



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Mooney

Date comment received:

August 1, 2025 08:04 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I live in Marion County outside of city limits. The noise of ATV at times can be a great nuisance. Anything that can be done to reduce the noise I fully support.

The worst noise problem I experience nearly every day, multiple times a day are motorcycles driving by on Marion Road SE. specifically Harley Davidson motorcycles with straight pipes, no muffler at all. Standing in my front yard the noise db's are well into the range that can cause hearing damage.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lorelei Vaughn

Date comment received:

August 1, 2025 12:36 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Are these rules or laws? People barely pay attention to laws, so mere rules are totally useless.

I don't care who is in charge of rules OR laws, if whomever it is enforces them. From what I've seen of state parks, they don't even enforce dog rules in campgrounds or parks, so I don't see much hope for ATV rules.

I haven't seen the reason to change agencies. And I'm sure you do not need my phone number because I rarely answer it anyway.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dave Farmer

Date comment received:

August 2, 2025 11:04 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please use the most capable and available agency to enforce the rules. Our wildlife and environment in general need all the help it can to survive. The wildlife needs a break from powered vehicles disrupting their life. People can walk, ride a horse or ride an unassisted bike to enjoy nature.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Shirleen Malcolm

Date comment received:

August 3, 2025 08:16 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am a family of 4 generations of ATV riders we do this as a family hobby and also use an ATV on our property for and up keep and farming . You keep adding so many restrictions on ATV it's making it harder and harder to enjoy them on our public lands . We helped build and clear a recreational ATV public trails called Huckleberry Flats 30 plus years ago it's less than 4 miles from my home. The noise and exhaust is non existent . The only air pollution is when the state or federal government let the Forrest completely burn around it during the cedar Creek fire and last years Christy flat fire . Riders were supposed to access the ATV recreation site via Forrest road 19 now forest service is now routing them through residential l roads . How about making mountain bikes who are on every trail pay permit to operate on the trails. They put more pollution and wear and tear on forest roads and hwys with their vehicles getting to their sites and l'm the trail. They have 5 times more access to trails.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ronald Winner

Date comment received:

August 4, 2025 10:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I look forward to changing some of the rules and regulations that are now adopted. I think there should be regulations on the volume of ATV's. I agree with safety equipment on certain kinds of ATV. I would love to see laws changes where ATV's can be driven on pavement roads that "are not" major roadways. I'm 72 years old and enjoy riding my side by side in the mountains and driving at a safe speed. I'd love to drive down a paved road to get to another dirt road without getting a ticket.

I'm not sure what your asking for but at lease your asking questions and talking which is a start.

Ronald W. Winner
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Donald Mowers

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August 5, 2025 05:42 PM

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I would like to see noise limits placed on off road vehicles. But all the rules in the world won't work if the enforcement is not paid for also....



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Commenter name (if provided):

M J Basti

Date comment received:

August 6, 2025 09:09 AM

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I worked for 10 years in a acute care hospital emergency room located 2 miles from the dunes and worked every major holiday. As an RN I witnessed a variety of traumatic injuries from ATV/sand rail accidents - most preventable. I highly recommend establishing random brake checks, requiring a minimum size fire extinguished and only the standard red or orange flags 8-9 ft - no American flags.

Fire extinguishers - minimum 2.5 lbs ABC, marine type - mounted correctly

Helmets for all drivers and passengers

Seat belts for all except motorcycles

Standard size and color of flags (orange or red) - full size American flags can smother a persons face if the ATV rolls. If ATV rolls and is buried in sand like an avalanche an American flag may not trigger location of occupants. Fiberglass not wood or metal flag shafts

Exhaust systems should have spark arrester feature - no modifications that increase fire risk

Enforce noise pollution - set decibel limit regardless of settling - conduct random checks and issue warning - 3 warnings then cite

Establish volunteer enforcers of rules like Trail keepers

Establish minimum age/weight for drivers - 2 years olds do not belong on full size ATV's - I have seen that

I have witnessed first hand the number of serious injuries overwhelming hospital resources on holiday weekends at the dunes.

Rules are meaningless unless enforced. A few ATV drivers under the influence or reckless types can easily injure or kill otherwise law and safety abiding ATV users.

thanks for considering my input



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rich Jansen

Date comment received:

August 7, 2025 01:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Our house in the Sandlake area is over 2 miles away from the ATV park across the estuary. We support the recreational use of the park and believe that the majority of the users follow the noise and curfew regulations. HOWEVER, there are definitely a few who violate both; almost every day. Just the other night, a Wednesday, a very loud user was active until 1:30am. Sleep was impossible.

We strongly support the reduced decibel levels, improved education of the same, AND increased enforcement.

Rich and Kathy Jansen
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Commenter name (if provided):

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Date comment received:

August 8, 2025 07:34 AM

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

tate Parks should never be in charge of any rules, nor anything at all.

They are notorious for openly and with hostility, refusing flat-out to ever enforce any rules or even laws on State Park lands.

Name

the crime-- even poaching is freely done in direct witness of Parks employees (even "Rangers") and they simply look away. Report crime and instantly suffer hostility and then retaliation.

When a friendly

and legitimate noise complaint results in two "Rangers" coming to my campsite to threaten me with evictions and bans, or employees themselves are breaking the law, or when "Rangers" angrily refuse to enforce leash laws, or when other campers become dangerous or threatening and the Host says "if you don't like it camp elsewhere"-- well then we have a huge problem with Parks itself.

They overspend then complain of

budget shortfalls forcing annual fee increases. They fail to maintain most of the lands, leaving hazards and dangers everywhere, then open more lands to abuse and destruction by allowing e-bikes? Motorized vehicles on footpaths, equipped with fire-prone batteries, what could go wrong? Other than wildfires, injuries, and maybe even a death.

This

agency has paved over hundreds of acres of Oregon history, declaring

parking spaces or bathrooms a higher priority. They only increasingly erase Oregon history, such as Cottowood Canyon, which was mangled from its rusty, crusty original state as the Murtha ranch, so it now resembles a Hollywood set combined with a lowbrow arts & craft project from the 1970's. Even the logo is awful. And NO locals are in support of its ongoing existence. It's too dangerous in that remote canyon-- even a death happened earlier this year due to Parks. They tell city people to go wander this super dangerous backcountry, which requires specialized skills, knowledge, and abilities to survive. With no cell service and the nearest hospital more than 45 miles away.

No, Parks has no good intentions. They do not care about safety, they do not care about the environment, they do not enforce any rules, and their primary goal is the increasing of their income so as to enrich their employees and the third-party companies that now run the Parks.

That's right-- Parks actually outsources its duties and responsibilities to private companies. Thus, they are corrupt. There are too many millions of dollars freely sloshing around which no one is monitoring. It's no surprise that Parks employees seem to be living quite large despite being so "underfunded."

The responsibility for OHV, or anything at all, should NEVER fall on Parks. They are unprofessional, retaliatory, corrupt, and criminal. The agency should be disbanded and shut down and all its lands turned into County and City parks and campgrounds. The state has proven it is incapable of properly managing these lands and facilities, and has no intention of improving, as that would cost money and require real work.

NO Parks involved in OHV-- ever.

Josh Jackson
Oregon writer and YouTube outdoors creator