Rulemaking: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Public comments received
Oct. 1 through Oct. 8, 2021
All three of these proposals make sense and I would support all three of them.
I am concerned about how the first one concerning folks that have violated State Park rules would be identified? But I will leave that up to you all.
Thanks
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First name: Joyce

Last name: Caudell

Email: Joycecaudell@yahoo.com

Your public comment about this rule: During my 10 years of living full-time traveling in my RV and being an interpretive volunteer at both State and National Parks, I found those out of state park fees to be annoying. However I think it’s time we should join the ranks charging the out-of-state fee. I’ve seen the quality of my experience in our own state parks declining due to lack of funds and I support a race and fees. However I’m concerned about raising the fee for Camping in State Parks by 25% is that it might preclude families with young children from Camping. I believe we need to get our kids into the state parks and so they can realize how important it is to them personally to experience nature. These are the children who will grow up to fund our state parks in the future. As an interpreter, I used every opportunity to thank parents for bringing their children into the parks, reminding them how important it is for children to experience nature. Thank you for the opportunity to give input into this important process.

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| 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules |

First name:

| Janice |

Last name:

| Roderick |

Email:

| rroderick@msn.com |

Your public comment about this rule:

| Senate Bill 794 - Our family has been camping in Oregon Park for 30 years. We have a big family reunion comprised of Oregon, California and Washington residents. One person makes the reservations. If you raise the rates for out-of-state campers, please consider how we are to manage reservation handling in this type of situation where all the fees are paid ahead regarding of what state the residents reside. I know that there are many families in this situation because we compete with several on the weekend we have chosen. This will be a nightmare. Also, please remember that out of state residents are also spending money in your state for getting there and other items such as shopping, eating at restaurants, etc. |

Submission ID: 9d5d7db2-8eb9-4f48-956c-59fbd73545cc

Record ID: 965
I am in agreement of the proposed changes on State Park rules.
Thank you,
Carol Pettigrew
To whom it may concern,

The following are comments for the proposed changes to State Park rules.

Quotes come from the Cannon Beach Gazette article, 5 Oct 2021.

From the article: "One change prohibits individuals convicted of a bias crime on public property or state waterways from entering state park property for up to five years, as per Senate Bill 289. The proposed amendment establishes a process for issuing exclusion notices."

My comment: If someone is convicted of a crime and receives punishment then there is no reason for the State Parks Department to track them and single them out for exclusion. Determining who is worthy to enjoy public lands is not the State Parks mission. This seems like a slippery slope.

Article: "The second change implements Senate Bill 794, which increases fees for RV campsites by 25% for out-of-state residents. Under the current system, out-of-state campers just pay the RV site rate. Oregon residents with RVs pay both the RV site rate plus an RV license plate fee, some of which goes to state park operations."

My comment: Provide funding with a progressive tax system not by soaking out of state visitors! If I travel to CA or WA or any other state I hope they don't jack up the rates at campgrounds for me by 25%! They are certainly paying additional taxes in their states towards their state park system. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Article: "Additional revenue from this surcharge will go to pay for day-to-day operations and repairs to state parks. With a system nearly 100 years old, those costs go up every year."
My Comment: Government needs to tax corporations and the very wealthy. The national government should also do this and distribute some of the funds to the states. This is the way it has historically been done. Progressive taxation works. Uhm, Pandora Papers, anyone...

Article: "The third amendment under consideration adds a requirement that the Governor, as per HB2171, appoint members of the Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council. The council will advise the Office of Outdoor Recreation on outdoor policy and priorities."

My Comment: This council should be diverse socially and economically, with a strong environmental component and deep, serious attention paid to climate change. It should not be heavily skewed toward business interest.

It seems to me that right now National Parks and Forest and State Parks primarily serve the wealthiest 10% of the population. The campgrounds cater to large, recreational vehicles. I have camped several times in the walk-in section of a state campground on the coast. This kind of camping has a much lower impact on the environment and demands more of the campers but it is still prohibitively expensive for people on a tight budget and that is probably 40% or more of the population and there isn't that much of it.

How can the State Parks better serve a broader spectrum of the population? I have enjoyed camping in the Smith Rock climbers campground. With slight improvements that might be a good model for other localities.

Right now, if a family or individuals do not have a car they are out of luck. Can affordable public transportation be provided? Can Yurts be expanded to provide for lower income families? I have enjoyed staying in yurts a few times but they are pricey.
Please try to preserve and expand first come, first serve camping for people who are less well digitally connected and traveling with a more open and spontaneous agenda. I would like to see all public lands preserve and even favor first come, first serve options. These are some of the recommendations that I would make.

Thank you,

Bruce Affsprung

Salem, Oregon
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First name: Noah

Last name: Winchester

Email: noah.winchester@gmail.com

Your public comment about this rule: Senate Bill 794. I enthusiastically support Senate Bill 794's surcharge on out of state RV's. As a heavy user of our state parks campgrounds I think it is imperative that out of staters pay a fair share equal to that residents pay. In my view this is no different than out of state citizens paying higher fishing license and hunting fees.

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To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
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<td>Your public comment about this rule:</td>
<td>I fully support Senate Bill 794: Adding a 25% surcharge for RV sites occupied by out-of-state residents. I believe it could be higher and most parks would still be very busy. I would hope that the surcharge can assist with maintenance of our parks and protection of the natural resources contained therein.</td>
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First name: Beni

Last name: Diaz

Email: benicia.diaz@yahoo.com

Your public comment about this rule: People should feel safe when they are out having a picnic with their families or at a park event, that they will not be preyed upon by offenders of a bias crime. Park attendees should be focused on having fun; not fighting based upon political, gender, race or creed bias or fearful to enter the park. There should be consequences for committing these types of crimes in public places. Let's make it safer for everyone to have a good time.

Submission ID: 62a77db6-1414-4f3f-ab1d-ca7efe45944c

Record ID: 956
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My comment: NO

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My comment: NO

The third amendment under consideration adds a requirement that members of the Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council be appointed by the Governor, as per HB2171. The council will advise the Office of Outdoor Recreation on outdoor policy and priorities.

My comment: NO
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<td>Your public comment about this rule:</td>
<td>We live across the border in WA and love OSParks. The prices and &quot;fees&quot; to reserve are quite high already for camping. Please do not penalize WA residents that bring our tourist money to spend in your state! We do not penalize OR residents in our parks! NO TO INCREASED CAMP FEES!!! THANK YOU.</td>
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<td>Your public comment about this rule:</td>
<td>RE: Senate Bill 794 - I fully support this. Our neighbors to the North and South have much higher rates for their state parks, and I feel we should follow suit.</td>
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Tell us which rule you want to comment on: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

First name: Anita

Last name: Huffman

Email: Glitteredcrow@gmail.com

Your public comment about this rule:
Regarding SB 794. Language would be more palatable and clearer if it were described as for vehicles registered outside of Oregon rather than residents from outside Oregon. Proposed bill seems to require people who may own an RV purchased, registered and stored in Oregon, but who may reside in a different state to pay the higher fee, when the description for reasoning of the higher fee is that Oregon residents already pay higher fees via registration. Alternatively, it's possible that an Oregon resident may drive an RV registered out of state, to a State park on behalf of a visitor from out of state, just to pay the lower fee. I was a regulator for many years, I've seen people try anything to save a couple dollars! So my suggestion, if not too late, is to rewrite the language to reflect the surcharge for out of state registered vehicles, rather than out of state visitors.

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<td>Your public comment about this rule:</td>
<td>My comment is specifically about House Bill 2171: Changes the rule for how members are appointed to the new Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council. You have missed two key demographics in your attempt to serve our great State. VETERANS OFF HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLIST Veterans and Motorcyclists are often forgotten on committees like this. Are you suggesting that Veterans shouldn't use the outdoors for recreation and as a way to re-assimilate back into society? Are you not going to recognize what the outdoors can do for victims of PTSD? Motorcyclists help drive tourism and the economy. Do leave out this demographic is also of serious concern and should be remedied.</td>
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doesn't say anything about Disabled veterans, assuming no change with this.

In a message dated 10/1/2021 11:12:32 AM Pacific Standard Time, OPRD.Publiccomment@oregon.gov writes:

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Comments may be submitted via:

- **Public Hearing:** A virtual public meeting set for 6 pm. Oct. 27. Registration is required at [oregon.gov/oprd/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx](http://oregon.gov/oprd/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx).
- **Online:** [oregon.gov/OPRD/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx](http://oregon.gov/OPRD/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx)
- **Mail:** Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, attn.: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301
- **Email:** OPRD.publiccomment@oregon.gov

A full copy of the proposed amendments is attached or available on the [Proposed OPRD Rules web page](http://Proposed OPRD Rules web page).

After reviewing public comments, agency staff will present final amended rules for consideration by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission at its November 2021 business meeting.

Katie Gauthier | Government Relations and Policy Manager
Tell us which rule you want to comment on: | 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules  
First name: | Lori  
Last name: | Woods  
Email: | aquawoods@yahoo.com  
Your public comment about this rule: | No on bill 829 would unfairly discriminate whenever someone simply doesn't like another person. No on bill HB2174 Would be chosen by one biased person rather than voted on fairly.

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on: | 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules  
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First name: | Stefanie  
Last name: | Manack  
Email: | Stefanie.manack@gmail.com  
Your public comment about this rule: | I support all 3 House Rules suggested regarding Oregon Parks.

**Submission ID:** a8d0b999-de0e-4d6d-b7b2-65928172f357

**Record ID:** 940
Tell us which rule you want to comment on: | 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

First name: | Ben

Last name: | Fisher

Email: | ben@toadly.com

Your public comment about this rule: | I support adding a 25% surcharge for RV sites occupied by visitors that live outside Oregon. My hope and wish is that you will use the revenue generated to add camping facilities, build new campgrounds, and add adequate field staff to properly maintain these areas for current and future generations. I also support expanding this surcharge to include yurts, cabins, and any other non-traditional campsite with the exception of hiker-biker sites.

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<td>Your public comment about this rule:</td>
<td>Senate Bill 794 is a great idea. I've had to pay a surcharge in other states, Washington for example. Oregon citizens taxes help pay for the parks and out-of-staters do not, so this is a way to get them to pay their fair share. It's about time this was done. The RV fees at Oregon state parks is too low, and because of that, the sites are falling into disrepair.</td>
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First name: Lotelei

Last name: Jossart

Email: Lorelei@wildcatphotography.com

Your public comment about this rule:

I'm probably not in the right place. I'd like to see Oregon and Washington work together on charging more for campgrounds. But I suppose that won't happen. I'd also like to see people banned from campgrounds if their dog/s are seen off leash in campgrounds and on trails, leashes no more than six foot. And same with constant barkers and screaming kids, etc. And a separate area for people allergic to smoke from smouldering fires. And traipsing through others' spaces. They have no sense.
Tell us which rule you want to comment on: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

First name: Ken

Last name: Word

Email: kenword@bendbroadband.com

Your public comment about this rule: I support Senate Bill 289, Senate Bill 794 and House Bill 2171

Submission ID: 62965d34-6521-443c-9fef-7b397c1d0cae

Record ID: 931
Tell us which rule you want to comment on: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

First name: Karen

Last name: Klokkevold

Email: karen.klokkevold@gmail.com

Your public comment about this rule: I am commenting on SB 794: I fully support the 25% surcharge for out-of-state users with RVs (campers, 5th wheels, motorhomes, campervans). However, the way the bill is written, it sounds like out-of-state individuals who are tent camping will NOT be subject to the 25% surcharge if they reserve a tent site (but will be charged the surcharge if they reserve a campsite with electricity and/or water). I object to the charge for tent campers that reserve a site with electricity and/or water. The reason I object is there are campgrounds like Cape Blanco and Carl Washburne where ALL of the campsites have electricity/water and tent campers do not have the option to reserve a tent only site. So, these parks (our favorite by the way) are being discriminatory to tent campers. Will you consider waiving the 25% surcharge at all parks that do NOT have tent only sites? Thanks.
Tell us which rule you want to comment on: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

First name: Michael

Last name: Wallet

Email: mwaller468@gmail.com

Your public comment about this rule: As other states charge non residents higher feed to use their parks, I see no reason for Oregon not to do the same. Do, I support this new concept.

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