



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Amber Karr

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 11:59 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

ambergarden48@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Poulsbo, WA

Public comment:

Please end all vehicular traffic year round in the Manzanita beach area. This will improve wildlife and public safety



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Commenter name (if provided):

Katie Anonymous

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 12:35 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

anonymouscommenter@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

It's well past time to stop allowing vehicles on the beach, for a wide variety of reasons including safety, ecological impact, noise, pollution, and just general obnoxiousness. Not sure why it's taken so long, but vehicles can go a zillion other places, let's keep our beaches clean and safe.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jenifer Clark

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 01:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jaclark01@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , WA

Public comment:

Totally support closing the beaches to vehicles. It's just not a thing to continue for the community, growing recreation, and changes in environmental perspective. I'll agree as a 4x4 driver who has driven on beaches it is a thrill and unique experience. But that really is the only plus and that's kinda selfish. Driving on beaches gets no one anywhere either. Just out and back thrill or oversized picnic table. Go Manzanita!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brian Bickler

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 02:20 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

brian.bickler@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Please continue to allow access for the Dory fishing fleet. This is a long tradition on the Oregon coast, and this closure would be detrimental for the folks who use it. The Dory fleet has a exceptional record when it comes to keeping the beach clean, and being respectful of other users.

Thank you,

Brian Bickler



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lewis Doyle

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 02:24 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

Lewis.doyle@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Warrenton, OR

Public comment:

I am both a recreational and commercial dory fisherman. Beach access year round is critical to reach reefs off manzanita in order to provide food for both my table and yours. I have never had a negative reaction from anyone while launching or recovering on the beach at manzanita. In fact, it's always been the exact opposite.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Kent

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 02:38 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

nofindtime@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

To whom it may concern,

The Oregon Coast dory fleet has a long standing relationship with Oregon State Parks and the ability to launch and land anywhere that a vehicle is navigable on the beach, closes to public vehicles or not. I support keeping dory activities open on all beaches, it's an Oregon tradition and should always be allowed. Thanks, Mike Kent



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jake Patton

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 04:03 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

rudypatton.j@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please allow beach access as this allows for great disability access. I am a disabled veteran and enjoy this beach frequently.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donna Slinger

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 06:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

donna.slinger@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Newport, OR

Public comment:

I commend the Manzanita City Council's stance on this matter. For about five years, I've noted the increased vehicular traffic on Oregon's beaches. I don't feel safe walking my dog on the beach in those places that allow vehicles. People drive at highway speed on beaches and I have personally witnessed people in vehicles harassing wildlife, driving erratically, driving over dunes, and other destructive and dangerous behavior. I hope other cities in Oregon follow suit and get vehicles off our beaches!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Susan Cook

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 07:02 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

susanlaughlin@comcast.net

Location (if provided): Cloverdale, OR

Public comment:

Dorys launching off our Oregon beaches is part of our history. Our dory boats bring in fresh fish for our local markets, supply jobs as well as helping to promote tourism by taking out visitors wanting to fish. If you want to restrict driving on our beaches, restrict the people who just want to drive on the beach for the fun of it or to take their chairs and coolers onto the beach.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Beth Nesser

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 08:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bethnsr@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I'm writing to ask that you do NOT allow vehicles on the beach year round. I've witnessed cars and trucks speeding & spinning on the beach. I'm no expert but this is not good for the environment, wildlife especially. I hope that Oregon will continue to add beach wheelchairs for disabled people. It would also be great to have handicapped parking along ocean view spots. I'm sure the disabled community has ideas to consider.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lily von mosch

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 08:19 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

vonschnoodle@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Pacific City, OR

Public comment:

There's a way to support all users of the beach effectively. Look at the example in Pacific City. Loss of launching dories and other similar craft is a huge loss to the community and healthy traditions that support healthy fisheries, tourism, and commerce. Remove general driving access for looky loos and troublemakers, keep access for launching boats.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Natalie Duffy

Date comment received:

February 28, 2025 09:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

ndoyle16@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Please keep our ability to access the beach by vehicle open. I know many people who fish and it would be devastating to them. To us all. I grew up in Gearhart, have family all over Clatsop County, many friends, and visit often.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Godino

Date comment received:

March 1, 2025 05:08 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

sgodino41@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Canby, OR

Public comment:

Launching from and returning to the ocean beach is not only an Oregon tradition, but it is considered to be a safer way to access the ocean for fishing. No life has ever been lost while a dory boat is transiting the surf zone. The same cannot be said for boats transiting river bars.

As dory operators, we are stewards of our beaches and the flora and fauna found on them. While many recreational beach users do indeed damage the shoreline, it is not fair to restrict access to those that do not, and to those that use the beach as an access point for sustenance and commercial income.

Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Josh Lehner

Date comment received:

March 1, 2025 08:05 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

uscglehner@gmail.com

Location (if provided): SUMMERVILLE, OR

Public comment:

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Commenter name (if provided):

Joanne Daschel

Date comment received:

March 1, 2025 10:53 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

coastalcoho@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I am an Oregon coast full-time resident, in Lincoln City. We have some areas that allow for vehicle access for at least part of the year, within our city limits.

As a frequent beach walker, I can attest that allowing vehicle access onto the beach is damaging to the local intertidal areas, and with limited law enforcement resources, a common occurrence is to see people abusing the area that is legally allowed. They will drive into the surf, getting stuck and leaving behind all kind of contaminants as the tide rushes in. They will drive well past the marked areas, and have little concern for the damage to plants, animals and other beachgoers.

I support limited access for the purpose of launching boats or other watercraft (like jetskis) that cannot travel from the parking areas to the water otherwise. Any other motorized vehicular access should only consist of water rescue and parks maintenance. The damage to our fragile nearshore and dune ecosystems can't be repaired once it's done, and the tradeoff for recreational vehicular access is not worth the cost.

Thanks for your consideration of my input to this important issue.



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Commenter name (if provided):

M J Basti

Date comment received:

March 1, 2025 02:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

unicycledog2@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Tillamook County, OR

Public comment:

I oppose all motor vehicle use on the beaches including Manzanita Beach. I have experience working the emergency department at a local beach community hospital and know first hand how many motor vehicle drivers are under the influence and hit a child, or person walking or building sand castles. The noise of vehicles and car stereos also interfere with the quiet enjoyment of walking on the beach. I don't walk on highways or freeways because its not relaxing dodging motor vehicles including e bikes listed as motor vehicles.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Carol Leitschuh

Date comment received:

March 1, 2025 05:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

leitschuhca@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I am against motorized vehicles on this area of the beach near Manzanita on the Oregon coast.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jeremy Lehner

Date comment received:

March 2, 2025 08:16 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jeramypdx@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Rainier, OR

Public comment:

The west coast is known for its sportsman activities. The Oregon sport and commercial fishing industry contributes a huge economic benefit to the state as well as small coastal communities. By restricting access to launching vessels on public lands will only limit access to fisheries. Public lands belong to the public, not the few with a view of these wonderfully diverse areas.

Is there documentation of damage or burden to the local community by allowing access for beach launches and landings? I have not heard of any.

Pacific City dorymans association plays a huge roll community involvement and beach clean up. These people should be welcomed, not pushed away.

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Lehner

Second generation dory fisherman on the Oregon coast. 45 year Oregon resident, born, raised.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Susan Bilo

Date comment received:

March 2, 2025 10:20 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

skbilo@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Bozeman, MT

Public comment:

I and my husband have been visiting Oregon's state parks for many years now with Manzanita and Nehalem Bay State Park our favorite. We camp at the park and are on the beach two to three times every day. I mostly get to the beach from the park, but often walk back to the park from the Manzanita main beach entry. I have noticed an increase of use over the years and think that beach driving should be banned as proposed.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Irene Henjum

Date comment received:

March 2, 2025 04:16 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

irene.henj@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Springfield, OR

Public comment:

I support restricting vehicles in Oregon public beaches. There is nothing worse than going to the beach and dealing with cars on the beach. It is flat out dangerous and an environmental hazzard.

Irene Henjum
Springfield, OR
541-799-6810



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Commenter name (if provided):

paula sansum

Date comment received:

March 2, 2025 04:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

psansum@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I have lived near and used the beaches along Manzanita for over 30 years. The population of daily beach users has grown significantly, including year round visitors, a great number of local elders, children, horses, and canine family members. The visitor center in Manzanita provides special devices for those whose physical limitations might otherwise prohibit them access to our beaches. Bicycles and sail carts are frequently included in the mix.

This multi use population often explodes with Nehalem Bay State Park campers arriving each season.

There are numerous daily/weekly classes and events that are hosted on the beaches along Manzanita.

The beaches near Manzanita are narrow, making auto traffic of any kind a safety risk.

I respectfully request that motor vehicles other than State Park services, rescue vehicles and access equipment provided via the local visitor center be restricted from travel use on the beaches along/near Manzanita.

Thank you for your consideration.

paula sansum

resident near Manzanita beach



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jessica Schaffer

Date comment received:

March 3, 2025 11:02 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jessicaschafferreset@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Manzanita, OR

Public comment:

I firmly believe that motor vehicles should not be allowed on Manzanita beach at any time. There is a noticeable increase in the number of people using the beach for recreational purposes. Many of them have dog companions with them, young children, or horses. I walk the beach every day and have witnessed close calls with vehicles and people/dogs many times over the past 8 years. It truly feels like an accident just waiting to happen.

There are plenty of other beaches on the Oregon Coast where cars can find easy access with greater space to navigate safely. However, because of the high level of public usage here, and the resulting congestion on the beach year round, I do not believe Manzanita should be one of those areas.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Connie Soper

Date comment received:

March 4, 2025 07:42 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

clsoper@msn.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

This is to indicate my support for the proposed rule to fully restrict the use of vehicles on the beach at Manzanita. I agree with City Council that use of vehicles any time of year is incompatible with recreational use of the beach, is potentially dangerous, and not environmentally sound. Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to adopt this rule.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Robert Schluter

Date comment received:

March 4, 2025 01:20 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hansch707@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Nehalem, OR

Public comment:

More and more things trying to be taken away from the people only because a few home owners and dog walkers don't like it. manzanita you should be ashamed of yourselves.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Will Hook

Date comment received:

March 4, 2025 02:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

wblhook@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Aumsville, OR

Public comment:

My family has fished commercially, as charter captains, and recreationally for over 60 years. My children are the 4th generation of Dorymen in our family's lineage and it is a treasured tradition to our family.

Dory fishing on the Oregon coast is a unique pastime and offers enriching experiences for both observers and participants. To inhibit this would prevent the educational, recreational and commercial/economic value, while also erasing generational legacy that dory fishing provides to Oregon's history and culture.

Please continue to protect and promote the culture of dory fishing on the Oregon; now and forever.

Will Hook



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dennis harper

Date comment received:

March 5, 2025 02:02 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

dennisharper@protonmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

As a former owner of a home in Manzanita for 18 years and still a frequent Manzanita visitor, I have long been opposed to cars on any Oregon beach and strongly support this proposed ban of cars year-round on Manzanita's beach.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ben Whaley

Date comment received:

March 9, 2025 07:15 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

bwhaley@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

As a Manzanita resident, I support the prohibition of driving on the beach for any reason.

Motor vehicles dominate our world. Indeed, as pedestrians, we are relegated to the side of the streets for fear of our lives. There should be a few places left where we can walk without fear of vehicles, with free and clear natural surfaces, without the sound of engines nor the sight of tire tracks.

One must be willing to evolve as the world changes. While it may have made sense in the past, today there are more and bigger vehicles, more people, more tourists. We must recognize this and adapt. The summer here is so busy with so many beach goers that it is simply unreasonable to allow it. There are other beaches where people can drive with fewer pedestrians.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Erik Peterson

Date comment received:

March 9, 2025 11:50 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

pseerikp@gmail.com

Location (if provided): MANZANITA, OR

Public comment:

I am very much in support of closing this section of the beach to all but emergency vehicles.



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Commenter name (if provided):

corina Beuchet

Date comment received:

March 9, 2025 04:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cbbcalm@gmail.com

Location (if provided): manzanita, OR

Public comment:

Hello,
as a daily beach jogger for 15 years now , I have experienced reckless driving on nice days mostly ,
by visitors , sometime " high " on something.
On foggy days ,cars, trucks , do not always have lights on .I have seen close calls.
If it is just to park & get some wood that's ok .
But motorized vehicles , even bikes, are usually driving too fast.
A couple laying down , on another beach , was ran over : crushed brain and back injured ..It made
the news.
thank you
corinna Beuchet
454 Dorcas Lane
Manzanita OR 97130
503 3686144



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Commenter name (if provided):

A Owings

Date comment received:

March 9, 2025 10:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

owingsam@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

For the reasons stated in the City of Manzanita Resolution 25-01, I support the change in rules for OAR 736-025-0015(b) to prohibit motor vehicle access on the ocean shore in Manzanita and Nehalem Bay State Park without a permit.

Please continue to keep the permit application process efficient and free of charge.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Frank Squillo

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 07:01 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

franksquillo@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Manzanita, OR

Public comment:**Letter of Support for the Rule Change to Ban Vehicles on the Beach**

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission,

As a member of the Manzanita community, I strongly support the proposed rule change to prohibit vehicle use on the ocean shore in our area. This change is essential for protecting the safety, accessibility, and natural beauty of our beaches while ensuring responsible management of this cherished resource.

Safety

Allowing vehicles on the beach creates unnecessary hazards for pedestrians, children, and pets. Beachgoers should be able to walk, play, and relax without the risk of vehicle traffic. Additionally, emergency response can be complicated by vehicle use, as incidents involving vehicles in soft sand or hazardous conditions can divert resources from more critical needs.

Access Concerns

Rather than improving access, vehicle use can make the beach less welcoming to many visitors, particularly families with small children, elderly individuals, and those with mobility challenges. Eliminating vehicle access ensures that the beach remains a safe and equitable space for all to enjoy.

Scenic and Recreation Values

Manzanita's coastline is renowned for its natural beauty and peaceful environment. Vehicles on the beach disrupt the scenic quality that draws both residents and visitors to our shores. The noise, tire tracks, and pollution from vehicles diminish the recreational experience, detracting from what makes our beach so special.

Natural Resources

Our beaches are home to fragile dune ecosystems and critical wildlife habitats. Vehicle traffic accelerates erosion, disturbs nesting shorebirds, and damages sensitive marine environments. Protecting these natural resources is essential to maintaining the ecological health of our coastline.

Beach Management

From a management perspective, banning vehicles simplifies enforcement and reduces conflicts between different beach users. Without vehicle traffic, there will be fewer environmental disturbances, decreased need for restoration efforts, and a more sustainable approach to preserving our coastline for future generations.

I appreciate the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission's careful consideration of this issue and urge you to support the rule change. By prioritizing safety, accessibility, recreation, natural resources, and effective management, we can ensure that our beach remains a safe, pristine, and welcoming place for all.

Thank you for your time and dedication to protecting Oregon's coastline.

Sincerely,
Frank Squillo
Owner, Wanda's Cafe + Bakery



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Commenter name (if provided):

Alexandra Steel

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 07:51 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

alexandra.b.steel@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Manzanita, OR

Public comment:

I'm all for restricting vehicle use on Manzanita beach. We could accommodate the few "legitimate" users (launching boats, gathering firewood, etc) by allowing use with a permit.



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Commenter name (if provided):

David Gooley

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 12:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dtgooley@comcast.net

Location (if provided): Beaverton, OR

Public comment:

Vehicles don't belong on the beach. Walking on the beach, viewing the natural beauty of where the ocean meets land is a gift all Oregonians share. Motor vehicles spoil the experience. Not only that, they also intimidate wildlife, their mere presence on the sand near the water can create safety issues for drivers and passengers, and they can create obvious safety issues for people on the beach. And the almost inevitable consumption of alcohol by some can exacerbate all of these issues.

We have lost so many opportunities to experience nature in the modern world in a simple, direct way. Agencies like OPRD were created to help us still have those experiences. Don't allow motor vehicles to spoil yet one more of these opportunities.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Corinna Beuchet

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:38 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cbbcalm@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Manzanita, OR

Public comment:

On foggy days visibility is not good and there has been short calls with cars and people.

When weather is nice , some visiting drivers are " high "on something and drive recklessly ..

Children, dogs, families ...

In Bay Area, a couple laying on the beach , were run over by a ranger . Both suffer brain and back injuries.

I love the rangers...the ones who are watching and caring , and not driving too fast.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Phillip Johnson

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:39 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

orshores@teleport.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

To the Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.:

I'm writing in support of the proposed closure of the beach at

Manzanita to vehicles.

The case here is compelling. There is strong local support for the closure, and a clear safety concern regarding vehicles on a popular beach, much-frequented by families. Given that a very small percentage of coast visitors favors vehicles, while most visitors would prefer that they not encounter vehicles on the shore, beach driving could have a negative effect on the area's tourism-based economy.

Closure here would be simple common sense, even without taking the environmental impacts of vehicles on the beach into account.

It is my hope that closure here, and the recent closures at Pacific City and Tierra del Mar, are first steps in progressively restricting and eventually eliminating recreational beach driving. Safety, and the quality of the beach experience for the overwhelming majority of visitors, are factors everywhere. OPRD, in stewarding our public resources, should also consider the environment impacts of vehicles on the beach. These include leakage of oil and other fluids; volume of littering and abandonment of large objects due to the ability of vehicles to transport larger amounts of material than is possible for pedestrians; but most important, disturbance of wildlife, particularly shorebirds.

Thank you for considering closure of the beach at Manzanita, and for analyzing the impacts of beach driving and considering policies for its further restriction in the future.

I make these comments entirely on my own behalf. I don't represent

any organization.

Sincerely,



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mollie Peters

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:40 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mpeters@ptiglobal.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Yes, restrict vehicles on near-Manzanita shores. Must cars really go Everywhere? Seems like a no-brainer to me. Glad this will come up for vote.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Susan Williams

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:41 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

suendave_163@comcast.net

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I am whole heartedly in favor of eliminating all beach driving on the above beaches year round. In the past, very few people used the beaches in the winter months, but that is no longer the case. These beaches have grown in popularity in recent years and for the safety of all, cars should be banned from the beaches; they just are not compatible with walkers. In addition, or maybe I should have mentioned this first, the ecosystem is fragile and I believe the goal is to reestablish the sea life in this area that disappeared decades back. If we are to reach this goal (and there is some noticeable improvement), cars really need to be out of the picture.

I have been a part time resident of Neahkahnie since I was a child in the 1950's have have seen many changes of our beaches over the years. I see eliminating cars as a positive step toward preserving our beautiful beaches.

Thank you,



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jane Comeford

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:42 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

janecomerford2335@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I've been a homeowner in Neahkahnie (just north of Manzanita) for over 50 years. Folks used to drive vehicles on the beach to collect wood, but that was pretty rare, and there was never anyone on the winter beach. In those days there was rarely activity at NBSP and its campgrounds.

But the winter population at Manzanita and at the park has grown considerably, and what was safe then, does not feel safe any longer. I fully support the banning of vehicles on the Manzanita beach year round.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Chester Noreikis

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

joanandchester@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I support, and would like you,as a commission, to support the rule change limiting vehicle access year round near Manzanita.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Matt Kathan

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:44 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dr.matt@timberdental.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

This message is in support of traditional use boat launching on Oregon public beaches.

Dory boat launching with vehicles is part of our Oregon heritage and should not be lost.

It
is what makes our costal communities unique and passes down traditions
in and era of where we need diverse communities of multi use
recreation.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dave Price

Date comment received:

March 10, 2025 02:45 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

oregondave@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

This
is to recommend the rule change to further limit (to the maximum extent possible) vehicular access to the public beach at Manzanita.

There
was once a time for automobile use on the beach. For a time, it was the only means of traversing stretches of the Oregon Coast. That time is gone.

Today the beach provides people, as well
as wildlife, one place of serenity and one place – for some visitors, perhaps the first and only place – they can enjoy nature without the sound or interference of a motorized vehicle.

Oregon's public beaches are the state's "great birthright," and we should be fighting to protect every inch of them.

Cities
up and down the coast are proving that people of different physical abilities are able to access the beach in fun and creative ways that don't involve cars. That only bolsters the argument.

Thank you.