

## Rulemaking: Issuance of Archaeological Permits

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## **Oregon Parks and Recreation Department**

Proposed rule change:

Issuance of Archaeological Permits

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## **Public comment:**

As we contemplate changes to the rule re: the issuance of archaeological permits, we need to consider how the State Physical Anthropologist will fit into this regulatory scheme. This is an entirely new position for the State of Oregon. It is anticipated that they will be heavily involved in archaeology projects around the state and, in particular, will be key in the analysis, handling, and repatriation of ancestral remains. Frequently, this is in the context of inadvertent discoveries and the ability to proceed expeditiously and respectfully is critical. In many instances, it will not be practical to apply for an archaeological permit in this context. Therefore, I would suggest either an exemption or a "blanket" permit of some sort be considered for the State Physical Anthropologist position.