKE AND TH GAZEBO IS IN THE PARKING LOT THERE IT DONT MAKE NO DIFFERENT'S RETHER UR IN YOUR CAR OR NOT THERE ITS STUPIDITY HOW YOU CANT SMOKE IN UR OWN CAR IN THE PARKING LOT THERE BUT YOU CAN GET OUT AND GO STAND OR SIT AT THE GAZEBO THAZS IN THE SAME PARKING LOT AND SMOKE AND NOT ONLY THAT THEY MADE IT WHERE YOU CANT SMOKE OUT ON YOUR PATIO DECK THERE NETHER AFTER DOING THE REMODELING. BUT IF YOU HAVE A GREEN CARD FOR marijuana YOU CAN STILL SMOKE IT ON THE BACK PATIO DECK'S THATS NOT RIGHT AT ALL CANT SMOKE CIGARETTES OR CIGARS. ON YOUR BACK PATIO BUT YOU CAN SMOKE marijuana THERE THAT JUST TOTALLY TAKES YOUR RIGHTS AS A TENET LIVING THERE....SO ALL IN ALL I AM SAYING ALL IT IS DOING IS TAKEING MORE AND MORE OF ARE RIGHTS AWAY AS PEOPLE

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone.

From: John Jennings <jenningsrt66@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 4:43 PM
Subject: Smoking Ban

I support the proposed smoking ban. The problem, as I see it, will be enforcement. I visit Willamette Mission State Park several times per week. What I notice is dog owners ignore the signs that require dogs to be on leashes and do not pick up after their dogs. I walk my dog there and abide by the rules---it's just that I notice several people who feel the rules don't apply to them. This will probably be the case with smokers So the ban is a good idea----I hate seeing cigarette butts in such a pristine place. You have my support.

John F. Jennings
6549 Whisper Creek Loop NE
Keizer, OR 97303

From: Gavin Hoban <gunghobee@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 10:08 PM
Subject: Comments on Tobacco Use in State Parks OAR 736-010

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission,

I wholeheartedly support the language in the proposed rule and encourage the Commission to adopt this policy. Parks should be places of fresh air, nature and culture and not places where second hand smoke effaces one's assumed right to breathe freely. Some points:

- recent state law prohibits smoking in an enclosed vehicle when a child is present. Interpretive materials should include this message should this rule be adopted.
- the proposed rule and supporting materials are silent on e-cigarettes. Please take a position on this emerging matter. I am in favor of an across-the-board ban on such devices.
- some parks, such as the new Cottonwood Canyon State Park, have seasonal extreme potentiality for range and forest fires due to the presence of annual grasses and other non-native vegetation. At minimum, smoking should never be allowed in such altered, flammable ecosystems.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

Gavin Hoban
Bend, Oregon

From: "mule farmer" <mulefarmer57@gmail.com>
To: <OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/8/2014 11:08 PM
Subject: Smoking Ban

I do not support a smoking ban in overnight parks or any parks for that matter. Parks are for the general public. They are not for enforcing state mandates.

I do not or ever have smoked.

Too much, too far.

From: "Billy Moon" <gypsymoonmusic@yahoo.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/9/2014 2:06 PM
Subject: Ban smoking in State Parks?

To whom it may concern:

I have read in a newspaper the fact that you may put into effect a new law, banning smoking in State Parks. I went to your website, but didn't see anything relating to this new law.

Why are you destroying my rights? I am seventy-two years old and have smoked most of my life. I don't believe it has ever hurt anyone else.

Why not ban all Bar-B-Ques with all that toxic smoke billowing out?

Why not outlaw Fireplaces and burning of wood or leaves?

Why not stop Chemtrails from emitting trails of heavy metals that are falling down on us?

Why not stop gmos and all of the poison that is being combined with our food?

Why not ban atomic nuclear power plants that have proven that they can kill most of life on our planet?

Do you really believe that the little bit of smoke that comes from my cigarette is a threat to life around me?

What do you do, sit around and think of new laws you can put on books? It's time you take a good look at what is happening to our planet and try to put a stop to the very important problems that our government has created.

Freedom to me is a day when I go into the wilderness areas or a state park or national park, sit back, relax and have a smoke. Now I'll have to worry that a team of police or park rangers will be corralling me, and either serving me a citation or arresting me for smoking a cigarette away from anybody else. Is that what you call freedom? And what about the people who have a doctor's permit to smoke marijuana? Are you going to arrest them too? Give us all a break.

W.H.M.
Gold Hill, Or

From: Joni Zimmerman <jonizim@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/9/2014 4:33 PM
Subject: No smoking rule for state parks - comment

Hello,

I would just like to express my support for the smoking ban in State Parks.

I would like to see it extended to beaches at some point as well.

Thank you.

Joni Zimmerman
1101 W Sheridan St.
Newberg OR 97132

From: Rick GMAIL <birdingtech@gmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/9/2014 6:37 PM
Subject: OAR 736-010

We are in favor of the proposed Tobacco restrictions in Oregon State Parks.

Thank you,

Rick and Sylvia Maulding
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Springfield, OR 97477
541-741-7730

From: <gregb@bendcable.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/10/2014 6:10 AM
Subject: Smoking Ban Proposal

The proposal to ban smoking in State Parks is another bone headed move by people who think they can solve problems with more laws. For the record I am a non smoker and dislike the smell of cigarette smoke but as a retired peace officer I also know that many laws are ignored by many while giving enforcement people another opening to harass certain people.

I have a residence near the agate beach wayside state park. There are clearly posted rules requiring dogs on leash, no fireworks, etc etc Daily people are in the park with dogs off leash, the sounds of fireworks is heard frequently, and guess what - people even drive across the lawn which is clearly against the law.

The only thing a smoking ban would do is create one more enforcement nightmare - enforcement that could never be handled fairly as thousands of situations would exist. Think of your already overworked park rangers now having to field complaints from anti-smokers, This would be extremely unfair to your staff and would ultimately create more ill will towards the state.

For example, your ranger does not cite the person that I complain about, they do not have time to address the campsite next to me with smokers, and so on.

If you do anything I suggest the State Parks institute a courtesy program where you ask people Not To Smoke in state parks. You will have just as much compliance as you would with another law that will only create many more problems than it solves.

Greg Brown
Newport, Oregon

From: Michael Robinson <oitdmser@gmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/10/2014 7:30 AM
Subject: Oregon parks smoking ban

To those considering a smoking ban:

Full disclosure, I am not a smoker. That said, I don't believe banning smoking in Oregon parks will result in meaningful change. I believe it represents a willingness to impose the will of many on a minority without proper justification and contrary to the foundations of liberty this country is founded on.

Please do not impose a smoking ban in our parks.

Regards,

Michael Robinson
Salem, or

Chris Havel - smoking in parks

From: "bigdog97504" <bigdog97504@gmail.com>
To: oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us<oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/10/2014 4:01 PM
Subject: smoking in parks

baning smokeing in parks all it dose is takes are rights away as people what i am talking about is i have family in douglas county in roseburg oregon and evey time i go to visit them i never go to any of the parks anymore. Up there and its hard sinc they took my rights. Away and every one else's away too when they band the smokeing in the parks up there and now i dont go to the music on the half shell anymore up there because of it or to the blackberry festival nether things that i liked to do ever year i don't even take my kids to the parks up there anymore because of it so now because of it i cant even. Wach my kids play at the park up there anymore when other family members take them and if it gets band Here in Medford oregon i will not take my kids to the park or camping anymore something we like doing as a family is soon to be done with if the smoking. In parks and campground's get band...maybe instead of baning smoking. In parks and campground's maybe. There Should be a designated smoking area with sign's that say designated smoking area here so other people can go and have fun and wach there kids play at the parks

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone.

Chris Havel - Tobacco on beaches

From: Jesse Beers <hiikyan@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/10/2014 5:59 PM
Subject: Tobacco on beaches
Attachments: Jesse_letter.docx

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jesse Beers I have lived in Western Oregon my entire life but my story does not stop there. My father's side of the family came here in the late 1860s and still maintains the same piece of property through sustainable logging and cattle practices. My mother's side of the family are Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua Native and have been in this area for at least 8,000 years according to carbon dating and from the beginning of time according to our stories. After euro-American contact my great great great grandfather Henry Hudson Barrett ran the stage line from Florence to Gardner and Coos Bay. This line traveled by the beach when the tide was out. I am the result of all these people I give thanks for all that they gave me and all they tried to give me. To my ancestors these waters were sacred, in fact the word Shayuushtla'a, where Siuslaw came from, refers to a sacred creek on the north fork that the Siuslaw people believed they came from. Tobacco was and is still considered sacred in my culture and should not be thrown around and not cared for. My ancestors would be ashamed of the way the lands and waters, they lived in balance with for thousands of years, are being treated today.

For all of these reasons and then some I am a member of the Surfrider Foundation. I help to clean and take care of my lands and waters for the next seven generations and I strongly urge you to include our beaches and ocean shore area under Div. 21 rules in addition to the current draft rules on smoking in parks. The health and environmental impacts of second hand smoke and cigarette butts on our beaches is just too important to overlook. This is what the people want.

Thank you,

Jesse Beers
Shayuushtla'xan hitch (I am a Siuslaw person)

From: "casanile@juno.com" <casanile@juno.com>
To: <OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/10/2014 10:00 PM
Subject: Proposed tobacco rules

I am opposed to any OPRD regulation that continues to allow smoking of any type in Oregon Parks. The reason I camp and hike in Oregon is to enjoy the out of doors and fresh air. That experience should not be ruined by someone polluting the air with smoke. All OPRD property should be tobacco and marijuana free. Emmor Nile Salem, Oregon

5 Easy ways to FIGHT carbs

1 EASY tip to increase fat-burning, lower blood sugar & decrease fat storage

<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3131/52d0dd9b4373b5d9b2e8dst01vuc>

From: Joe Bussell <joe.bussell@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/11/2014 9:02 AM
Subject: State park smoking ban proposal

I am writing in opposition to the proposed ban on smoking.

Please leave the anti-freedom rule making, and all the expense of trying to figure out the best plan for society to the communist dictators of China.

There is no place in America for this continuous erosion of personal freedom based upon the morality of the majority of the day.

It is not the intended use of our public dollars to pay for you folks to find new ways to regulate the people. The park system is paid to keep the place clean and free of dangerous criminals. Do not continue to waste our tax dollars finding ways to erode our personal freedoms.

We do not need additional enforcement activities in the parks.

Joe Bussell
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Eugene, OR 97405
(541) 520-2663

From: Tara Gallagher <tara.gallagher84@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/11/2014 10:57 AM
Subject: Proposed Rulemaking to Prohibit Smoking in Parks
Attachments: Smoke Free Beaches Comments January 2014.docx

Attached, please find my comments on the proposed rulemaking to prohibit tobacco smoking in Oregon parks.

Sincerely,
Tara Gallagher Brock

January 10, 2014

To: The Oregon Parks Commission and the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
RE: Proposed Rulemaking to Prohibit Smoking in State Parks

Chair Graves, members of the Oregon Parks Commission, and Director Wood:

I'm writing in support of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD) proposed rulemaking to prohibit smoking in state parks and to urge the Commission to expand the rules to include the Oregon Shores Recreation Area before final adoption. As a volunteer with Surfrider Foundation, I have participated in numerous beach and river cleanups around the state and I can tell you first-hand that cigarette butts are the number one thing we pick up. Cigarette butts are made from plastic, do not biodegrade and slowly leach toxic chemicals into the marine environment. It's truly disgusting to have to pick up someone's used and discarded cigarette filter.

I applaud OPRD for taking this important step to improve the health and wellness of park visitors and staff. However, Parks' reasoning for not including the Ocean Shores Recreation Area is inconsistent with Gov. Kitzhaber's Executive Order encouraging state agencies to "adopt policies . . . that limit or restrict the use of tobacco products at state parks and recreation areas to address wellness issues, and to reduce the risk of forest fires." OPRD's reasoning for not including the Oregon Shore in this rulemaking is that smoking on beaches "presents a relatively low risk of fire; most beaches have low-density use and are almost always windy so second hand smoke exposure is almost non-existent." This reasoning fails to address the wellness and environmental health implications of cigarette butt litter on our beaches, ignores the fact that our beaches are often crowded in the summer months and that wind can disperse smoke, but can also blow smoke toward people nearby. Second-hand smoke is harmful and can affect persons from a distance, especially young children.

Cigarette butts have a significant impact on human and environmental health and are a pervasive source of marine debris. Cigarette butts are not only unsightly litter, but can also be toxic to young children, wildlife, and pets. Nicotine has been shown to be lethal to fish and other sealife. Eliminating tobacco smoking on Oregon beaches will improve the enjoyment of our public beaches by promoting a healthy atmosphere for recreation, ensuring the health of our ocean resources, and preventing toxic chemicals from entering our environment. Please take this opportunity to establish smoke free beaches in Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important public health initiative. I look forward to engaging throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Tara Brock

Portland, Oregon

From: Thomas Lancefield <woodrat2@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/13/2014 11:49 AM
Subject: Comment re proposed smoking ban

Dear Mr. Walkowski,

Put me down as being in the "no" column for this proposal. I see it as being an over-reach.

I can't remember ever being bothered by secondhand (tobacco) smoke while using a state park, though it could have occurred. Cigarettes are associated with starting some wildfires, but at least here in western Oregon, I can't remember having heard of even one wildfire in a state park that was attributed to cigarettes, in the 28 years I have lived in Salem.

I don't smoke, and haven't for twenty-plus years.

I think people should be able to smoke at a picnic in a day-use area. I can't remember running into anyone smoking on a hiking trail. I agree that cigarette butts can be a litter problem, but in my experience (and I have volunteered in some SOLV litter-cleanup days), they are a tiny part of the overall litter problem.

Thank you,

Tom Lancefield (age 64)313 Ewald Ave. SESalem, Ore. 97302

From: Park Info
To: oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us
Date: 1/14/2014 8:02 AM
Subject: Fwd: Smoker bans

>>> Tom Joe <tgit28@gmail.com> 1/14/2014 12:23 AM >>>

Is the public being purposely misled by health officials?

The Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health was enacted by Congress in 1984 which is a collection of Health and Human Services, American Heart and Lung Association, National Cancer Institute, World Health Organization, CDC and many other government funded health organizations. *(Eliminating independant information).*

--- Just a few of quotes from those meetings ----

“they require intervention in the interest of prevention by politicians, NOT DOCTORS, and there is a growing interest among parliaments everywhere to protect individuals from themselves .(p.14) “

“Social (Un)acceptability of smoking will be decisive tool an the road to a smoke-free society .

Using Four mechanisms :

- passive smoking
- social cost
- eliminate all influences in society which could reflect favourably on smoking
- educational campaigns for children (App.II) “

“However, his data on stroke indicated that current cigarette smokers had a lower risk than either ex-smokers or nonsmokers . **In fact, the nonsmokers had the highest risk of the three groups .(p.40) “**

“but no one should be allowed to do something that "inconveniences others . “

“He admitted that he couldn't explain how or why smoking harmed the fetus but suggested that, instead of worrying about such fine points, women be told that all unborn children of smoking women will be hurt “

“Lindahl concluded that it is difficult to demonstrate harmful effects of passive smoking on healthy nonsmokers ; there is little proven in this area. He said, however, that many non- smokers - perhaps former smokers - are annoyed by cigarette smoke. “

““although passive smokers may suffer considerable subjective discomfort, a lasting adverse health effect is probably not likely to result in otherwise healthy, grown-up individuals . “

“3 . Schmidt noted the tobacco industry's demand for proof of harm to nonsmokers, saying that it violates all principles of preventive medicine. Even if there were no carcinogens in tobacco smoke, public smoking should be banned because of irritation . “

“We believe that the media would better serve the public to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use. “

“We're moving out of the horse and cart era, we're not yet in the jet age of MEDIA STRATEGIES, but we're getting there “

“I sometimes wonder why it is that passive smoking has caught the IMAGINATION of the public, in a way that active smoking at times hasn't done . It sometimes seems to me that our visual and olfactory senses have something to do with this . You can't actually see or smell the smoke that a smoker inhales so it is difficult to envisage the damage it causes, but you can sure as hell see and smell environmental tobacco smoke . “

Review of Notes and all contents: <http://rampant-antismoking.com/>
Actual meeting notes: <http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu/tid/efp57a00/pdf>

Do other government identities acknowledge being misled?

----- OSHA will NOT regulate something that's NOT hazardous

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=24602
“OSHA has no regulation that addresses tobacco smoke as a whole, 29 CFR 1910.1000 Air contaminants, limits employee exposure to several of the main chemical components found in tobacco smoke. In normal situations, exposures would not exceed these permissible exposure limits (PELs), and, as a matter of prosecutorial discretion, OSHA will not apply the General Duty Clause to ETS.”

----- US Senate discusses health official's inability to represent any REAL science and misleads the public.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCP2IY3SRvY&feature=related>

Environment and Public Works Committee – Senator Clinton states, “I think this administration has taken the politicization of science to new levels and that's not just my opinion. It's the opinion of 100s of prominent scientists, 49 novel lariats, 63 national science recipients, 154 members of the national academies, and thousands of other scientists who have signed a statement criticizing the administrations misuse and politicization of science.”

----- Court rules that environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is NOT a Class A carcinogen

<http://www.tobacco.org/Documents/980717osteen.html> (*Actual court record*)

“There is evidence in the record supporting the accusation that EPA ‘cherry picked’ its data” ... “EPA's excluding nearly half of the available studies directly conflicts with EPA's purported purpose for analyzing the epidemiological studies and conflicts with EPA's Risk Assessment Guidelines” (p. 72)

Do Independant sources / doctors acknowledge the corruption?

----- Dr. Micheal Crichton – Unproven dangers of secondhand smoke.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=aGoZ-b1OaW4

----- US National Cancer Institute researcher explains the frauds involved in secondhand smoke media reports

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=K9gtMKB6X2o

----- US Surgeon General exadurates and misleads

<http://www.sott.net/article/138745-Secondhand-Smoke-Firsthand-Ignorance>

Dr. Elizabeth Whelan, President of The American Council on Science and Health seconds Sullum's assessment, adding "**what is most alarming here is that the top doctor in the land is communicating a message that anything that is harmful at a high dose can be lethal at a low dose - when that is simply not true.**"

Dr. S. Fred Singer, an atmospheric and space physicist, "The corruption of science in a worthy cause is still corruption, and it has led to its further corruption in an unworthy cause "

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2011/01/03/secondhand-smoke-lung-cancer-and-global-warming-debate>

"I discovered the evidence was really weak," explained lead author Ronald Bayer, a professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2013/07/the-real-reasons-behind-public-smoking-bans.html>

What does the Science really say?

----- The Largest study on Second Hand Smoke ever done by Enstrom

<http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7398/1057>

"No significant associations were found for current or former exposure to environmental tobacco smoke before or after adjusting for seven confounders and before or after excluding participants with pre-existing disease. No significant associations were found during the shorter follow up periods of 1960-5, 1966-72, 1973-85, and 1973-98."

"Enstrom has defended the accuracy of his study against what he terms 'illegitimate criticism by those who have attempted to suppress and discredit it.'" (Wikipedia)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2164936/?tool=pmcentrez>

----- Study about health & Smoking Bans – The National Bureau of Economic Research

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w14790>

"Workplace bans are not associated with statistically significant short-term declines in mortality or hospital admissions for myocardial infarction or other diseases."

----- 2010 study shows Tobacco smoke is as safe as dust

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2927994/pdf/1471-2407-10-285.pdf>

"Among never smokers in our population, we observed no association between either exposure to ETS at home or at the workplace and lung cancer risk"(p. 5)

"Our results support the concept that exposure to exhaust fumes and or soot/smoke (**from non-tobacco sources**) is a source of carcinogenic exposure." (p. 7)

"ETS exposure was not found to significantly increase risk among never smokers in this study"(p.7)

How serious, powerful, biased and detrimental is political deception?

----- Anti-tobacco activism may be hazardous to epidemiologic science

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2173898/>

"These stories suggest a willingness of influential anti-tobacco activists, including academics, to hurt legitimate scientists and turn epidemiology into junk science in order to further their agendas. "

The University has made no secret of the \$30 million in research grants (and up to \$80 million in the future, according to UT's press release) from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) that would have been lost if UT didn't go tobacco free.

<http://www.dailytexanonline.com/opinion/2013/02/25/lights-out-campus-smoking-ban>

\$800,000 grant to remove smokers from campus

<http://collegeinsurrection.com/2012/09/when-it-comes-to-campus-smoking-bans-no-dissent-allowed/>

Colleges tell smokers, 'You're not welcome here'

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/HEALTH/08/31/smokefree.college.campus/index.html>

Grant for smoking ban

http://www.volanteonline.com/news/sga-receives-grant-for-smoking-ban-philanthropy/article_696e36d8-181d-11e2-909e-0019bb30f31a.html

How "bad" is Smoking really?

--- A very LARGE study in Japan concluded that, "Lung cancer mortality of our Japanese sample was lower among current smokers and higher among non-smokers regardless of age and sex."

[http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15723657?ordinalpos=1&itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed_ResultsPanel.Pubmed_DiscoveryPanel.Pubmed_Discovery_RA&linkpos=3&log\\$=relatedarticles&ogdbfrom=pubmed](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15723657?ordinalpos=1&itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed_ResultsPanel.Pubmed_DiscoveryPanel.Pubmed_Discovery_RA&linkpos=3&log$=relatedarticles&ogdbfrom=pubmed)

--- The national cancer institute study says:

http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/tcrb/monographs/1/m1_3.pdf

"the lung cancer death rate for black males was more than 36% than for white males"....."even though the peak prevalence of smoking among black males in that cohort never achieved that of white males"... "The reason for this disparity in lung cancer death rates is not clear. Differences in smoking behavior other than prevalence may play a role, such as the type of cigarette smoked".(pg 95)

Graphs on pg 99 show increases in lung cancer rates with a large decrease in smoking rates among black & white males. "As smoking rates converged for white & black females in later cohorts, lung cancer deaths rates remained the approximately equivalent"... "despite lower smoking rates among black females, may AGAIN suggest a lung cancer risk that is NOT attributable to smoking."(pg 108).

Yet on public media they claim the science is clear?

--- The oldest living person ever recorded – smoked from 21 to 117 yrs old.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeanne_Calment

– A thorough and accurate analysis of the data presented by health officials by **James P. Siepmann, MD**

<http://www.journaloftheoretics.com/editorials/vol-1/e1-4.htm>

"but the more that I looked into how biased the literature, professional organizations, and the media are, I modified this article to one on trying to put the relationship between smoking and cancer into perspective "

Are there really benefits and extra media to see about the debate?

<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/jf990089w>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S027858460400140X>

<http://www.biologicalpsychiatryjournal.com/article/S0006-3223%2801%2901207-0/abstract>

http://adam.about.net/reports/000030_1.htm

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles...> (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2014383/>)

1) Nicotine is found in the entire nightshade family of vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes, aubergines, and peppers) , any of the Solanaceae fruits and in Black and Green teas.

2) Smoking is an effective weight loss medication

3) Nicotine helps in concentration, alertness, memory enhancement, and used to treat ADHD, Alzheimers, and Parkinsons

4) Nicotine is a valid treatment for ulcerative colitis.

5) Treatment for autosomal dominant nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy.

6) Helps as an effective Anti-Depressant

7) Helps as an effective treatment for OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder)

----- **Showtime television (Penn & Teller); Story of Secondhand smoke.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGApkbcZK4>

----- **Smoking bans and the southern avenger (Details of the reasoning behind smoking bans)**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibnODQUQSj4&feature=related>

Reason TV – How far is too far?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=136FNtfOgRY>

Who am I and what is this about?

I'm just a regular working-class citizen of no particular interest in any lobbying group or company in any manner.

I am a smoker. I was a University student who was just a couple years away from a bachelors degree when a campus wide smoking ban was passed. I thought to myself, "really an education ultimatum?" I didn't really buy into many of the secondhand smoke theories at that time but thought; well maybe I was wrong on my initial assumption and should look into it deeper.

What I had found was so DISTURBING I've made it a point to make these findings known to as much of the public that I can. Public officials should have enough respect for the people they serve to at least present them with some honest truth.

I don't feel there is anything ethical about stigmatizing, discriminating, denormalizing and dividing humans based on their personal choices. There's a big difference between encouraging people that smoke to quit and actually bullying them with fines, building prejudices & stigma's, blocking them from education and public amenities and simply discriminating them in general. THAT APPROACH IS JUST WRONG!

From: Frank De Filippis <fdefilippis@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/14/2014 10:48 AM
Subject: Smoking ban

I support this effort to ban smoking in and on publicly owned property. This ban would support my right to not come in contact with the human biological material found on the cigarette butts that are discarded on public property. The number one item found during the SOLV Clean Up efforts are cigarette butts.

Thank you for your support,

Frank De Filippis

From: John Blanchard <jpblanchard@live.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/14/2014 1:42 PM
Subject: Smoking Ban

Dear Commission,

I am against a ban on smoking in State Parks. This is the worst idea I have heard lately in a long list of laws meant to infringe on my rights. I want to know who came up with this idea? I will make sure that if there is ban on smoking in the parks I will vote out of office whoever is responsible for this. Get out of my life you are over stepping your bounds!

-John Blanchard
Coos Bay, OR.

From: "Pawlak Rebecca L" <rebecca.l.pawlak@state.or.us>
To: "PUBLICCOMMENT OPRD" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
CC: "Heiberg Holly" <holly.heiberg@state.or.us>, "Girard Karen E" <karen.e.g...>
Date: 1/14/2014 2:28 PM
Subject: Response to OPRD's request for public comment on smoke-free state parks
Attachments: Smokefree State Parks - Public Comment from PHD.pdf

Good afternoon Richard,

Attached is a letter from the Oregon Public Health Division's Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section in response to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's request for public comment on smoke-free state parks. The letter will also be mailed to your office.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Best,
Rebecca Pawlak, MPH - Worksite Wellness Initiative Lead
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January 14, 2014

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Program Manager
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Mr. Walkoski:

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division would first and foremost like to commend the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Executive Committee and Commission for demonstrating leadership in tobacco prevention and education by making Oregon State Parks smoke-free.

By making all Oregon state parks smoke-free, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will improve the quality of life for all people in Oregon. Oregonians have invested significantly in our parks and recreation system, and taking the next step to go smoke-free will promote the health of our community, environment and the state's bottom line.

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division (PHD) is fully supportive of OPRD in establishing smoke-free state parks. PHD also encourages expansion of the rule to include other forms of tobacco, including hookah, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco, reflecting the successful model policies put forward by county governments. Currently, Oregon has 17 tobacco-free fairgrounds and 36 jurisdictions have restricted tobacco use in parks. Local governments are also establishing tobacco-free properties and creating healthier workplaces. Most recently Umatilla County has joined Benton, Clatsop, Deschutes, Hood River, and Multnomah counties in passing a tobacco-free policy for all county properties. Many of these policies are comprehensive and inclusive of electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

In addition, PHD recommends that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission open rulemaking for Ocean Shore State Recreation Areas and simultaneously implement smoke-free ocean shores. Of the eight Oregon counties with an elevated proportion of adult cigarette smokers, four are located on the coast: Curry, Coos, Douglas and Lincoln. In each, more than one in four adults smokes cigarettes. Providing smoke-free state parks, inclusive of Oregon's beaches, will make a difference for Oregonians that are disproportionately affected by tobacco.

In Oregon, tobacco use continues to be the number one cause of preventable death and illness, resulting in approximately 7,000 deaths per year. Tobacco use costs Oregon in dollars as well as lives, costing Oregon nearly 2.4 billion dollars in direct medical expenditures and lost productivity due to premature death. Smoke-free State Parks will help smokers quit, protect Oregonians from second-hand smoke, and show kids that tobacco use is not the norm.

- Three out of every four Oregon smokers want to quit, and having a tobacco-free environment helps with the difficult decision to become tobacco-free. The Surgeon General's 2000 Report on Reducing Tobacco Use found that smoke free laws "have been shown to decrease daily tobacco consumption and to increase smoking cessation among smokers."
- Second-hand smoke can be just as deadly outdoors as indoors. Recent studies show that sitting three-feet away from a smoker outdoors can expose you to the same level of secondhand smoke as if you were sitting indoors with a smoker.¹² In addition, secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks and other immediate adverse health effects for park users.
- Tobacco-free spaces promote a healthy lifestyle and discourage youth tobacco use initiation and future addictions.

Again, PHD thanks you for moving forward on protecting people from tobacco in Oregon. PHD houses a nationally recognized Tobacco Prevention and Education Program and is available to provide technical assistance, provide community education, and support your implementation efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.



Karen Girard, MPA

Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention Section Manager

Oregon Public Health Division
Center for Prevention & Health Promotion

¹ Wayne Ott and Neil Klepeis. Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association (JAWMA), May 2007.

² Barnoya and Glantz. Cardiovascular Effects of Secondhand Smoke: from the Center for Tobacco Control.

From: Kris Williams <kwilliams@h.co.crook.or.us>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/14/2014 3:35 PM
Subject: Public comment on proposed rule changes

I would like to applaud the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department on the proposed rule changes to control smoking in outdoor areas of Oregon State Parks. As a lifelong Oregonian who uses the Oregon parks and beaches regularly, I would like to see OPRD adopt a TOBACCO free policy for all parks and beaches in Oregon. However, "Smokefree" only addresses secondhand smoke and cigarette butt litter. It does not address the spit, empty smokeless tobacco cans or e-cigarette waste and vapor issues associated with alternative nicotine and tobacco products. "Smokeless" also holds the connotation that the other tobacco and nicotine products are harmless, especially for youth. I would encourage the department to adopt tobacco free policy for its parks to make our recreational areas more enjoyable and healthy for all Oregonians and visitors.

Additionally, the issue of allowing smoking in personal vehicles is in contradiction to the new Oregon Law, SB 44, that prohibits smoking in vehicles with a minor present. I am concerned that this will be confusing for persons using the Oregon Parks facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kris Williams
Crook County Health Department
375 NW Beaver Street
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Prineville, OR 97754
541-447-5165

Chris Havel - FW: Outdoor Tobacco Rulemaking

From: Steven Blakesley <SBlakesley@co.clatsop.or.us>
To: "richard.walkoski@state.or.us" <richard.walkoski@state.or.us>
Date: 1/14/2014 4:36 PM
Subject: FW: Outdoor Tobacco Rulemaking
Attachments: 1249_001.pdf

Mr. Walkoski,

Please see letter of support attached.

Thank you for making public comments possible.

Steven Blakesley
Health Promotion Specialist
Clatsop County Public Health
Work: 503-338-3750
Office Hours M-Th 8:30-5

From: HHS12 [<mailto:hhsScan@co.clatsop.or.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 3:25 PM
To: Steven Blakesley
Subject: Attached Image

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Tobacco Free Coalition of Clatsop

Richard Walkoski, Communication Specialist
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RE: Rulemaking restricting outdoor smoking in Oregon State Parks

Two community collaborative groups of Clatsop County, the Tobacco Free Coalition, and the Community Health Advisory and Resource Team support rules that would restrict outdoor smoking in Oregon State Parks. Within Clatsop County, these rules would impact Fort Stevens, Oswald West, and Ecola State Parks; Saddle Mountain Natural Area, and six State Recreation Areas on our shores. Restricting tobacco use at the state parks aligns with the goals of both organizations to create a healthier Clatsop County. Since we are changing the way we look at health care we should also look at the biggest source of preventable death and chronic disease that plagues our state and county.

In addition to the proposed rulemaking, we support the additional recommendations

- Include ocean shore Recreation Areas
- Include overnight campsites and camping areas
- Define tobacco products to include all cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and any lit smoking device.
- Include that it promotes healthy lifestyles in communications so it is not just about litter and protecting natural resources.

Sincerely,

Steven Blakesley, CHART

Alissa Dorman, Tobacco-Free Coalition

From: Jennifer <jennjordan@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/14/2014 5:07 PM
Subject: Smoke- and Tobacco-free parks & beaches

> Hello,

> I live in Lane County and I urge the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to include ocean beaches in your smoke- and Tobacco-free policy. I would also like to see the policy include all forms of tobacco and electronic cigarettes

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> Thank you,

>

> Jennifer Jordan

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: Rick Harris <bugle2me@comcast.net>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/14/2014 8:53 PM
Subject: State park smoking ban comments due Jan. 17

This is ridiculous. First it's smoking, then it's dogs, and then it's children. When will it stop? This government and it's agencies need to stop taking our rights away.

Non-Smoker

Patrick Harris

Sent from my iPhone

From: Steve Scarich <sscarich@peoplepc.com>
To: "OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us" <OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 7:18 AM
Subject: Comment on proposed smoking ban

Hi

I worked as a seasonal Park Ranger Assistant at the Cove Palisades in 2011. Part of my job was trash pickup. It was boring, so I used to count how many cigarette butts that I picked up. First of all, cigarette butts accounted for between 60 and 75% of the items that I picked up. They took even more time proportionally, because they are small and harder to grab with the tool. I used to count between 25 and 40 butts picked up per hour; I usually did trash pickup for between one and two hours per day.

I also did parking lot patrol; looking for people parked illegally. If their parking was really bad (e.g. blocking a driveway), we would cite them. The problem was, we only had one or two permanent rangers with the necessary State certification to write a citation. So, I would have to call them, interrupt whatever they were doing, and have them find me and write the citation. One day, I asked the Ranger what the fine was: she said something to the effect that 'they will never pay a fine'. When I asked her why, she said 'the justice of the peace in Madras does not believe in fining people just out to have a good time, so he dismisses all the citations'. Bottom line, unless you solve the problem of limited rangers to write the citation, and judges who don't believe in the rule, nothing happens to the violator.

Just my two cents.

Steve Scarich
Bend, OR
541 870-6249

From: Mary Addams <maryaddamsor@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 7:34 AM
Subject: smoking ban in state parks

I am strongly in favor of a smoking ban in state parks for three reasons:

- 1) It makes me (and others, especially children) sick to inhale second hand smoke (a known carcinogen)
- 2) Hot cigarette butts can cause fires, especially in dry, wooded areas in the summer. A smoking ban could prevent a forest fire.
- 3) The litter left behind by thousands of cigarette butts is ugly, and expensive to clean up.

Mary Addams
1720 Garfield St
Eugene OR 97402

From: Craig Beebe <cbeebe@AztechControls.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
CC: Tamara Watson <twatson@AztechControls.com>
Date: 1/15/2014 10:44 AM
Subject: smoking rule changes in parks

I totally agree that leaving butts anywhere but in the garbage should be banned. However as a smoker I should be fined for littering not smoking if this is the intent of the law and I believe we already have laws pertaining to littering. Changing the law is yet another classic case of the majority legislating against a minority for political gain. I for one don't particularly care to be in an office, restaurant or elevator with someone who has over dosed on noxious perfume or cologne and yet there are now laws against these substances. Is this what comes next or maybe a law banning thong bathing suits for overweight people on the beach ?? Every time we enact a silly law that restricts our freedom to chose how we live our lives, its costs us all and leads to yet more restrictions. I say enforce the existing laws against littering and make the irresponsible smokers that foul our beautiful state pay the price. Leave those of us to take pride in our state and don't throw our butts everywhere alone !! We have already given up too many freedoms to appease the majority.

Thanx,

Craig Beebe
Bend Oregon

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From: Maria <mzitelli12@gmail.com>
To: "OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us" <OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 12:53 PM
Subject: Smoking Ban

I find that smoking is a public right. Even though a non smoker myself. If you ban the use of smoking in public than you shouldn't be selling cigarettes in stores! Now what about pot smoke which is also a legal right for most Oregonians . Will you be banning that also. What I find the most offensive is all the dog feces that people leave behind . The stench of it and stepping in it. That should be on the top of the litter list!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Karl Tanner <khtanner66@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 2:47 PM
Subject: Smoking in state parks

Smoking in state parks should NOT be banned.

From: Karl Tanner <khtanner66@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 2:48 PM
Subject: Smoking in state parks

Additional.comment: I am a non smoker and do not support ban on smoking in state parks.

From: Karl Tanner <khtanner66@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 2:51 PM
Subject: Smoking in state parks 3

Smokers pay a great tax in the state of Oregon. At some point I think they should be allowed to see the benefit of the huge tax dollars, I think some of quick go to parks. If a ban is put in place decrease tobacco tax. I still do not support smoking ban in state parks

From: Deanne Hopson <oldeanne@hotmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 3:08 PM
Subject: State park smoking ban

I think that since the topic of smoking in state parks has become such a concern, that we may as well focus on other things that are harmful and affect "others right to breath clean air". Older vehicles being driven that are visibly emitting exhaust, which contains chemicals that are not good for anyone in there path should be discussed by the state too. When a vehicle is visibly producing exhaust the driver of that vehicle should receive a fine and should fix it or have their vehicle impounded and scrapped at a local recycling facility. If your going to target one group that the state is clearly making millions of dollars off of, then I'll suggest other areas that also need improvement which also cause harm to our environment and the citizens of this state.

Thanks,
Deanne Hopson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Liz <nicholscomputer@msn.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 3:12 PM
Subject: Smoking ban

Seriously? Banning smoking outside? The same outside that the smokers are forced to go because they can no longer smoke in buildings? This banning things is getting amazingly out of hand! Smoking indoors, smoking outdoors, in a car with anyone under 18. Really? Why don't you all focus on alcohol? You know, the thing people drink that actually kills? Kills the drinker, kills people they drive with, kills people in the other car they hit. Quit slowly stripping smokers of their privileges (those taxes pay for all the stupid banning that is being done by the way) and get these alcoholics!

From: Dan Leman <publicsafetydan@gmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 3:15 PM
Subject: Smoking in parks law

I am writing in regards to the smoking in parks proposed law. First, I would like to say, it is not the job of the government to rule the people, but to serve the people.

That said, this law does not serve the people in any way.

1. If the concern is about fires: I promise no one will stop smoking, they will just have to hide it, creating more of a fire danger by not having proper places to dispose of lit cigarettes. And forcing people to smoke near bushes and trees where they can hide.

2. If the concern is about litter: again this law WILL NOT prevent people from smoking in parks, and eliminating places to dispose of cigarettes and causing people to hide will only increase litter.

3. If the concern is about non smokers: sometimes smokers are offended by the clothing other people wear. Sometimes they are at health risk from perfumes they may be allergic to, or the glass bottles someone has broken on the ground. And if a smoker is forced to step onto the sidewalk for a smoke in a small park, the smoke will still be inhaled by those in the park, as much as if they were in the park. Not to mention increasing litter and fire danger on the street around the park because people have to throw cigarettes away before entering.

4. If it is about saving money: enforcement is expensive. Considerably more so than could ever possibly be generated from fines. Not to mention increased cost in fighting fires, and litter cleanup from removing cigarette receptacles.

Cons:

1. It prevents smokers from enjoying a park their tax dollars helped pay for
2. It increases litter
3. It increases fire hazard
4. It is communist to tell people where they can and cannot smoke outside when on public land
5. It reduces revenues from park parking fees
6. It reduces public support for parks - smokers will not support places they aren't allowed.

Pros:

1. There is a possibility of fining someone.
2. There will be less garbage service needed at parks, because there will be less people in parks.
3. More parks will close reducing spending.

In summary this law clearly creates many more problems than it could ever solve. Everyone, smokers or not, deserves to enjoy our parks, and do what they wish with their leisure time. Every smoker I have ever encountered at a park is always courteous and makes their own effort to separate themselves from non smokers. If we really want to solve the problem, how about supporting people who are trying to quit smoking, instead of making them feel like outcasts in their own city. I promise this will not only generate better results, but might put some faith back into a government that is quickly loosing it.

So I ask you, please do not put this law into place.

Thank you for your time.

Dan Leman
Eugene, OR

From: Kevin Mayer <kdmayer96@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 3:55 PM
Subject: Smoking in parks.

Just taking away to many rights. Smokers are tax payers too. Used to smoke but don't anymore just think some pencil pushing non smoker wants to feel big.

From: Teresa Young <teresa14u2c@msn.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 4:48 PM
Subject: smoking in state parks and on trails

What a joke.

Although I don't smoke, and don't like second hand smoke, attempting to stop folks from smoking on trails is just silly. Trails are out in the open, the smoke drifts away and hardly affects anyone but the idiot doing the smoking. If there is a problem with litter, then cite the litterer just the same as if he or she left a bag of garbage.

How do you propose to enforce this regulation anyway? if smoking is banned on the trail, will five steps off the trail be legal? ten steps? what??

This is just another attempt to regulate something that is slowly going away in any case. There are fewer smokers now than in the past and I doubt that smoking on a "trail" is a problem at all.

thanks

Dave Young

From: Karl Tanner <khtanner66@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 4:50 PM
Subject: Smoking in state parks

Smoking in state parks should NOT be banned.

From: Connie Lamora <connielamora@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 5:18 PM
Subject: We should be allowed to smoke out in open air.

From: <goshenredhead@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 5:19 PM
Subject: Smoking ban

I disagree with a smoking ban in state parks. I am a none smoker who feels smokers should be allowed to smoke in open area's if they should chose. Second hand smoke is not an issue when out doors. The smoke does not effect me and should not be considered dangerous.
If it's a fire hazard to smoke, then what does it say when you have a camp fire!
Even though I'm a none smoker... They have rights too!
Thank you for listening!

Sent from my iPhone

From: "Fibelstads" <fibelstads@comcast.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 5:23 PM
Subject: Smoking in state parks

I think it's OK for smoker's to smoke in state parks. Fire hazard, really?
Are you going to eliminate the use of bar-b-que areas and open fire pits
too?

The places they have to smoke outdoors is constantly being challenged. Give
them a break!!

From: Michelle Neveau <michelleneveau@gmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 5:39 PM
Subject: Cigs

I think cigarettes should be banded in state parks. Most smokers liter their butts, which never go away. The smell is not pleasant as well.

DawnMichelle Neveau

From: Dawn Rupp <dawnprupp@icloud.com>
To: "OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us" <OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 6:13 PM
Subject: For the ban

I a all for this ban. I am an ex smoker but was always considerate to only smoke in smoking areas and property. It is horrible to be walking/hiking in park and have to follow smoker up the hill.
Sent from my iPad

From: Margo West <margowest11@comcast.net>
To: "OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us" <OPRD.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 6:20 PM
Subject: Smoking

I am not a smoker and I hate the smoke but I don't think we need to have GOVERNMENT telling us one more thing we should or shouldn't do with our lives. Who will enforce the law? Do we have the resources? Will it just be another law, like driving while talking on cell phones, that isn't enforced. Let our short staffed law enforcement get the really bad guys.
Margo West

Sent from my iPad

From: <TreemaninOregon@aol.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 6:58 PM
Subject: Ban smoking i state park...

Hey!!!!!!What are you doing making ban smoking in state park and campground.What is wrong with you ppl.I go to campground many time different site.I don't see no litter in camp sit or park.We pay fee for your maintained in park or campground.Me as camper and bowhunter always bring fire tool,gallons of water,fire retardant,just in case. Every time me and my bow partner go in wood on designated forestry road.We smoke in vehicle before we go out the wood. doing the right thing I care my forest and with great privilege.Last year forest fire recently is not human cause expect few that is.But why are you punish me for their neglect and I have no control their doing wrongful thing or neglect, punish them do wrongdoing not us...
If you think you can pull this through and banned.You going to meet most complicated stubborn anguish man and I don't go down easy,you can arrest me or try ticket me with out know my ID..I will smoke as I please but responsible way and enjoyed my outdoor ,don't violated my freedom and my outdoor activites.Pls don't allow this happen,it not right and not fair for me...

Thank you,
Tree

From: <hcvance@comcast.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 7:06 PM
Subject: Ban on smoking in state parks

I am definitely in favor of a ban on smoking in state parks. It's awful (and unhealthy) to be out enjoying the beauties of nature, and be assaulted by the awful smell of cigarette smoke. It triggers an asthma attack and a headache when I'm around it, and I think I should be able to go out in public without being miserable. Plus the garbage left behind, and the fire danger. Please proceed with this ban. Thanks.

Cynthia Vance

505 Kodiak Street

Eugene, OR 97401

From: cparsons321 <cparsons321@yahoo.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/15/2014 7:24 PM
Subject: Proposed smoking ban

I would just like to say quite simply NO I am not in favor of the idea. Thankyou, Chris Parsons Resident of Oregon

Sent from Samsung tablet

From: <puddin330@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 1:32 AM
Subject: smoking ban

Why should my rights be trampled on? I have a right to smoke just like you have a right not to. Several of my family members have fought for this country and the freedoms that we supposedly have. When we have a Governor that refuses to carry out the laws of the state because he doesn't believe in it, referring to his refusal to execute prisoners, why should he be allowed to make laws? Government is taking all of our rights as humans away. Slowly so they will think we won't notice. To bad people won't do the same for alcohol. That is an accepted form of killing yourself as well as others. Those people that you hit, they were innocent but you still took there life. What is the difference? This is suppose to be the land of the free and the brave. Not the land of "we don't like what you are doing, so we will ban it". I don't like legal murder either but still we kill innocent babies everyday when abortion are performed. The women's right ended in my opinion when she choose to not use protection. Who looks out for that little baby? No one. Well, I do have the luxury of knowing that someday they will have to answer to God for what they have done and no excuse will be good enough. Murder is murder. Thank you for letting me sound off.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: "Noel & Mary Ann" <nmct4@peak.org>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 6:23 AM
Subject: Smoking Ban in parks

This is the most ridiculous law I have heard of yet! How does our state have time for such nonsense! If a person thinks they are going to get cancer from smelling a cigarette outside in the open they are out of their mind! Yet in our state smoking a joint is considered "taking medicine" I am not a smoker, but am sure tired of the way smokers are discriminated against! You would go to jail for treating any other minority this way!

It is high time people regained some common sense!

Noel Neuschwander,

From: barbara Ledl <bloregon20@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 6:47 AM
Subject: cigarette ban

To whom it may concern, I strongly support a ban on smoking in all State Parks. It is annoying to be in a park and somebody close or farer breathes the stink in the air. All people have the right to breathe clean air, why should this become violated by unfortunately addicted people to cigarettes or other smokes. Besides the air pollution the toxic cigarette buds almost killed my dog a few years ago when she, still a puppy, swallowed several. They do not break down and litter the ground. All this also happens at the beaches and I demand a ban of smoking there too.

Sincerely

Barbara Ledl

From: Eric Bryant <qqmiyataqq@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 7:11 AM
Subject: Smoking ban

I would support a complete smoking ban in all Oregon state parks. I go to our parks to breathe fresh air and enjoy nature, not second-hand smoke.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,
Eric Bryant
Albany, Oregon

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Linda Summers <jeepinlinda@earthlink.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 7:20 AM
Subject: yes on smoking ban

E-mails keep getting returned?

I vote a yes on banning smoking in parks. The smokers are rude and have no respect for the rest of us. I am allergic to cigg smoke--my throat swells shut, headache, can't breathe. People still stand outside stores and blow smoke all over you. If I see someone--and post office (here) Bandon) I leave, makes me sick and my clothes absorb it. Why can't they stay in their cars--who cares. They say they can buy them, so should be able to smoke anywhere--not when it puts health to risk. I don't want to smell it.

From: david w cooper <dwcoop@yahoo.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 8:28 AM
Subject: Smoking in parks.

I support a ban on all smoking in state parks. If not a full ban, perhaps it might be limited to within vehicles (windows up). At the very least it should be limited to large paved parking lots. And a percentage of cigarette tax revenue devoted to enforcement of a smoking ban in the parks.

Sincerely,
David Cooper

From: Carla cooper <ccooperk1@gmail.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 8:38 AM
Subject: Smoking ban

Yes, please ban smoking in our state parks. There is nothing more disgusting than being out enjoying the fresh air and then being hit in the face with cigarette smoke.

From: Lin Marie <hiketheworld@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 9:24 AM
Subject: Smoking ban in campsites and trails

I totally am for banning cigarette smoking in campsites and on trails. I would agree to a law to ban it altogether. Most smokers are neither courteous nor safety minded when smoking. They toss lit cigarettes which should carry an extremely high fine considering the increase in fires we have had and increase in dry weather. They leave butts on trails, on streets, sidewalks, etc. They are toxic and contaminate our water and air. The smell is also obnoxious and carries a long way. I can smell someone smoking a block away. If enacting a ban, please also incorporate a heavy fine.
Thank You. Lin Marie, Eugene

From: Liz <buddyorliz@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 9:24 AM
Subject: Smoking

Why the heck can't everyone put all this time/effort and monies into something Else and get off the dang smoking. Yes keep it illegal for children to buy them and keep the information out there but quit dictating. If it is a subject that someone with unlimited funds is keeping in the news Maybe they could find a way for smokers to kick the habit. Lots of helps are out there but non of them really get rid of the addiction. Better yet, let's get on the FOOD issue in this country. Our government controls so many things but seldom in an effective (what most would consider correct) way. Is it effective to just tell people to wash and cook food? When I buy food I want it safe, no mater how I choose to eat it. Sorry I know this is about smoking issues, and being a smoker it does pertain to me and I think the government has done enough-to much.

Sent from my iPad

From: Sandra Wu <sandra2wu@yahoo.com>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 9:24 AM
Subject: Smoking in Oregon parks

I believe that smoking should be prohibited in public parks, except where others are not subject to second hand smoke, such as in a vehicle. On trails, smoking should be prohibited. There is nothing worse than going out to hike and enjoy the beauty of nature and then being stuck several yards behind a smoker, having to smell their cigarette smoke until you can pass them! As for smoking in campgrounds, I suppose it depends on how close a campground is located to others.

Thanks for soliciting my opinion,

Sandra Wu
Pleasant Hill, Oregon

Sent from my iPad

From: Nancy Hodge <nthodge@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 9:41 AM
Subject: Smoking Ban

I support the proposed smoking ban for land, trails, roadways and common areas in campgrounds.

thank you

Nancy Hodge
Bend, OR

From: Sundara Matosian Warf <sundaramtsn448@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 9:45 AM

No more laws banning smoking in parks...

From: "Linda Cook" <lindac@carreramotors.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 12:11 PM
Subject: smoking ban

After careful consideration, my input on the smoking ban is as follows.

Why do we need to initiate another new law?

Is there not already a law on the books for littering?

If there is not enough revenue to enforce the current law, where will the revenue come from to enforce a new law?

The people who will adhere to the new law are already adhering to the existing law.

I personally think this whole conversation and consideration is a waste of time and money. I think our resources could be better spent.

A registered voter,

Linda Cook

From: Rose Murray <theironrose1@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 12:15 PM
Subject: State Parks Smoking Ban Ruling

I vote "NAY".

I found this email to write you from the KVAL.com news site.

100's of people commented on that article against the smoking ban.

I vote against it too.

Confining smokers to their tents (dangerous for one), campers and cars would be a bad idea. Many smokers have children and smoke outside because they don't want to subject their children and others to smoke or smoke infused clothing and upholstery.

Taking a day trip with the family is long...and as a smoker, I pride myself on smoking only a few cigarettes for the entirety of the day! I've been trying to quit, and almost every smoker I know wants to quit as well. Going to the park helps.

All the smokers I know pick up our butts and put them in our pockets...stinky as they are. Putting up some signs at the trailheads that say "pick up your butts" with a picture of a cigarette butt, would be helpful. People would see that and would be more likely to be respectful. It would also bring a smile to many faces, seeing the pun, and smiles are just as good for people as letting smokers smoke outdoors.

Smokers pay a lot in taxes. They want to use the parks as well. Please don't create lawbreakers by creating ridiculous laws.

Respectfully,

K. Murray
Cottage Grove, OR

From: Robin Kaminski <RKaminski@co.josephine.or.us>
To: "oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us" <oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 1:46 PM
Subject: Support Letter From Josephine
Attachments: Parks Support.doc

Thank You

Robin Hausen
Tobacco Prevention/Healthy Communities Coordinator
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January 16, 2014

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Program Manager
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer St., NE, Suite C
Salem OR 97301

Mr. Walkoski,

Josephine County Public Health would like to express support for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt the proposed rule changes that limit and restrict the use of tobacco products in state parks and recreation areas to address wellness issues, and to reduce the risk of forest fires.

By making all Oregon state parks smoke-free, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will improve the quality of life for all people in Oregon. By taking these steps OPRD will be supporting environments that put health within the reach of individuals today and for future generations. Within Josephine County, these rules will impact Illinois River Forks west side trailhead, and the Wolf Creek Inn State Heritage Site.

We appreciate OPRD going above and beyond the Governor's Order and their leadership in demonstrating a commitment to protecting and preserving parks. Tobacco use causes significant litter and harms the environment. Tobacco-free policies reduce the amount of cigarette butts in our open spaces. Cigarette butts are the most prevalent form of litter on earth and can be harmful to our health and environment. The carcinogens and chemicals in cigarettes are not only bad for human health; they can hurt fish, birds, and even dogs and other larger animals. Butt litter in parks can pollute streams, ponds and other areas and can stay around for many years.

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The US Surgeon General and Center for Disease Control recommends smoke-free and tobacco-free policies to prevent youth smoking. Tobacco policies show our kids that most people don't use tobacco. Helping kids understand that tobacco use isn't healthy or fun can keep them from developing a habit that can harm their health for years. In Oregon the majority of citizens favor smoke-free policies!

Fifty years ago in 1964, The Surgeon General released the first report on smoking and health, determining smoking is related to lung cancer in men. Thirty Surgeon General Reports later, we know that tobacco is one of the leading risk factors for heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, several cancers, pregnancy complications and pediatric disease. According to the Oregon Health Authorities Josephine County 2013 Tobacco Fact Sheet 269 people died from tobacco, \$50.8 million was spent on medical care and \$44.5 million in productivity lost due to tobacco-related deaths. Further restricting tobacco use at the state parks aligns with the county's restriction of tobacco use on county prosperities.

In addition to the proposed rulemaking, Josephine County Public Health's recommendations are:

- Include ocean shore recreation areas
- Include overnight campsites and camping areas
- Define tobacco products to include ALL cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and any lit smoking device.
- In communications regarding the new rules, emphasize that they promote healthy lifestyles as well as reduce litter and protect natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this proposal.

Sincerely,
Robin Hausen
Tobacco Prevention Program/ Healthy Communities
Josephine County

From: "Kim G." <oregonkim@gmail.com>
To: <oprđ.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 1:55 PM
Subject: smoking ban in State Parks

I strongly support the proposed rule change to extend the smoking ban in Oregon State Parks. Please help protect the health of Oregonians as well as the Oregon environment.

Thank you,
Kimberly Gorman
3540 Kinsrow Ave Apt 308
Eugene OR 97401

From: Jesse Lohrke <Jesse@lohrkelaw.com>
To: <Oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 3:45 PM
Subject: Comments on State Park Smoking Ban

Dear People,

I do not support a State Park smoking ban.

I am not a smoker.
I am former assistant park ranger, and I am now a lawyer.

It is about freedom. How far will the state go in dictating what people do on public property? This is a step too far. Please don't get on the band wagon.

Thank you.
Jesse Lohrke

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From: Vanessa Demoe
To: oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us
Date: 1/16/2014 3:48 PM
Subject: Fwd: ORA 736-010 0020 et al

>>> David Phillips <dwphilli4@aol.com> 1/16/2014 3:28 PM >>>

The goal of preventing the accumulation of non-bio-degradable waste and its attendant clean up costs and public degrading of natural areas can better be facilitated by extreme fines (i.e. \$500) for leaving cigarette butts in state parks (regardless of "where" in the park they are left). Such a policy would provide enforcement and "clean up" funds as well as significant deterrent and "second thought" before disregarding this regulation. The "butts/litter" would provide "evidence needed to support enforcement that is not available in a "third party, he saw-she saw" situation. Let's not limit personal freedom and stimulate "strained social interactions" but rather protect our natural park lands and fund their up keep.

From: Chris Havel
To: Publiccomment, OPRD; Walkoski, Richard
Date: 1/16/2014 4:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: Comments on Proposed Smoking Ban for Public Parks

>>> On 1/16/2014 at 3:38 PM, in message
<CALBr9OJrmFcZYuBqHQsUR1+TDQ=q6Ci+s1QzodYZ9vrN-UE+Cw@mail.gmail.com>, Jane K
<draws.it@gmail.com> wrote:

> Please DO adopt the proposed rule to restrict smoking in public parks and
> camping to cars, tents, and rvs, for the following reasons:

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> 1. Reducing environmental pollution -- The plastics in the cigarette butts
> will last a long time, and will be dispersed more and more widely the more
> the butts break down physically. The tars and other toxins in them surely
> must have a number of adverse effects on wildlife health & genetics.

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> 2. Long-term health risks -- Smokers in public areas force those around
> them to become smokers, too, by means of their secondhand smoke. This
> inflicts the health risks associated with smoking on non-smoking park users.

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> 3. Short-term health risks -- Park users who have asthma and other
> respiratory conditions may be distressed by exposure to second-hand smoke.
> Depending on the amount of the exposure this could even trigger an asthma
> attack or other medical crisis.

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> 4. Expenses -- Cleaning up littered cigarette butts and cigarette
> receptacles adds to the workload/hours of park maintenance workers, raising
> the cost of park maintenance.

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> 5. Esthetics -- Cigarette butt litter is very unsightly, and is often
> dispersed widely: all those individual decisions to toss a "small" object
> add up. Cigarette smoke is unpleasant at best to non-smokers, and can be
> very nauseating and headache-inducing as well.

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> Thank you for considering these arguments in support of adopting the new
> rule restricting smoking. I am sure there are additional supportive
> reasons not covered here.

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> Sincerely,
> Jane Kwiatkowski

Chris Havel - Proposed Rules Change to Division 10

From: Kris Williams <kwilliams@h.co.crook.or.us>
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us" <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 4:58 PM
Subject: Proposed Rules Change to Division 10
Attachments: CCPRD Tobacco Wallets (2).pub

Richard Walkoski,

After attending the public hearing last Tuesday in Bend on proposed changes to Division 10, I spoke with the hearings officer regarding roll-out of the proposed changes if adopted. I shared some of our experiences in our community after adopting tobacco free parks policy in 2005 and a tobacco free campus policy for Public Health in 2013. He asked me to send the info via e-mail.

2005 – Crook County Parks and Recreation District adopted a tobacco free parks resolution. To promote the policy, the parks posted signs, had written information on the rules in their reservations agreements and we developed a business card that stated “Did You Know our Parks are Tobacco Free?” on one side, and the Oregon tobacco quit line info on the other for parks personnel to hand out. This would be a great way for parks hosts and volunteers to convey the message to park users without confrontation. I have attached the file for these cards for your information.

We also used the “cards” idea for implementing our tobacco free campus policy and both have been highly successful.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further help in promoting an adopted policy.

Kris Williams

Crook County Health Department
375 NW Beaver Street
Suite 100
Prineville, OR 97754
541-447-5165



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From: BillRodgers <bill@cascaderangeriders.org>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2014 6:20 PM
Subject: Smoking ban in Oregon Parks

As a long time self employed Oregonian I must say that this most recent proposed rule fits perfectly with my view of Oregon public employees as underworked regime building socialists. This newest venture into social engineering is totally misguided please relegate your selves back to emptying trashcans and cleaning toilets and leave the social engineering to the politicians who won't accomplish it any way.
Really?!? I can smoke at a camp site but not on the road or trail to the campsite?

There are already too many Damn Rules!

Bill Rodgers
1407 NE 9th St.
Bend, OR 97701

From: Mark Rubbert <rrmmark@aol.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/17/2014 7:49 AM
Subject: Smoking ban

Dear Sirs,

I'm curious, what are you guys thinking? You say litter is the problem, not smoke.....so address the problem. I saw self-extinguishing portable ash trays in Ace Hardware just yesterday, for \$1.00. They look like a coffee cup, with a lid. Instead of trampling on peoples rights to make their own choices, simply require all smokers to carry and use an ash tray. Place a significant fine on littering, or enforce the one you probably have already. Just to be clear, I am not a smoker, never have been. What I object to is telling others what to do, to push an agenda you hold dear. We have not outlawed cars or alcohol sales to stop drunken driving! Responsible use of a legal product should not be restricted where it does not affect others. Only the undesirable actions need to be regulated. I'm 100% behind a requirement for smokers to carry ash trays to combat litter, and 100% against any effort to make them quit smoking while they are recreating.

Thank you,

Mark Rubbert
Rimrock Management, Inc
915 sw Rimrock way
ste 201-166
Redmond, OR 97756
(541) 408-7826

From: Park Info
To: oprd.publiccomment@state.or.us
Date: 1/17/2014 8:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: other questions question/feedback via website

>>> <vinsonda@aol.com> 1/16/2014 8:45 PM >>>
Message from M J Vinson:

Regarding your department's wish to ban smoking in outdoor areas of the state's parks, Mr. Kitzhaber's theories aside, your position with regard to an outdoor smoking ban defies logic. First, the state already has statutes against smoking in cars with children; second, does not the state already have statutes against littering, if that's your problem; third, do you really want to go down the slippery slope of banning certain activities, because, if you do, you need to look at people drinking alcohol in state parks and ban that activity, as that activity can equally be responsible for the littering that goes on and the accidental setting of fires. Should babies be banned from state parks since, undoubtedly, there's the risk of disposable diapers being littered around?? The State already has statutes that apply to most, if not all, of the activities you're trying to ban in state parks. Use them! User agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 9.0; Windows NT 6.0; Trident/5.0; BRI/2; .NET4.0C; .NET CLR 3.5.30729)

From: <darlahubbard@bendbroadband.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/17/2014 8:59 AM
Subject: Public smoking regulations

To whom it may concern:

I am one of those people who is excited that smoking regulations are becoming more prevalent. Having grown up in a smoking household and being allergic to cigarette smoke has left me with health issues. Because I am allergic, I could not go out and enjoy a meal or a drink without being ill from the smoke in the establishments. Since the laws have changed I am free to live more of my life the way I choose. It would not bother me if smoking in public or near children was banned all together.

Drinking in public is prohibited, yet someone drinking alcohol only directly affects them. Smoking, however, affects everyone around the smoker, causing innumerable health conditions to those non-smokers who are exposed to the poisonous smoke that cigarettes, cigars, and pipes give off. Both of my parents passed away just four months apart in 2009 and on both of their death certificates the box indicating smoking was a factor in their deaths was checked. COPD and lung cancer caused by many years of smoking were the culprits. I have many allergies, asthma, and other lung and health issues due to cigarettes, and I have always been a non-smoker.

I am for any laws that protect my health from the filthy habits of others. I am for any law that allows me to walk down a city street or in a park and not see someone else's disgusting cigarette butts marking the way. Please, protect my health and the health of all those who have made the healthy choice not to smoke.

Thank you,

Darla Hubbard
Redmond, Oregon
541-610-6578

From: "R. Miller" <robtmiller2@charter.net>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/17/2014 9:05 AM
Subject: smoking in parks

This proposed rule is stupid. Next they will ban fires. We need to let people make their own decisions. If you object to smoke, stay home and campout in your own sterile living-room.

No I am not a smoker. In fact, I am a reformed smoker and am very sensitive to smoke.

From: "Bill Burley" <wcburley@aol.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/17/2014 11:29 AM
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban Comment

Smoking bans are getting to the point of becoming ridiculous and silly. Smokers are a minority and an easy target, easy to bully because they rarely resist. Please consider the following points.

1. Second hand smoke: Should we also ban smoke from campfires and barbeque grills that burn animal flesh (hamburgers, hot dogs?) Do people standing over a grill really complain they caught the scent of tobacco from somebody smoking a cigar somewhere? There is smoke and smell from controlled burning and diesel truck exhaust. Perhaps we should ban flatulence too, just to be consistent.
2. Cigarette butts: This is littering. Treat it the same as other litter rules.
3. Just how much of a problem is it compared to other smoke & litter? Have there really been many complaints?

I think it is a petty and discriminating proposal. Enough with the rules.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Bill Burley

Bend, OR

Chris Havel - Fwd:

From: Jane <jane50151@gmail.com>
To: <opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us>
Date: 1/17/2014 1:34 PM
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: Public Comment.doc

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jane Stevenson <StevenJS@jacksoncounty.org>
Date: January 17, 2014 at 1:25:03 PM PST
To: ""jane50151@gmail.com"" <jane50151@gmail.com>

Jane Stevenson
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January 14, 2014

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Program Manager
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Mr. Walkoski,

I would like to express support for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt the proposed rule changes that limit and restrict the use of tobacco products in state parks and recreation areas to address wellness issues, and to reduce the risk of forest fires. By making all Oregon state parks smoke-free, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will improve the quality of life for all people in Oregon. By taking these steps OPRD will be supporting environments that put health within the reach of individuals today and for future generations.

I appreciate OPRD going above and beyond the Governor's Order and their leadership in demonstrating a commitment to protecting and preserving parks. Tobacco use causes significant litter and harms the environment. Tobacco-free policies reduce the amount of cigarette butts in our open spaces. Cigarette butts are the most prevalent form of litter on earth and can be harmful to our health and environment. The carcinogens and chemicals in cigarettes are not only bad for human health; they can hurt fish, birds, and even dogs and other larger animals. Butt litter in parks can pollute streams, ponds and other areas and can stay around for many years.

The US Surgeon General and Center for Disease Control recommends smoke-free and tobacco-free policies to prevent youth smoking. Tobacco policies show our kids that most people don't use tobacco. Helping kids understand that tobacco use isn't healthy or fun can keep them from developing a habit that can harm their health for years. In Oregon the majority of citizens favor smoke-free policies!

Fifty years ago in 1964, The Surgeon General released the first report on smoking and health, determining smoking is related to lung cancer in men. Thirty-one Surgeon General Reports later, we know that tobacco is one of the leading risk factors for heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, several cancers, pregnancy complications and pediatric disease. According to the Oregon Health Authorities Jackson County 2013 Tobacco Fact Sheet 444 people died from tobacco, \$83.8 million was spent on medical care and \$73.5 million in productivity lost due to tobacco-related deaths

In addition to the proposed rulemaking, I would recommend the following:

- Include ocean shore recreation areas
- Define tobacco products to include ALL cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and any lit smoking device.
- In communications regarding the new rules, emphasize that they promote health lifestyles as well as reduce litter and protect natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Citizen and Park User

From: "Drew Roslund" <drew@overleaf lodge.com>
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Date: 1/17/2014 1:43 PM
Subject: Rule comment: Prohibits smoking of tobacco products in State Parks

OPRD,

I am in favor of your rule that prohibits smoking of tobacco products in State Parks. I see the following benefits from this prohibition:

. The fumes from smokers are offensive to bystanders. This ban will allow us to enjoy our State Park experience more completely.

. Many smokers litter the ground with the cigarette butts. This will eliminate more litter.

. By instituting this rule, OPRD supports the public objective to minimize/eliminate smoking because of its harmful results and costs to society.

. By instituting this rule, OPRD assists in making smoking more restrictive and thus slightly less enticing. As more businesses and institutions prohibit smoking in public and workplace, smoking becomes less convenient and thus hopefully less attractive. There is a certain tipping point where smoking is so restrictive that many folks who currently are attracted to smoking will not try it in the first place. The Park's prohibition helps society close in on that tipping point.

I assist in the Operation of two hotels in Yachats, the Overleaf Lodge and Fireside Motel, that adjoin the 804 Trail, which is an Oregon State Park. The trail crosses our property as we own on both sides of the trail. On March 1, 2014, we will implement a new policy covering all of our property, inside and outside, which prohibits the use of any tobacco products. Our employees will not be allowed to retreat to the 804 trail to smoke there on their breaks. They will have to leave the properties to smoke if they choose to do so. OPRD will support our private efforts to deter smoking by our employees and guests if they also restrict all smoking on State Parks land. We will assist in enforcement along our portion of the 804 trail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this rule.

Sincerely,

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