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Public Comments Received
December 1, 2020 Through
December 6, 2020
Hello,

The proposal to change the OR state park reservation rules sounds like it would make the reservation process more complicated and confusing for those making reservations and for those managing the reservations. The 9-month window that has been in place for many years may not be perfect, but it's a good standard and one that everyone is accustomed to. Please don't make it more difficult than it needs to be. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Thank you,

Randy Wilson

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Dear Committee Members:

As a native Oregonian living in Washington state I understand the proposed increase in fees to out of state campers since this is the policy in many states so I have no argument with that. I would propose a possible small discount for out of state seniors with a valid handicapped access pass. The most important thing to us is the ability to make reservations 9 months in advance like it was with no varying reservation windows. I think an 18 month reservation window is ridiculous. I have been the host each July at Bullard's Beach campground and since some of our group which is usually about 100 units, come from several states away and even from Holland and Canada some years, we really appreciate and need the 9 month window like it has been in the past. The park rangers love us at that park because as a rule most of us are older, we observe the rules and leave the park at least as clean as we found it sometimes better. We have been coming to Bullard's Beach for the past 20 years each July and love it and the wonderful rangers.

I ask that the committee strongly considers going back to the uniform 9 month reservations window on ALL campsites. I don't like the out of state fees but understand since many other states do the same thing. I know there is a fee reduction plan for disabled veterans and ask that you might consider a slight discount for seniors with legitimate legal disabled passes. To reiterate the most important thing to us is the reservation window of 9 months.... we think 18 months is excessive and would only result in more cancellations for you to deal with.

Regards,
Deb & Chuck Stillman (Host of Oregon Gathering at Bullard's Beach each July)
(360)713-2654
18 months is too far in advance to make reservations. It would require campers to make their plans over a year in advance. 9 months to 12 months would be a better window for reservations.

Submission ID: bf57d652-5f27-42bd-b082-86ba0c0609c5

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Please do not extend the reservation window for campsites further out than they already are. It’s already been very difficult to find a spot to reserve even 6 months in advance. It’s very competitive to get a reservation in all but the least busy campgrounds. If you could have a rolling window where you release a set of sites every few weeks or so, maybe it would be easier for people to get a site closer to their travel dates.

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<td>While I recognize that this last year has been stressful (all of my camping reservations were cancelled and I was completely unable to get any other reservations during the year because of the short timelines), I really do not want to see the reservation window extended to 18 months for general reservations. It is hard enough as it was, with the 9 month window, to get reservations in advance. With the 9 month window there is no such thing as a last-minute get-away - not with a 20' trailer. I'd also like to see the higher fee for out-of-state reservations kept.</td>
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**Public Comment**: I am in favor of more flexibility. I am concerned about allowing reservations up to 18 months out. I envision people making reservations as a precaution then not using them and either not cancelling or forgetting as the fine is not much of a distraction. This then books that camp spot and other people can't use it. It's already hard enough to book camp spots and I think allowing that long of a reservation window will make it even harder.

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**Public Comment**

Your proposals do make some sense, but in my view a much bigger issue is the reservations that are made and never used. My wife and I are avid campers and the number of campsites that are "reserved" but never used is appalling! We have been to numerous sites where no one has showed up all weekend for a "reserved" site. Are cancellations not being relayed to the camp hosts? Are the camp hosts not removing the reserved signs? I have seen sites reserved for a Thursday-Sunday and no one was there when we got there on Friday and still no one there when we left on Sunday! Is there a policy in place for camp hosts to remove a reservation if someone doesn't show up?

**Submission ID:** 84ff78fd-d245-40b1-bce3-6de8f158dc33

**Record ID:** 202
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Last Name  | Ahmann  
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Public Comment | I think the reservation system should be revised so that not all sites within a park can be reserved so far in advance. I know my family has had a hard time finding a site unless we schedule months in advance and I've heard the same experience from others. A better system might include having various reservations dates for different sites within a campground so some sites can be reserved months in advance while others can only be reserved a week or a couple days in advance.

Submission ID: be89d288-e257-40fc-82e8-cd8349484532

Record ID: 199
I am sorry that you are broke and need to find a way to keep the parks open. I see that you are asking for comments, but I am already overwhelmed with a feeling of helplessness knowing that you will do exactly as you please without truly considering the publics opinion. The pandemic itself will help keep people from speaking up they are busy surviving and educating their children. First off I had my yurt canceled but still tent camped with you all but then happily stayed at county park yurts and cabins this year. So a 15 fee please explain how that is going to make things more flexible with your reservation system? Maybe you are trying to recoup some money, please ask for help from somewhere else. A 15 feel is too much for the poor people. And camping is all we poor people have. We also could barely make a reservation 9 months in advance, and now you want money 18 months in advance? In the long run you will see more wealthier and out of state campers and will force the impoverished locals to stay at home! I have been camping at the same park since I was a child, is that cherished event now over? So to me it sounds like you want more control in changing the few things that you do not like with the reservation system at the expense of the people and are using the pandemic as an excuse to act insanely now and in the future; I see you. All this money wasted talking about a change when you could just start taking reservation now for in 9 months problem solved go drum up money elsewhere with your time. I never understood your closing the yurts with the volunteers doing the work and I am sure tons of applications on file for seniors needing a place to park willing to pitch in. Anyways just keep thing the same since this is the only pandemic thus far and the only abnormality is your overreaction and mismanagement.
My extended family has made annual camping trips to Oregon State Parks for decades. It is typically the only vacation we have together, so it is extremely important to us. My biggest concern is that if you decrease the reservation window significantly, we will lose the chance (as we have had at nine months out) to hopefully get our (five) campsites close to each other (or to even get us all in on the same dates). As it is now, one of us has to jump online at the beginning of that nine-month window to be successful. Please consider this carefully. If it is just a single family or two, a short window might not matter, but for our family, it would probably be the end of our ability to be together in the campground once a year. Thank you.
While it make sense to give Parks the ability to adapt to the ever changing Pandemic and future emergencies with more flexibility, it was not lost on me that within that change would be the ability to almost double reservation fees. During most months, our beautiful state parks and beaches see massive amounts of out of state visitors which while is a boon for local towns and shops near the campgrounds, what also happens is reservations get locked up to the point that those of us that live here have very little opportunity to reserve an overnight or weekend visit ourselves. It gets to a point during Summer months that I just don't bother and with two kids in tow, I cannot gamble on the unavailability of a walkup only site being there after a long drive...so I don't visit. This of course sets up a question of equity for in state residents being pushed to the curb. Now, Parks is looking to increase that inequity in increasing the range of fees and when they can be increased to an amount (15 dollars) that quite a few Oregonians would find absurd on top of the amount already paid for the actual per night rate for the site. Put of states, not so much since they will pay what is needed to make their road trip what they want. I ask Parks to truly look at themselves in the mirror and not approve a fleecing of your neighbors to make a buck and in the process kick locals out of beloved state parks.

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From: oregon-gov-web-services@egov.com
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<td>Unfortunately the Oregon parks department is once again catering to the out of state campers with its reservation policies. The only way local residents get a fair chance at camp sites is if you allocate some of the campsites as walk up. We have witnessed over and over again sites being reserved and not occupied! I know you say that is against the rules! yet it continues to happen and if there is no walk up traffic there will be no one to take advantage of the unused sites. Thanks for the consideration</td>
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Record ID: 194
First Name | William  
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Last Name | Taft  
Email | billtaft@charter.net  
Public Comment | Yes the reservation window needs to be extended. Parks that were closed also need to reopen. Camping is one of the safest activities and demand is at record levels right now. Our public campgrounds, Cape Blanco is a good example, should all be open right now, not shutting the public out.
**First Name**  |  Carrie  
---|---  
**Last Name**  |  Carpenter  
**Email**  |  cj.c@aol.com  

Public Comment: Please consider how your rules affect local people, the tax payers of Oregon. Unless we know exactly when our family will have days off 6 or more months in advance, it's almost impossible to find a campsite. Now you are going to allow reservations up to 18 months in advance. Who does this benefit? Please provide data pertaining to the use of campgrounds before you make these changes. Who is paying for Oregon campgrounds, your taxpayers or out-of-state visitors who use our resources while paying no taxes at all? If out-of-state visitors are funding our campgrounds, there is something innately wrong with the system. Camp hosts often do not have internet access to update cancellations. "No show" or cancelled sites sit unused for days while "walk up" campers or travelers drive in looking for a site that could generate funds to support the campground. Please make sure that there are an abundance of "walk up" available. If campers don't show up on the first day the campsite is reserved, their entire reservation needs to be cancelled so there is no confusion. That information needs to be accurately communicated with and through the camp hosts. Waiting to see if someone shows up four days later is simply unfair to the majority of people who can't plan their vacations months in advance. Thank you.

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<td>We camp on the coast every year. Being able to make reservations 18 months out would be wonderful!</td>
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**Submission ID:** 8772427e-5394-4922-846a-09cb77933eaf

**Record ID:** 188
As a 27 year user of your great parks, I make the following comments on the RESERVATION WINDOW. Most campers want consistency so they can plan their vacation, while OPRD needs flexibility. Start with a 3 month rolling window and move to a 6 month rolling window as soon as feasible. Modify inventory at each location as necessary. Why 6 months? Follow the Feds. CA did several years ago and it's working fine. To recap, keep the window constant and the inventory flexible.

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**Public Comment**

I am against allowing reservations out to 18 months. that is to far out to try and make camping plans. 9 months seems to work the best but still can be a challenge when trying to make plans for some of the more popular coast campgrounds. I would be for a shorter reservation window for the most popular State Parks. I cannot see why you would need to charge a $15 fee to make a reservation. seems kinda excess to me. I am against having a $15 reservation fee and if you need to raise it raise it to $10 from the current $8.

Submission ID: 883a4902-78da-472c-bd7f-fca15a8e3e89

Record ID: 183
I was once told that there will be a day that you wouldn't be able to get camping in OREGON State Parks . . . it looks like this is the beginning . . . space rent to highest bidder?
First Name | Len  
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Last Name | Otto  
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| Public Comment | Re. the proposed "AMEND: 736-015-0015" section (3) Transaction Fees and Deposits, paragraph "(a) The department will charge an $0-15 non-refundable transaction fee for each reservation," and section (6) Reservation Changes, paragraph "(a) The department will charge a $0-15 non-refundable transaction fee for each reservation change," I am concerned that the range of amounts is too high for many low income people. Capping the amount at, for instance $10, would put more of the premium parks within the range of low income people. Camping is, and has been, one form of recreation I have witnessed more and more people of color and of lower income regardless of color participating in over my lifetime. Everyone, regardless of income, needs to have an equal shot at reserving campsites within our park system. No one should be excluded because of lack of income. A cap of $10 is reasonable, a cap of $15 represents an increase of 87.5% over the current $8 fee. That is too much. |

Submission ID: f8cda4bb-b8e3-4ac4-9b95-3fac9aa54bff  
Record ID: 237
HI, please bring back the uniform 9 month system that has worked well for a long time and provides continuity throughout and clarity for all. And allow the parks to adapt during a pandemic or crisis situation. Having a random system will be endlessly confusing for the customers. thanks!

Submission ID: 5feaed7-a5e9-43a5-a72c-37e0e0df2380

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First Name  Steve
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Public Comment
Would like the Oregon State Park Dept. to consider (if legal) a reservation rulemaking proposal for campgrounds that allows Oregon full-time residents some sort of preferential treatment. Or increase out-of-state reservations at a substantial amount in fees which would increase Park operating revenue when Oregonians are displaced from their Parks from out-of-staters. Sort of selfish, but if Oregon State Parks can be supported by Oregonians first, it would be preferred by most Oregonians in my opinion.

Submission ID: 9d0b1b1c-e2a7-4d51-a882-343ef24ea66f
Record ID: 233
Public Comment

I feel it is very unfair to charge any fee for cancellations during a Pandemic. It is out of anyone's control & we, the public, should not be charged for a "State" decision. 2020 we have several reservations that were cancelled due to Covid-19 and we were happy that we received a full refund! Please do not charge that policy. Thank you.
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**Public Comment**

I think any change that makes getting a reservation at our state parks is a good thing. I would like to see a change in fee schedule to have out of state campers pay a higher fee than residents. Other states have this system and I think it makes sense for out of state to pay more for the right to camp in Oregon, they pay no sales tax, give no support other than support local business. The park system is underfunded and could use the increased revenue. Thanks for listening Robert Smith Lifelong Oregon Resident Hermiston, Oregon

**Submission ID:** 478bcf19-234f-4a90-b8dd-7fe35c2e0ddc

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Eighteen months is a very long reservation window and could result in more cancellation and change requests as plans are more likely to change when looking that far ahead. For popular sites that fill up quickly as the reservation window opens, Nehalem Bay State Park for example, I think this change would hamper the ability of campers to make plans because the available campsites would be constantly changing. In other words, people will book 18 months out and the sites will be booked immediately...but then become available again in an unpredictable manner as people’s plans change. I think 12 months is more reasonable.
First Name | Megan  
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Public Comment | I think 18 months is too long. I would recommend a 12 month (one year) maximum window.

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Record ID: 223
First Name | Martin  
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Last Name | Sherin  
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Public Comment | Find it strange that I have played by your rules and have been on the reservation site at 12:00 am and am notified that not one site but multiple sites are already taken for months. As far as the future at least a 12 month sign up.
First Name: Teri  
Last Name: Walker  
Email: terimod@hotmail.com  

Public Comment: Leave reservation times as they are, 0-9 months. 18 months is much too long, things can change drastically in that length of time, i.e. people move, divorce, pass away. I just think you might have a nightmare of changes. $8.00 seems adequate for making, changing or canceling reservations. Or perhaps a minor increase to say 9.00 or 10.00, but not 15.00 - that is almost double. Also might considerate a senior discount as many campers are seniors.

Submission ID: 155062fd-c9cc-41e0-a1e4-4f045ffe7bc5  
Record ID: 220
I live in Eastern Oregon and I start my camping season every year on Mother’s Day weekend and camp every weekend with the last trip being the last week of September. An increase in the transaction fee is understandable BUT being charged another transaction fee equal to the first transaction fee for changes really hurts the wallet. If changes are needed due to the camper getting sick or due to another lockdown, I feel that the transaction fee should be waived. A person may not cancel reservations more than 8 months in advance of the arrival date seems rather crazy. If I reserved a spot a year in advance and situations have changed, I would like to be able to cancel my reservation and get a full refund. I do know that if you cancel early now, you don’t get a full refund and only a partial one since it is past it’s "cut off date" for a full refund. I understand this is all for the staff to be able to provide all safety measures during this pandemic but at least give better options when it comes to making a reservation, the reservation window, cancellations and changes. For larger sites I think some sites should be blocked off to limit the amount of campers at the park. Have you seen how close the sites are up a Jubilee Lake? And how many people STILL camped liked sardines there? It’s CRAZY! No one practiced social distancing there nor was anyone wearing a mask while walking around other people. I’m just saying that as an avid camper, please look at the situation other people like me have to deal with when it comes time to make reservations, have something happen and need to cancel or change a reservation. Money is tight for everyone in this state and constantly paying a transaction fee to cancel or change a reservation is just wrong - especially if it was due to a health issue, family emergency or even the loss of a job. If you NEED to charge a transaction fee for changes and cancellations then make it REASONABLE. Cancelling 1 night of a 4 night trip means that I lose the money I paid for that 1 night AND I still have to pay the $8.00 transaction fee and if I’m lucky and cancel in time, I may get a partial refund for that 1 night. For example - If I cancelled 1 night to shorten my stay from 4 days to 3 days. The site charges $18.00 per night. I cancel in time and get a partial refund of $14.40 ($18.00 minus 20%) BUT instead of getting that, I end up getting $6.40 because they took out the $8.00 transaction fee. See my point? You already took away 20% from the money I had already paid PLUS the cost of the transaction fee. That’s like taking food out of my mouth before I could even put it in there. Because of these prices (I know it cost a lot to upkeep each park) a lot of campers end up flooding FCFS sites because things can change at the drop of a hat and they can just leave. Yes money is lost but they didn’t have to pay to cancel. Because of the crazy reservation rules and per transaction fees, a lot of campers are opting for the "pull outs" because it does not cost them a penny. Please get more input from campers like myself. Reduce the amount of campers at larger parks by blocking off some sites especially during this pandemic. Transaction fees should not be the same across the board - changes should not be the same price as the first transaction. Cancellations should not have a “penalty” nor a transaction fee and the full price should be refunded REGARDLESS of why the reservation was cancelled. That is all that I have. Thank you for your time.
Submission ID: d57ab50c-36e4-4958-a825-24d7b7458d3b

Record ID: 219
The proposed transaction fee increase is simply too high. $15??? To make your own reservation? This isn't Palm Springs. Or Santa Barbara. This is Oregon. Most people who AZcamp are looking to have a little getaway that is not expensive. California's fees are through the roof. PLEASE do not go down that path! Oregonians are struggling enough as it is. Campers love being out in our incredible forests. Don't make camping less and less accessible to us. We need it now more than ever! Have mercy!
First Name | Paul
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Public Comment

I would like to see parameters set to keep a small number of "rule sets" (based on less demand to most demand) versus rules for each park/site. I would argue that better technology capabilities via your reservation website could reduce complexity/cost as well as ensure notification to people with reservations. Other states have website capabilities beyond that of Oregon and certainly normal mainstream tourism sites for hotel/home rental are well beyond Oregon's capabilities by many years. In summary, I get the need for some flexibility but am very concerned that you are not solving the real problem and will reduce customer experience/satisfaction.

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Record ID: 216
First Name | Diane  
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Email      | dodell408@aol.com  
Public Comment | Please make a state wide reservation window of 9-12 months....standard to all parks.

Submission ID: 875a4073-5e04-41a0-bb5a-a09f6c5c2b39  
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<td>Allowing up to 18 months for reservations promotes people block up favored campsites and deny to others. Reservations should only be allowed up to 12 months. The $8 charge to make a reservation should be kept, but there should be no additional charges to cancel or modify a reservation. Thank you.</td>
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**Public Comment:**  
My family and I camp at Oregon State Parks every summer. They are by far the nicest campgrounds in the U.S. While I understand the 30 day reservation window it has been frustrating as I usually make reservations for next summer about this time of year. I would support the increased fees if the reservation window was reopened and we are able to start our planning soon.

**Submission ID:** 14d82270-5b90-4a46-9c2b-47f2cf66ebec  
**Record ID:** 180
First Name | Mike  
Last Name  | Charlo  
Email      | mcharlo@charter.net  

Public Comment: I am very discouraged by the current reservation system for Oregon State Parks, most notably, Wallowa Lake State Park. I grew up in the area, have camped in the Park many, many times. For the last several years, I have found that is very difficult to get an online reservation. I start trying, through Reserve Oregon, in January. Each year, there are no open RV camp spots on a weekend, for the entire summer. How is that possible, every year? I live in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Oregon residents should be able to obtain reservations, at least once in a while. I hope that whatever new system that you settle on, yields a bit more equity. Large blocks of the park should not reserved all at once and Oregon residents should be given a bit of a priority.

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<td>I am not in favor of reservation windows being 18 months. 9 -or 12 months is reasonable. If I am reading the rule change correctly each park could pick a different reservation window which will be very confusing and frustrating. I also don't think that a variable charge for fees at different parks is a good idea. There will be many who will be upset because they got charged a different amount at different parks. Could there be a different rate for in state and out of state reservations instead? I want access to the state parks and through state taxes pay for the parks.</td>
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I don’t understand how changing the reservation window would make the agency more nimble in responding to active situations. I think an 18 month reservation window is way too long and would be very confusing and frustrating, who plans a camping trip a year and a half in advance? We camp more in federal Forest Service campgrounds with a 6 month window. Please don’t extend the window beyond 12 months at the longest. Nine months works for me, six months would be better. Also, if you need to raise the transaction fee fine, raise it to $10, no sliding scale.
Hello, we were wondering if anything can be done about people that reserve two weeks just to get good sites, Harris Beach is a good example. Then cancel a week right before the arrival date. That causes a problem with others that would like to camp in those special sites. We think that the 18 month window is way too long. People won't even remember that they made that reservation. However the one month time frame is difficult because of the problem mentioned above. We wish you good luck in changes that need to be made.
First Name | Jack
Last Name | Halsey
Email | jwhalsey13@gmail.com
Public Comment | I strongly support this rule change. Park admin and staff need to have flexibility in order to do their jobs safely. And the public also deserves a more functional and adaptive system.

Submission ID: e5107010-bf69-4035-af18-1b02744cf8a

Record ID: 258
First Name: Peter
Last Name: Woodworth
Email: Peoodworth72@gmail.com

Public Comment:
Thank you for the attention to keeping our great State Parks functioning. I support this proposal, and have one further topic I would like to share with you regarding a potential reservation policy change:

Note: This is in regards only to yurts, and cabins (and the deluxe versions of each) I have experienced and have heard frustration from others that a trend is escalating in which people will at the time of their reservation, to their credit were in line and waited their turn, but instead of only booking the exact dates they know they will be at the park, they will book a large window of dates so at their convenience they can schedule a time later, and due to the charge of only well now $25, they can then just cancel the dates knowing they will pay that minimal fee. What this does is causes others trying to make reservations also a good ways out can't plan properly because we can't get in to the parks until the month before or whenever they decide to cancel, and get lucky enough to pick those dates...unfortunately in Oregon there's high demand for our parks so in order to do loop hole the system with this type of thing is just not feasible in my mind. The reason the state is putting these new policies in place is that so many people are going to go to the parks that they'll take advantage of the system in order to get in...so I think that this would further help with curbing what I think is a miss-use of our state park system. And I know it's hard to judge and you don't know when it's a legitimate booking or not and you don't want to penalize someone for cancelling their trip more than the current fee. I guess what I am getting at is if you book a yurt or cabin, the fee to cancel and only pay $25 escalates as you approach the current window in the policy, e.g. $25 applies to 60 to 9/18 months, $50 applies 30 to 60 days, $75 0 to 30 days. Thank you for your time!
The Oregon Parks 9 month reservation window has worked well for many years and I for one request that it remain the same. For visitors (myself) that come long distances to visit Oregon it is near impossible to do so on short reservation windows as there are other considerations involved when traveling such as other parks to stop at on the way there. I also think Oregon needs to re-think charging out of state visitors as they contribute a lot to Oregon's economy and the money they spend while visiting the state. My wife and I were long time residents of the State Of Oregon and my wife is a native Oregonian. Thank You
First Name: Kirk  
Last Name: Barnes  
Email: thereverendkirk@gmail.com

Public Comment: Comment on proposed rule change. Not that it makes any difference due to the fact that Oregon State Parks has a agenda and has already made the decision, (comments are a formality for something already determined to happen), but the idea that people can reserve spots in Oregon State Parks "18 months" in advance is beyond ridiculous and trying to use a worldwide pandemic as some kind of justification is also ridiculous. There is only one user group that this makes sense for, rich, affluent, retired persons who travel for a lifestyle simply leaving the rest of society behind simply to cater to a group who chooses to reserve a weekend getaway a year and a half ahead of time (beyond ridiculous if I have not made my point). This is obviously a money making scheme being developer by Oregon State Parks using any reason available including the pandemic to justify further alienating actual Oregonians from being able to enjoy our State Parks. Leaving 2 to 3 maybe 5 spots available for the rest of the people who do things spontaneously or plan trips in a reasonable time frame (not a year and a half) is simply not adequate. This plan has nothing to do with flexibility for the State Parks and everything to do with making extra money from people changing their plans, seriously, no one plans camping trips a year and a half ahead of time. Kirk Barnes Bend Oregon

Submission ID: e2159c9b-6186-4647-a4c0-15cde4270a31
Record ID: 254
I camp a lot and have noticed an increase in reserved spots at my favorite camp grounds. This has not decreased drive-by site searches, but has increased conflicts between campers, when they show up and find their reserved spots taken. I also feel that reservations disenfranchise lower income folks who may not be able to plan nine months ahead. Camping should be a truly democratic activity, but some of our best spots are reserved - and a lot of times - and stand empty when people don't show up. Reservations do not effect pandemic spread. If anything, it increases dispersed camping by people who do not know how to properly do it, leading to trash, human waste, etc polluting our state land. Thanks, Marietta

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**Public Comment**

I would like to see the 9 month reservation window reinstated. The current 30 day window makes it very difficult to utilize the parks for camping vacations, as one cannot plan a vacation (and schedule time off from work) which has out be done many months in advance, and then be sure that you will actually be able to camp at the park you intended. With the former 9 month window, you could reserve a campsite, and then make your vacation plans (and schedule time off from work) knowing that you will have a site available for the vacation time.

**Submission ID:** 78464e4a-63b8-414c-b68e-99c89e2533e1

**Record ID:** 251
Re: Oregon Park fees. My wife and myself had been Oregon residents from birth to age 60. The current Governor of Oregon had imposed additional fees on out of state campers using Oregon parks. Have you heard of diminishing returns? Well the problem is not covid, (30% fees to out of state visitors slapped us in the face). We have, and will continue to camp elsewhere as it has been made clear to us we are not necessary or welcome.
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<td>Reservation window should not exceed 9 months. If the increased reservation fee goes only to the department, and not the vendor, I would not object. All fees (daily and reservation) should be higher for out-of-state residents.</td>
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Submission ID: d95027d1-d66e-4775-ba78-1ea8c4fe8106  
Record ID: 248
First Name | Doug  
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Last Name | Watson  
Email | dougwn11@yahoo.com  
Public Comment | If you change a reservation window to 18 months I think you’ll have a lot more cancellations that may complicate the process.
I appreciate the park system working to improve the overall reservation experience for park usages. Allowing an 18 month window for reservation purposes for an individual is a bit too far in the future, I believe. Too many variables are allowable during an 18 month window that can compromise the reservation system and process. As a retired person with great flexibility, I’d have a hard time planning 18 months in the future for a state park outing. Realistically, a 6 to 12 month reservation window would be more appropriate. Even national park systems only allow a max of a 12 month window (in some cases). I also think that the $10 non-resident fee should be carried forward on reservations but the flex amount being discussed should be a fixed amount, rather than vacillating at the “need” of the department. If $8 is too low and $15 is the high end, resolve at a fixed number of $10 for reservations, changes, tweaks, etc. Thank you!
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Public Comment

When will these changes be implemented, and how will they be made clear on your OR State Parks Website and reservation system. We visit Oregon State Parks every summer and because of our jobs, we have to make reservations several months in advance in order to get our vacation time approved and covered. It can be difficult at times to tell our employers that at the last minute we’re going on vacation. With only having 30 days or less to make a reservation, that puts an undue burden on employees AND employers. As much as we love Oregon Parks and love to support them financially by camping, staying in cabins, buying annual park passes, etc., we’ll be forced to stay in hotels instead if we cannot make reservations at state parks in a reasonable amount of time in advance (even 4-6 months would be helpful).

Submission ID: 4e6aae60-80de-41ee-bc4e-2c1c669fa0a6

Record ID: 241
I am writing in support of the OAR proposed revision found by number below. As an avid park user, I fully support OPRD's ability to pivot and be flexible now more than ever. I respect their staff's ability to determine different rules for different parks to ensure their funding and operational sustainability.

The Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) proposed for revision include:

Amend:

   OAR 736-015-0015, Reservations

For further questions, I can be reached at:

   Stu Spence
   La Grande, OR
   541-656-7340

Have a great day.