



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed rule change:

**Lincoln County ocean shore
vehicle restrictions**

Commenter name (if provided):

Cheryl Vandervort

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Oregon Parks and Rec Department --

As an Oregonian who visits the Lincoln City beaches regularly, year round I request that you

do not

move forward with

limiting and closing the 15th street beach vehicle access as you are currently proposing with OAR 736-024-0025. This proposed change will be detrimental to the population that may not have the ability to walk, roll, or move to the beach. The current vehicle access enables all to safely and effectively enjoy the beauty of the Lincoln City beaches.

I urge you DO NOT close

this vehicle beach access.

My family has used this vehicle access for many years and we love and appreciate it. Additionally it would pose a parking problem to all the businesses and homeowners who live near the 15th street access as people would have to park their vehicles on all the small side streets adjacent to this access point.

**DO NOT move forward with
closing this vehicle access.**

Date comment received:

June 8, 2023 12:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cheryllvandervort@gmail.com

Thank you for listening to the people of Oregon,

Cheryl Vandervort



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Commenter name (if provided):

Cheryl Gauche

Location (if provided): Lincoln City , OR

Public comment:

I don't believe that we should allow vehicles on the beach. It is a hazard, not only to the beach itself but for people on the beach!

I say NO to allowing vehicles on the beach!!

Date comment received:

June 7, 2023 11:12 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

Yukisnow57@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joyce O'Dell-Lehmer

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I noticed this morning the post which was cemented in preventing vehicles from driving onto the beach at nw 34th st Lincoln City was removed. I thought it was a permanent structure since so many cars have gotten stuck in the sand and removal was necessary by a tow truck.

Date comment received:

June 7, 2023 09:29 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

joyceolehmer@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Andrea Olivier-Price

Location (if provided): Otis, OR

Public comment:

I have lived in Lincoln City my whole life, and one of my fondest memories is going down to the beach on 15th st.

This year my Husband Danny and I will be married for 40 years. We went down 15th st a lot when we were dating.

Going to Artic Circle and eating it on the Beach.

I now go down at least 2-3 times a week either on my lunch break. I eat my lunch and then throw the ball for my dog , then head back to work.

Sure I have seen some people who don't know how to drive in the sand.

I agree if the city made it for 4 wheel drive only – that should help quite a bit.

Thank you

Andrea price

Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 03:20 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

aprice@evergreenhomeloans.com



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Proposed rule change:

General comment or questions

Commenter name (if provided):

P A

Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 10:23 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hippihppyone@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City , OR

Public comment:

I am pleased that they are hoping to close access to vehicles on the beach. There should never have been beach access for vehicles. With vehicles getting stuck in the sand even at times pulled into the ocean putting the safety of people at risk. But even more so is cars on the beach are not good for the environment. Especially from cars that are not well maintained. The beach should be open to people not vehicles.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Collin Miller

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 09:33 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

collin.miller@gmail.com

Public comment:

While I am in favor of closing NW 34th street, I would like to keep the NW 15th street access open year-round. This provides accessible beach access (beach wheelchairs and other access is limited) and a great visitor experience. Having a parks person there on busy weekends could help with the crowds, as would having a capacity limit and closing when full.



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Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 08:37 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

4scotton@gmail.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

**Ban all but beach
emergency vehicle beach access year round at NW 34th
Beach Access!!!**

**Leave the small parking lot available for
vehicles to park and walk onto the beach at NW 34th Beach
Access.**

Reasons

are vehicles can present pedestrian safety hazards at this narrow beach access's opening, vehicles are often stuck and require tows which dominate the space, and many of the vehicles that have accessed the beach using NW 34th St. in past years drive round and round creating sand patterns, go

slow then
fast (playing with their car's performance), and leave party
garbage.

There are plenty of vehicle
accessible beaches nearby in Tillamook county for alternatives to
NW 34th St.
as well as NW 15th St. in Lincoln City when the city allows
vehicles at
that location.

Lincoln City addresses ADA
mobility by having beach wheelchairs at Taft's SW 51st beach and
mobi mats at
several other beaches. Vehicle beach access at NW 34th St. isn't
necessary to be ADA compliant.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Fast

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Dear Katie Gauthier and OPRD,

I'll never forget the panic in the young man's voice, as I came down onto the otherwise deserted beach and saw him trying to dig his stuck minivan wheels out from the sand with his hands one morning this February, at 8:30 AM with the tide coming in. His partner sat helpless in the passenger seat.

"Do you know how to get my car out?" he asked, jogging over to me. Alas, I had no idea. "Did you call the city?" I asked him. He had. Two hours later, they were all still working on it, blocking the ramp for people walking down to the beach and emergency vehicles alike. This was neither NW 15th nor NW 34th, but an emergency ramp where private car access is restricted, as far as I know. This is something the city no doubt gets calls for regularly, because people hear, "you can drive your car on the beach in Lincoln City!" But there are

no obvious city or other signs (or more to the point, bollards) indicating where driving your car onto the sand is banned, allowed, or what. It should be limited, and rules should be updated to explain about erosion and rising seas (thus there's less total beach area for driving out to do your donuts and tailgate parties etc). Driving onto the beach should be advertised as the potentially expensive risk that it is, with the potential of ruining your fun day trip to the beach because you spent it towing your car.

Regarding the proposed restrictions, I support the city in restricting vehicle access for safety and protection of the beach environment, but I oppose expanding the area vehicles can spread onto the beach at 15th. There are other ways to provide beach and shore accessibility than depending on cars for access. Cars on the sand are generally pollutive to the ocean and can be an unexpected danger to people strolling down the shore, even in cold weather months (many people come to Lincoln City for winter holidays).

People will no doubt worry very much about parking. There are other solutions to that as well. The city recently missed an opportunity to have a fleet of scooters to rent, for example. With rental scooters or e-bike fleets, some people could opt to park their cars on the east side of US101, or leave their car in their accomodation's parking spot, and ride a scooter down to the beach. Apparently the highway speed is set too fast for scooters, at 35mph; a law says for streets to be scooter-legal, they must be at 30mph. Therefore the city, and OPRD, should work with ODOT to lower the Hwy 101 speed limit through the city to 30mph, to allow for safe and legal scooter access. This town is on a statewide bicycle route. To become more bike-friendly and reduce car-parking congestion, much more bike parking (staple racks) should be installed around town, including at hiking trailheads, at the Cultural Center, Salishan Art Fair location, and grocery stores. These excellent solutions are in lieu of city and state residents spending millions on buying scarce land to pave a few more car parking spots. What's great is, lowering the speed on the highway to scooter-legal speed makes it safer and more orderly for everyone walking, biking or driving.

2Thanks!

Ms Fast, Lincoln City



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Commenter name (if provided):

Marty Michelson

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

My elderly parents would not be able to walk down to the beach.

Please let all Oregonians continue to have their access to vehicle use all summer at 15th street in Lincoln City.

I'm Marty Michelson, an Oregon resident who lives in Lincoln City.

Marty Alan Michelson, Ph.D.

Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 07:38 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

martymichelson@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Christine Kurz

Location (if provided): Gleneden Beach, OR

Public comment:

I am for banning vehicles on beaches year round. Vehicles are mobile pollution factories that leave contaminants behind wherever they go. Whether it's exhaust, tire rubber, brake dust, transmission fluid, or motor oil, these contaminants have no place on our beaches. Beaches are not just a human sightseeing attraction, they're a year round eco-system and need to be protected.

Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 07:26 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

cali.kurz@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jerry Sneed

Location (if provided): Lincoln city, OR

Public comment:

They should keep it open to drive on.

Date comment received:

June 5, 2023 07:25 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jerryasneedjr@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Connie Soper

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I support this proposed rule to restrict vehicles on the beach. Thank you.
Connie Soper

Date comment received:

June 4, 2023 04:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

clsoper@msn.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

John Wilkinson

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Date comment received:

June 4, 2023 12:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jhnwlk@gmail.com

Public comment:

Anyone who's walked through these *ad hoc* parking lots (whether full or empty) know that the people taking advantage of this privilege have little respect for the beach. They drive into areas outside the boundaries, often getting stuck in the deeper sand and leaving trash, dog droppings, dirty diapers and even an occasional used condom. Why do we "need" to put cars where there is absolutely no reason or rationale for them being there?



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lynne Grimes

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I am a resident of Lincoln City. I am urging the restriction of vehicles on the beach permanently. Motor vehicles on the beach have proved to be a safety hazard. It damages the coastline, is a major contributing factor to garbage, animal feces, and various other trash sources. Worst possible outcome would be expanding the area designated for vehicles, as the boundaries are regularly ignored and enlarging the area would result in a sprawling parking lot. Please preserve the coastline.
Thank you
Lynne Grimes
2645 NW Neptune Ave
Lincoln City Oregon

Date comment received:

June 4, 2023 11:59 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

lnnlsgrms@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Karen McAfee

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I support the proposed change to close vehicle access to the beach from NW 15th Street May 1 to Sept 30. My hope was for a permanent closure but those months are the most challenging for individuals and families walking the beach.

I do not support expanding the area of shore to vehicles from 150 feet to 300 feet on each side of NW 15th when access is open. For one it is not necessary from Oct to April as visitor traffic is much lower. Secondly, vehicles on the beach damage the natural area.

I live on NW 7th Ct in Lincoln City and have observed the chaos on summer weekends at the NW 15th access. It is scary how many visitors do not use common sense when bringing their vehicle down to the sand. We avoid the area as much as possible to keep ourselves and our family safe.

Date comment received:

June 4, 2023 08:54 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

klmcafee@comcast.net



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Commenter name (if provided):

David Drummond

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

I think the best thing would to limit beaches to only 4 wheel drive vehicles, way to many 2 wheel get stuck, please limit it to 4 wheel drive only, if anyone gets caught on beach with 2 wheel drive, 250\$ ticket

Date comment received:

June 2, 2023 03:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

nascargotitbad@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

phil mcclellin

Location (if provided): lincoln city, OR

Public comment:

Close the beaches to vehicle traffic. Motorized "ebikes" and similar are ok as are aid/assistive type vehicles. Because, even in the areas where driving on the beach is allowed, multiple people blatantly ignore the vehicle off-limit signs and enter the off-limits areas and a few of these drivers not only drive on these off-limits areas, but drive recklessly.

source: local who has witnessed this on multiple occasions .

Date comment received:

June 2, 2023 01:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

spuckler@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joe Aquino

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Although, this is nice to have for responsible people. Unfortunately, I will have to agree to close them. I witnessed too many irresponsible people driving all the way to the water line and getting stuck. It causes hazardous conditions and could potentially cause serious injury or drowning.

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

gi.joex46@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Eileen Mergentime

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Hi,
Please do NOT allow vehicles on the beach in Lincoln City.
It is very bad for the environment and wildlife.
Also, very dangerous for people.
Thanks

Date comment received:

June 2, 2023 11:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

emergentime@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Terry Hager

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I support a ban of vehicles on the beach for safety and health reasons, not just for people but for the beach itself. Lets take care of it.

Date comment received:

June 2, 2023 08:48 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hagertt@charter.net



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Date comment received:

June 2, 2023 07:25 AM

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I strongly advocate the year long closure of both beach access ramps on 15th and 34th street. Our ocean and beaches need to be preserved and by closing access to the beaches at these two sites will help eliminate excess trash left behind as well as any motor oil that may be leaking from vehicles to enter ocean waters. The amount of sand that invariably gets distributed on streets will also be eliminated. We live approximately 6 blocks away from the 15th street ramp and we find sand on our streets and in our driveway year round.

Thank you for your consideration pertaining to this matter.



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Date comment received:

June 2, 2023 06:46 AM

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I support closing all beach access to all vehicles except emergency vehicles. The damage to the environment from allowing them is too severe! To many cars get stuck, trash left behind litters the beauty of the beach. Plus, it is better exercise for to walk down to the sand and water. Our planet is so precious, and we as humans need to protect its gifts.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lauren Buccola

Location (if provided): Lincoln City , OR

Public comment:

As an advocate for the environment, please restrict vehicles on all Lincoln City beaches. The effects of car emissions add to the pollution of the ocean. Additionally, vehicles get stuck on the beaches requiring emergency services to be pulled from potential life and death situations.

Personally, vehicles on the beaches diminish my enjoyment of natural open spaces. There is a place for everything, and for vehicles, it is not on Lincoln City beaches.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date comment received:

June 1, 2023 11:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

Lbuccola@hotmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Matthew Starr

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I am in support of removing vehicle access to the beaches in Lincoln city, and wish they would year round, not just the summer months.

Date comment received:

June 1, 2023 04:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mstarr18@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joyce Lehmer

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Thank you for the restriction. We have lived here in L.C. over years and are both walkers. Time after time we have seen vehicles on the beach at N.W. 34th st stranded and needing to be pulled out by a tow truck. So glad they put the big yellow pole in cement stopping them and the rocks that were hauled in to also discourage cars.

Date comment received:

June 1, 2023 03:29 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

joyceolehmer@gmail.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary Russell

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I support this closure, it will be safer for everyone.

Date comment received:

June 1, 2023 03:16 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

marycrussell@aol.com



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Commenter name (if provided):

Karen Klokkevold

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I would love to see vehicles banned on ALL Oregon State beaches (not just in Lincoln City) for the following reasons:

1. Human Safety (see this recent event in Florida as a good example of dangers posed to pedestrians/beachgoers:

<https://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/why-am-i-going-to-jail-alleged-drunk-driver-questioned-by-deputies-after-speeding-through-florida-beach/3043404/>)

At Cape Blanco State Park, folks don't honor the posted speed limit and it can be scary being a pedestrian on those beaches (especially when it's foggy--which is often in Port Orford).

2. Environmental concerns: the ecosystem on the beaches is sensitive and many fluids leak out of vehicles, damaging this fragile ecosystem (endangering fish/wildlife). People are required to pick up after their dogs, but there is no enforcement of leaky vehicles leaving behind environmental hazards.

3. Paradise Point State Recreation Site (<https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=park.profile&parkId=42>

):
talk to any local in Port Orford and they'll tell you about the vehicles regularly getting stuck on the beach. This is not only a safety hazard as the tides come in, it can be a negative environmental hazard.

I realize the Oregon Coast is designated in Oregon State Law as part of

the Oregon Highway System, but don't you think it's time to change that?
Oregon is always boasting about what an environmentally conscious it
is--prove it by banning all vehicles on all Oregon State beaches. We
aren't in the 1800s anymore when folks drove their wagons on the beaches
because Hwy 101 didn't exist.

Regards,

Karen Klokkevold