



Rulemaking: Hunting Rules Clarification

**Public comments received
Dec. 3 through Dec. 10, 2021**



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed rule change:

Hunting Rule Clarifications

Commenter name (if provided):

Garrett Fairchild

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Public comment:

I don't see the need to cross out all of the current language that outlines areas that are accessible to hunting and replace it with "a map" that seemingly can be changed on a whim by whoever the director is at the time. Given that there would no longer be written word for what is open and what is not, it leads a person to believe there is a reason for that. Maps without written descriptions are easy to edit and shrink year by year, so, I do not think that written information should be removed from the OAR. If there is inaccurate information, edit that and that alone, while still providing a map of the most up to date information each year. Add signs and whatever is needed to "warn" the general public of the other outdoor recreation taking place in those places that are outlined in the text and on the map to be open for hunting, and continue to post signs at entrances and on the website to inform people of any sudden closures. There isn't great (or any) cell service in some of the state parks that are open to hunting, so just having an online map and doing away with the postings at the entrances is not adequate or equitable notification for all those that visit those places for recreation. This rule clarification isn't very clear, on one hand it lessens the amount of reading, but on the other hand, it opens the door to take away access to public lands that have been open to activities like hunting and trapping for as long as they have been in existence. There are enough access issues, we don't need more to be ushered in under the guise of "clarification and safety". Please keep the language the way it is. Update anything out of date, create a map of the most up to date areas each year, provide proper notice to visitors of any changes both on the website and at the entrances to keep everyone informed, and keep as much area open to public use as possible. There are plenty of areas for people to recreate that are currently closed to hunting, and those that are currently open to hunting should remain open with concise language stating exactly where those areas are.

Date comment received:

Monday, December 6, 2021



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jorge Munoz

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Public comment:

I think this would be a great move to allow hunting in state parks. Hunting season is typically a colder time of the year and folks aren't really out and about recreating at that time so the safety aspect I believe would be diminished in regards to concern with firearms going off or arrows being shot. Remember, most if not all hunters in the state of Oregon have to take a Hunters Education class before even getting a hunting license. These folks know the rules and regulations when it comes to safe practices with firearms. It would also help more people learn about their state parks that they otherwise might not even know about as well as add revenue to that area with folks spending money in local establishments while going hunting. Please consider this and know it would mean a lot to the constituents of the rural places that this would ultimately affect the most.
Thank you

Date comment received:

Tuesday, December 7, 2021



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Commenter name (if provided):

David O'Connor

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Public comment:

Yes, I support the allowance of hunting where safety and wildlife management goals can be met.

Date comment received:

Tuesday, December 7, 2021



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Commenter name (if provided):

Theodore Chu

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Public comment:

I am writing to ask that you allow hunting in Cougar Valley State Park, Tillamook County. Before this land was acquired by State Parks it was a traditional local hunting area. It has not been developed in any manner which I support and hope it will remain that way.

From my observation the large majority of use of this state park occurs in the summer and consists of hiking and a place where people can allow their dogs to run. In my many visits I have never encountered another user, only seen sign of visitors and dogs. Game species commonly seen include deer, elk and ruffed grouse. I don't believe the limited seasonal hunting the area might attract would create a safety hazard for other park users.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please give my suggestion fair consideration.

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Commenter name (if provided):

M Gibbons

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Public comment:

It is not good to have hunting permission anywhere near areas that people not interested in this activity go. It is noted by myself and others that too many impulsive hunters have shot at any movement of mushroom hunters and others who's safety is clearly compromised by the many irresponsible people out there with guns , anxious to shoot anything that moves. There should be no mistakes that hunting and other outdoor recreational activities do not share common understandings or values, and should have boundaries in polarity.

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Commenter name (if provided):

Keith Hughes

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Public comment:

State parks need hunting as a management tool for wildlife. Fort Stevens park is a prime example where elk populations are out of control. An idea is to do a controlled application to limit harvest. Also, limiting weapons to short range such as archery only to ensure safety.

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Commenter name (if provided):

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Public comment:

As long as less access is not changed I see no issues. Somehow I feel that this is exactly where this will be headed.

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