

# News Release

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## Seeking public comment on proposed updates to park exclusion rules, public hearing set for Oct. 30

SALEM, Ore— Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking public comment on proposed updates to the rules for excluding individuals from Oregon State Parks who commit violations, including endangering the safety of visitors and staff ([OAR 736-010-0020](#)).

The Exclusion Rule Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the mental health community, attorneys, agency safety staff and park hosts, developed a set of recommendations to update the exclusion rules during a series of [three public meetings](#).

The [proposed updates](#) will clarify the process for excluding individuals from Oregon State Parks who commit rule violations that endanger the safety of visitors, staff or park resources; provide clear information on how excluded individuals may request an appeal and how the appeals will be processed.

OPRD is accepting comments until 5 p.m. Nov. 3, 2023, and they can be made online, at a public hearing, in writing or via email:

Online: <https://www.oregon.gov/opr.d/PRP/pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx>

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Email: [OPRD.Publiccomment@opr.d.oregon.gov](mailto:OPRD.Publiccomment@opr.d.oregon.gov)

Virtual Public Hearing: 2 p.m. Oct. 30. Call to join at 503-881-4637 or register online at [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eWNdOpNMSlqyK1hWS2RExg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eWNdOpNMSlqyK1hWS2RExg)

Individuals who require special accommodations to view the meetings should contact Helena Kesch at least three days in advance of the meeting at [Helena.KESCH@opr.d.oregon.gov](mailto:Helena.KESCH@opr.d.oregon.gov) or 503-881-4637.