

Media Considerations for Closed Sites

Supporting respectful, safe, and informed access to state lands

The Department of State Lands (DSL) is committed to transparency and values the role of media in keeping Oregonians informed. When DSL-managed sites are temporarily closed due to environmental restoration efforts, safety concerns, or active operation, we work to provide media access that is safe, respectful, and coordinated.

How DSL Supports Media Access

Coordinated Visits with Advance Notice

To help us prepare and ensure a safe visit, DSL asks that media provide at least 24 hours' notice for any on-site interviews. Once we receive your request, we'll work with you to:

- Understand the purpose of your visit.
- Identify who will be on site.
- Review any equipment or special needs.
- Review possible locations to minimize impacts to operations.

Prioritizing Safety and Site Integrity

Some areas may have limited access due to:

- Environmental hazards.
- Ongoing cleanup or restoration work.
- Wildlife protection or seasonal conditions.

We'll clearly communicate any limitations and do our best to accommodate your needs within those parameters.

What We Ask of Media On-Site

Respect for Individuals on Site

If individuals experiencing homelessness or other vulnerable populations are present:

- Please **do not film or photograph anyone without their explicit consent**.
- We ask that all interactions be trauma-informed and respectful.

Drone and Equipment Use

Drone use and large equipment setups require prior approval and may be limited by FAA rules or environmental and site-specific conditions.

Sensitive Operations

In some cases, we may ask media to delay publishing certain details (e.g., exact locations or timing) to protect the integrity of operations and the safety of all involved.

Contact Us

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