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Bruc Wallace

Commenter email (if provided):

bmwallace3873@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Wilsonville , OR

Public comment:

A robust exclusion policy and active enforcement is necessary.

I am a Park Host and see blatant violations, dogs off leashes and poop cleanup, using firepits for all of their garbage. If repeated after a Ranger warning action needs to be taken.

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October 9, 2023 07:26 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Flaxen Conway

Commenter email (if provided):

flaxen.conway@oregonstate.edu

Location (if provided): Philomath, OR

Public comment:

I think that as long as the rules are clearly stated, then it is a great idea to enforce them. I've been in state parks where someone is blatantly disobeying the rules. It's not a fun situation. When I've tried to suggest that they start following the rules, they have become aggressive. So I think that these folks should not be allowed the right of park usage anymore. Rights come with responsibilities. People have seemed to forget that anymore.



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Kay Killian

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

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Commenter email (if provided):

kaykillian@charter.net



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Commenter name (if provided):

JJ Jackson

Commenter email (if provided):

jmjackson78@protonmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Rangers

openly and flatly refuse to enforce any rules or laws in Parks. From witnessing persons shooting directly toward inhabited areas and simply walking away to adamantly refusing to take action over off leash dog attacks, and of course ignoring disruptive noise or stopping all-day, all-night toxic exhaust emissions from nonstop running vehicles and generators-- Parks are a dangerous, noisy, scary, risky, and ultimately wildly expensive place to visit.

This is a criminal organization that freely allows harm to come to campers and even day users, and freely and openly ignores or allows law violations every single day. Seeing a Ranger approach a person in a campground with two agitated off leash dogs and do nothing more than socialize-- that is clear Aiding and Abetting, and it was caught on camera. Many of us are filming staff behavior due to its illegality as well as its creating a disruptive, hostile, dangerous environment where once the sun goes down, Hosts put in earplugs and Rangers go home. And the Bad Guys know it.

You simply must audit weekly or daily every single campground, every Park, and take immediate action based on what is witnessed. Do this and you will be shocked at the litany of crimes and rule violations and problems that are directly created by staff-- Hosts and Rangers.

I have been threatened by Rangers in retaliation for having legitimately

complained about rule violations, which was illegal and made me a crime victim of Parks. My disability rights are ignored and Parks refuses to accommodate any disability that doesn't involve a wheelchair. That is another crime Parks made me a victim of. Poor maintenance caused me to suffer an injurious fall; Parks refused to acknowledge my injuries and denied their unsafe trails were their responsibility, even though it was Parks' choice to permit nonrecreational commercial activity on Park trails which caused the unsafe trail conditions.

When disabled people mean nothing, when dog attacks and leash laws are ignored, when the very air is bad to breathe due to vehicle exhaust, when all-night parties are permitted, when the person reporting a crime is threatened with eviction and ban, when even shooting toward human beings is directly witnessed and ignored---

Well, the biggest issue facing Parks is absolutely NOT the visitors who you love banning for no legitimate reason, but its very staff, then this issue you're dicussing now is a total non-issue. Massive reform must be instituted, and oversight of staff, currently nonexistent, must begin and be intensive.

Parks can be criminally charged as well as sued, and the massive liability its criminal, gone-rogue staff create is in fact going to come back on Parks, big time. They've already done the crime, to many innocent people, now they must do the time.

Dead serious,

JJ

Oregon



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary Russell

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

It is reasonable for public and staff safety to ban Individuals who endangered staff and visitors. It is time to put all our safety first.

I support this.

Mary
Russell

Date comment received:

October 9, 2023 10:11 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

marycrussell@aol.com



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October 9, 2023 10:12 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

S Chez

Commenter email (if provided):

shadelady909@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

The idea of the rule is a good one and makes sense- but it would be too easy for law enforcement to abuse it. I do not support this rule change. Why not trespass, with cause, the individuals?

Cheers,

SC



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary Henderson

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Yes,
please restrict people who are problem and make it difficult for others to
enjoy our parks.

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

landrights1@gmail.com



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October 9, 2023 10:14 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Denise Swort

Commenter email (if provided):

dswort@icloud.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Thank you for this chance to comment on proposed rules governing safety at Oregon State Parks.

I am a retired Oregonian who has adopted a lifestyle centered around enjoying our world class Oregon State Parks on a very regular basis over the past five (plus) years....I urge your rule-making process to consider personal safety (for patrons, staff, volunteers, etc) as a primary mandate in the operation of the Oregon State Park system.

Personal safety must include the threat posed by aggressive dogs.

The leash law in the campground must be strictly enforced (they are not) and the rules need to allow violators to be evicted and placed on a do-not-return list.

Thanks for listening.

Denise Swort



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Commenter name (if provided):

candace chapman

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I would support excluding people from using the State Parks if they are endangering others by not following posted or verbal instructions about open fires, quiet hours, aggressive behavior towards campers in their own camp site, another camp site or rangers, open use of illegal drugs, use of fire arms or weapons. Candace Chapman

Date comment received:

October 9, 2023 10:15 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

cchaps5@comcast.net



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Date comment received:

October 9, 2023 08:53 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Ann Croze

Commenter email (if provided):

aecroze@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Battle Ground, WA

Public comment:

In the past 10 years, the group I camp With have had issues with other campers every time. Most of the issues are due to people not understanding camping rules and etiquette . From drunkenness, pot smoking, loud music, fights and arguments and people coming into the park at night and stealing things... it has caused us to find a private camp ground to rent. This saddens me as we should have the freedom to access our public parks. Most of these issues happen at night and the quiet time that is established. I applaud you for trying to address these issues but with most campgrounds just having volunteer camp hosts, I'm not sure that should be their role. Getting local police or mental health specialists at that time would also be hard. Possibly during check-in, have a form they have to read and sign with the understanding they will be asked to leave and barred from future camping if the rules are broken. The other issue for me is the motorized scooters and bikes on walking trails. Maybe create two different areas for manual vs motorized recreation. Good luck with this hard process.



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Date comment received:

October 10, 2023 03:24 AM

Location (if provided): Tigard, OR

Public comment:

I had a very unpleasant experience at Tryon Creek State Park. A man was walking a dog, and he was talking, really yelling, very loudly. I kept trying to walk to other areas to get away from him, but he was walking very quickly and seemed hyper, so he always seemed to be there. At first I thought he was on the phone using earbuds, but then I began to suspect he was talking to himself. Suddenly he was in front of me. I should have turned around right then and left, but I tried to get past him. I remarked that he was talking really loudly, which was a mistake. He went nuts, calling me a racist. I decided to give up on my hike and leave. I started to walk to my car and discovered he was following me. He did have a phone and threatened me, saying he was going to post a video, or something. I escaped but was quite shaken. I hadn't been to that park in awhile and was so disappointed to see how it had deteriorated. When I arrived, before I even got out of my car, I heard a woman telling someone that her car window had been smashed. My instinct told me keep driving, but I didn't. I would never go back there.



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Commenter name (if provided):

DARYL GRENZ

Location (if provided): PORTLAND, OR

Public comment:

I strongly support the update to the OPRD Exclusion rule. Park visitors need to held accountable for bad behavior.

Daryl Grenz

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

drgrenz@gmail.com



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Date comment received:

October 10, 2023 08:06 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Syreece McLean

Commenter email (if provided):

syreecemclean@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland , OR

Public comment:

Great idea. I want to make sure our parks are clean and totally safe for families. That means removal and monitoring. No homeless camping, drugs, criminal activity and toxic human waste



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Commenter name (if provided):

Judi Irving

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Of course people should be excluded if they violate park rules. I think however, that the process is too complicated and could be boiled down to a simpler grid without so much subjective interpretation.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brad Tenner

Commenter email (if provided):

glass_blower1@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Eugene , OR

Public comment:

That's gross that kind of exclusion right for someone to come up with when they're not even properly trained it's terrible for Oregon citizens I don't pay for Parks just to become treated like I was one time yeah I drive a van I was there at noon at a beach park and the lady came up accused me of trying to Camp there for the night when it was noon taking pictures of my van being all weird representing Oregon parks I filed a complaint but you don't know really what you're doing yeah I get it if someone's outrageously out of control you call the police you don't think you have the right to handle it poorly trained



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Commenter name (if provided):

Blaine Ackley

Location (if provided): Hillsboro, OR

Public comment:

I completely support a rule change to exclude bad actors in the parks especially those who spout racist, homophobic, misogynistic nonsense.

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

blaineackley@me.com



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Date comment received:

October 10, 2023 10:30 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Judith Ponder

Commenter email (if provided):

jlponder3@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Thank you for considering creating this rule update. The majority of people, like myself, who visit Oregon state parks do so to relax and enjoy nature. I know I do not expect to put up with loud, unruly, divisive, hateful, homophobes, or bigots when I camp in Oregon state parks. Sadly, in today's society it seems some people feel they have a license to act this way in the public forum without consequence. When there is no consequence for this type of behavior, it only empowers them to get louder and more hateful. Oregon blessed with an abundance of beautiful state parks, please implement this rule change to keep our parks beautiful, safe places for all. Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Artie Perrault

Commenter email (if provided):

aperrault66@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

This is a positive update that will give the Parks Department staff clearer definitions and authority to remove individuals that are unable or unwilling to share the Parks resources with the entire community. The department should make these updates to ensure that our open spaces are protected from harmful citizens and prevent them from causing harm to our landscapes throughout the state in the future.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brian Posewitz

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Please maintain cleanliness, peace, quiet and order in our state parks, with exclusion orders when necessary for serious violation of rules and for repeated violations even if less serious. Thank you.

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

brianposewitz@comcast.net



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Date comment received:

October 10, 2023 01:55 PM

Commenter name (if provided):

Ela H

Commenter email (if provided):

ela.haessler@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I support updating the OPRD Exclusion rule to clarify excluding individuals from Oregon State Parks who commit state park rule violations that endanger the safety of visitors, staff or park resources.

In particular, in my opinion, aggression towards staff and other visitors should lead to exclusion. Violations concerning undesignated fire should also be considered inexcusable, given the enhanced threat this poses to the people and resources in and around parks.

I do not at this time have strong opinions on violations that are not aggressive or fire-related, but nevertheless support reviewing and clearly defining rules so that staff and visitors know what is permissible and so rules are applied uniformly based the on infraction and not on other possible variables.



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Date comment received:

October 11, 2023 11:02 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

richard

Commenter email (if provided):

555rahenry@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Of course behavior should be assessed by on site personnel, why is this even a question, OPRD?

Why would you think of Not enforcing it?

Thanks



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Date comment received:

October 11, 2023 11:18 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Annette Parsons

Commenter email (if provided):

a88gunther@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Grants Pass, OR

Public comment:

I support the proposed exclusion rules. We MUST give our rangers and LEOs the tools they need to keep law abiding park visitors safe. Mental illness is a tragic, yet.potentially dangerous (to others) condition, depending on the type of illness and the severity. I have experience with mental illness in my extended family and I firmly believe that someone having a psychotic break or other psychotic event can present grave danger to other people. Our enforcement officers need to have the tools and legal backing to keep the rest of us safe.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dante Luongo

Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

The department needs to further define endangerment. Will it mean threatening people or will not paying fees endanger people due to the park not being able to undergo trail keeping. I would like to see endanger defined/fleshed out.

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

danteluongo@hotmail.com



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Date comment received:

October 13, 2023 09:50 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Jim Wilson

Commenter email (if provided):

brassrng@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Terrebonne, OR

Public comment:

As a volunteer campground host and interpretive guide, I've seen and experienced incidents at Oregon State Parks that I believe fall into this Exclusion Rule category.

A camping visitor having an aggressive and uncontrolled dog was seen acting angrily and rudely to campers in the area of his campsite. The host was threatened and treated rudely, and a ranger was notified.

After a brief discussion with this camper, the ranger was threatened with bodily harm as well.

This visitor was asked to leave the park.

I would hope new rules may help to keep such incidents from occurring.

I expect there would be a new and not easy to create method in order to prevent this behavior in the future.



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Commenter name (if provided):

roger mangrum

Commenter email (if provided):

fattirepoet@icloud.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Campers without reservations, generally may included homeless and/or drug addicts should be treated humanely. Notified of services to assist with their issues. But asked to move on in a timely manner.

My wife and I spend 1-2 months on average each year camping in Oregon State parks with our Airstream trailer and enjoy how Oregon State Parks are well maintained and managed.