

Division 25 Rule Update

State Forests Recreation Rule Revision

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OVERVIEW

- Refreshing and Updating Division 25 Rules
 - Recreation and Public Use Rules
- Last updated in 2005 (some less recently)
- Changes in use and other challenges have created impetus to update
- Seeking consent for Rulemaking beginning November 2015



OVERVIEW

- The Rave Bill (HB 2453) passed and will become law January 1st, 2016
- This bill directs rulemaking for:
 - Health and Safety standards
 - Fees associated with permitting large, commercial events



OBJECTIVES OF RULE REVISION

- Maintain User and Staff Safety
- Address Sanitation issues related to over use or high use
- Protect Forest Resources
- Reduce Infrastructure impacts
- Minimize conflict between users.

RESOURCE DAMAGE



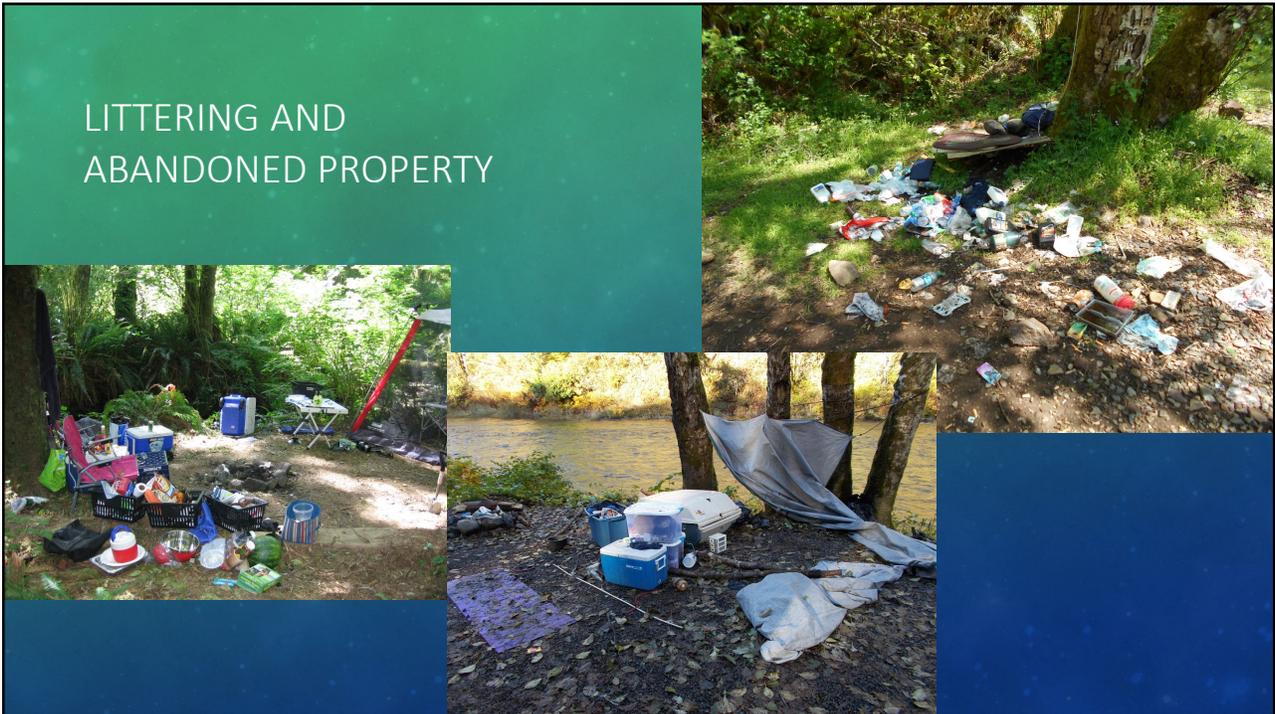
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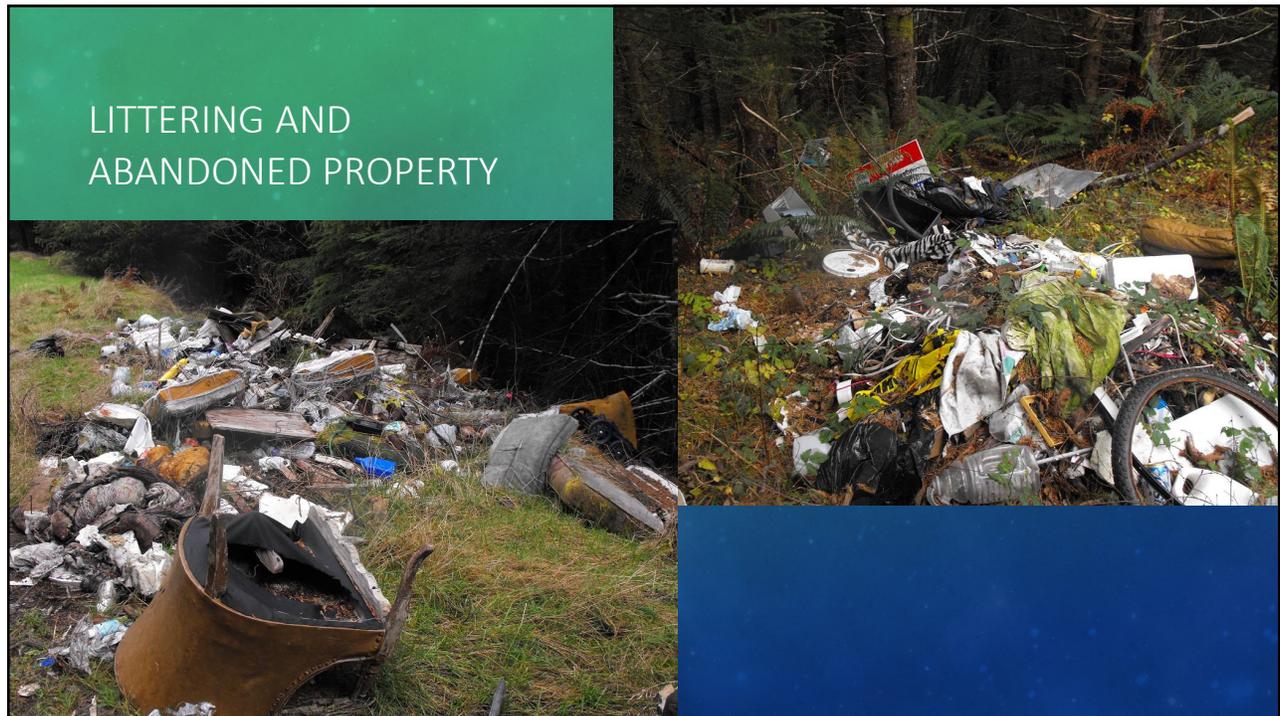
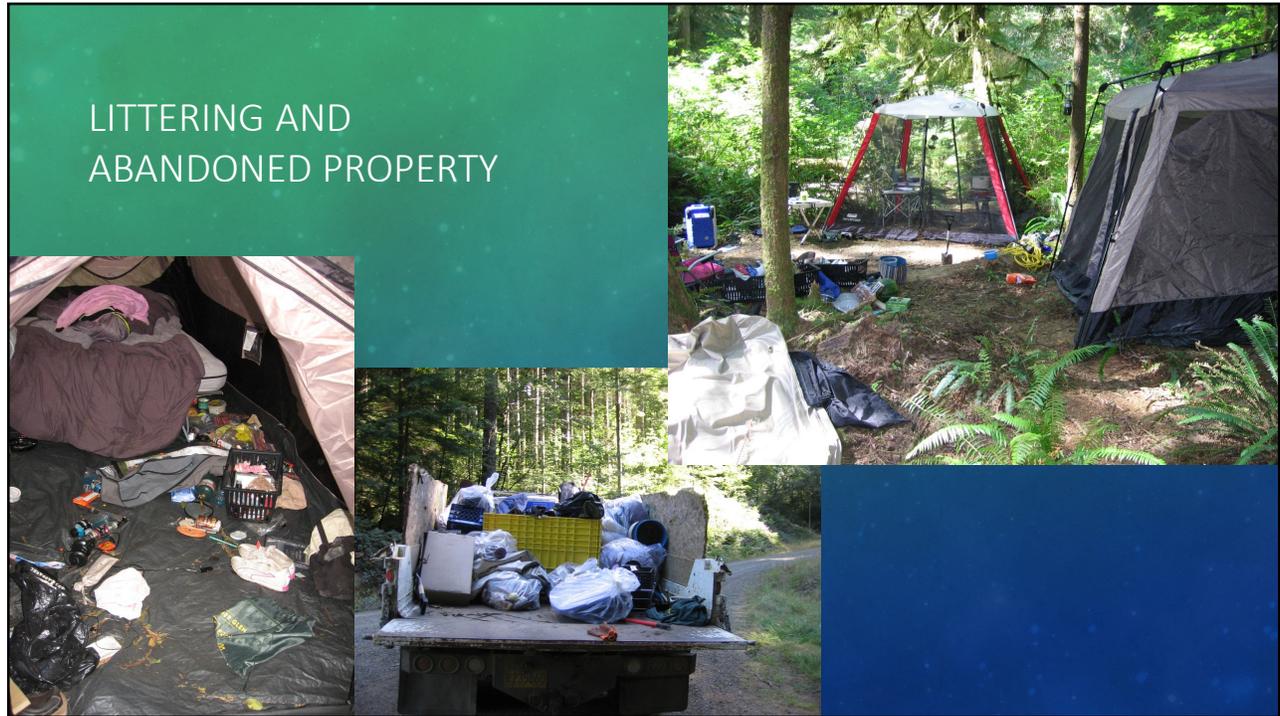


CROWDING AND OVERUSE



LITTERING AND ABANDONED PROPERTY





NOXIOUS WEEDS / WEED-SEED-FREE HAY



OTHER ISSUES

- Unsafe target shooting
- Campsites being reserved and not utilized
- Difficult to remove or evict rule violators
- Minors left unattended at campsites

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Large commercial event permit rules and fees
- Require permits for commercial use
- Changes to fee implementation structure
- Changing campsite occupancy limits
- Address trash and waste disposal
- Address abandoned property
- Address blocking roads, trails, or other access

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Address target shooting safety
- Require use of certified weed-free hay and straw
- Require occupancy of campsites when reserved
- Addition of section on evictions and removal of rule violators
- Address stay limits
- Remove prohibition on possession of loaded firearms

TIMELINE – BOARD DECISION

- Direct staff to return in November with draft rules
- November: Direct staff to begin rulemaking
- Division returns in Spring:
 - Summary of public hearings
 - Proposed changes made to draft rules
 - Board approves final rules
- Implementation begins: 2016 recreation season

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?