

OAR 736-015-0015
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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Lori Jay-Linstrom <lorij@ctsi.nsn.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 3:22 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: FW: State park reservations

[Please see below](#)

From: Lori Jay-Linstrom
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 3:20 PM
To: OPRD.pbliccomment@oregon.gov
Subject: State park reservations

My suggestions for State Park Reservations would be to:

Make a reservation up to one year in advance. I think 18 months is a long stretch. I feel as if it would prevent people from getting/making reservations as people really aren't always sure they will be able to get off work or whatever in an 18 month time period. Most families know that they would have the ability to go to the park within a year's time frame.

Be able to make a reservation during one's stay at the park.

Pay in full for the requested dates.

If one would need to cancel their reservation, they would get all their funds back except a \$15? Cancellation fee. Of course they would need to cancel within a specific time line.

Thank you
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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Malia Gibbons <maliagibbons3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:35 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: STATE PARK RESERVATION SUGGESTIONS

Hello, Last year was a nightmare for me at state parks, actually dangerous with so many misbehaved people.
Suggestions

- 1) People can not hoard sites when making reservations. ONE WEEL MAX limit to reserve.
- 2) Oregon residents have a two week grace period to reserve BEFORE out of state guests!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 3) One year ahead reservations, not a year and one half!
- 4) reinstate bigger TENT areas!! All those darn noisy RV's are disruptive to campers who are out to enjoy nature, vs people pulling in to a beautiful area and have radios, tv, and more blasting!!!

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 7:57 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: FW: Reservation question

-----Original Message-----

From: Rod Evers <rocknrod.is.retired@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:44 PM
To: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD <Katie.Gauthier@oregon.gov>
Subject: Reservation question

Have you considered using a cancellation policy similar to Washington State Parks /Tacoma Power whereas the longer you have the reservation the more it costs you to cancel as you get closer to your camping dates based on your total cost of the reservation?

Thank you in advance
Rod

Sent from my iPad

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Andy Crump <andy.crump.us@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:38 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Re: Proposed OSPR Rule Change re Reservations OAR 736-015-0015

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been Group camping at the Oregon State Parks for 27 years. For the 10 of those 27 years, I was either the President or Wagonmaster for the Cascades Presbyterian Family Camp (formerly known as Presbytery of the Cascades' Family Camp) and doing group reservations up until 2018. I am no longer a board member, but I wanted to submit some of my thoughts on the current rule change.

1. Changing to a 30 day lead time is nearly unworkable for any group camping since groups will typically want to have sites together.
2. Groups have a different need than individual campers and I am sure you have heard from others about that and I don't intend to repeat here. Besides, the 30 days is barely enough to implement a Special Use Permit and have it reviewed by the Park prior to camp or even make changes if the permit is not accepted wholly.
3. Since the needs are different, the rules can be different and still accommodate both.

Here is a recommendation to allow Groups to register early but still encourage releasing sites well ahead of the individual registration.

1. Lead times of 9 to 11 months should be adequate for Groups. Rarely Groups know 12-13 months ahead what their attendance and needs are. Groups should be given lead times longer than individuals for planning and site grouping reasons.
2. Having longer reservation lead times can come at a premium since they are blocking out sites that others might use. I suggest that a 10-20% price increase for group camping along with the usual registration fee (\$8).
3. Refunds for released sites besides the \$8 change fee, should be based on the Group releasing unused sites prior to individual registration period. For example, if the individual registration period is 30 days, then the Group needs to release their unused sites 30-60 days prior to get a full refund (minus the \$8 change fee).
4. If the unused Group sites are released after the 30-60 day window, then they will only get refunded 80% (minus the \$8 change fee) of what they paid for the site. This will discourage hoarding of unused sites.
5. Picking the percent premium and penalty along with the window for full refund release above are only used as examples and the Rules Committee can decide on what they think is appropriate.

My belief is a policy like this would discourage Group camping site hoarding, would be fair to those that do want to do Group camping and still keep the individual camping attainable.

Of course, an alternate recommendation is to NOT change the 9 month rule at all which would be easiest to implement. But it has the problem of site hoarding that we have seen in the past.

I offer this recommendation as a way to continue to allow advanced reservations for Groups of which I have been a part for many years and find it valuable and enriching. Please accept these with this intention.

Humbly yours,

— Andy Crump
M: 503-705-5385

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Mernita Cheek <mjcheek@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:46 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: RE: RE : Considered New Registration rules

Oregon State Parks,

I have been reserving campsites in Oregon for 40 years and I and my family have enjoy camping at the Oregon coast camp grounds all of these years. I also am the one who resisters for our church camp out every year at Ft Stevens. I know for myself as well as my family and our church family, that its hard enough to schedule vacations 9 months out. With your proposal of registration for 18 months in advance would make it impossible for us to plan our camping vacation that far in advance. In the acritical that I read in the Sunday paper, I was really confused as to why there was even a problem with the registration period time frame. I know that covid interfered with people using the camp grounds in 2020. But Thankfully we were able to use our reservations in July and in August and we really enjoyed ourselves as we usually do.

I am hoping that I am not alone is this, because I DO NOT WANT to reserve campsites 18 months out. That will make it really confusing and difficult because we spend 3 weeks every summer camping at 3 different camp grounds. As well as I also do all the reserving of the sites for my family and our church, so I am reserving multiple sites for each of the weeks that we go.

It has already gotten harder to reserve sites with everyone wanting to come to the Oregon coast to camp. But to have to plan our vacations a year and half inadvance would make it nearly impossible to plan.

So I am hoping and praying that you will stick to your original 9 month in advance for registration and that ALL the state camp grounds follow the same. Again it would make planning vacations at the campgrounds way more difficult if each camp ground had there own rules.

Thank you for listening.
Mernita Cheek

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:50 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: FW: General question or comment via website

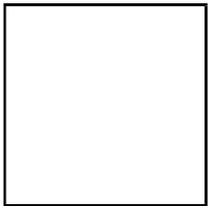
From: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department <park.info@oregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:49 PM
To: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD <Katie.Gauthier@oregon.gov>
Subject: Fwd: General question or comment via website

Hi Katie,

I am not sure if you are collecting the comments regarding the rule making for reservation window changes. Please forward the email according if it is not you.

I have responded to the customer letting them know I have forwarded their comments.

Thank you,



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On Tue, 12 Jan at 4:07 PM , Randiandben <randiandben@gmail.com> wrote:

Question or comment from Randi Gonzales :

In the oregonian you mention we the people have until jan 15 this year to give our opinion on a 18 month reservation window. My opinion this is a horrible idea. Many of us can not even get in on the normal 9 month window. Many of us liked the 30 but 6 months is good enough and is inline with federal recreation.gov. The problem with your system is abuse by so many out of state campers as well as locals reserving several sites for at different campgrounds the same week then when time comes up they figure which one they want and cancel all the others or just never show up, and leaves so many families struggling to have quality time camping cause there are not any open spots and also the hosts DO NOT remove those reserved signs for the whole weekend. If not there the next day after reservation it is now open to whomever. I

personaly will never step foot in a state park again if it goes to 18 months as i struggle way too much already at a 9 month window. Thank you for your time and consideration

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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: suejensen1 <suejensen1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:35 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Oregon State Parks reservation window

I understand the need for flexibility in fees. My only concern is extending the window beyond 9 months. Please do not do that. Planning for vacations out 18 months out seems crazy.

Thank you.

Sue Jensen
Bend OR
Regular user of OR State Parks

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Patsy & Terry Kimzey <takpak24@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:02 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Parks proposal

My wife and I have camped at Oregon State parks for years, and have enjoyed (and will continue to do so) them immensely. We are local people, from the Hillsboro area. Oregon parks are the greatest in the country, in our opinion. Whatever you need to do to make them viable and keep them operating is fine. Even up to a \$15 charge for reservations is reasonable. One thing we feel very strongly about is keeping the out of state fee intact for people coming from other states. We discovered last year that a huge percentage of people in Oregon's parks were from out of state (mainly California and Washington) and those state sure charge the heck out of out of state people. Fair is fair. Give true Oregonians first chance at OUR parks, and if other state people want to use them, fine, but charge for the privilege. Keep Oregon parks for Oregonians. I don't think you'll have any problem filling the parks with us "natives" based on the sales of RV's and camping gear this last year.

Thank you.

Terry and Patsy Kimzey

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Robert Patterson <campwysiwyg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:55 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Proposed Reservation Window

I urge the state to keep the same reservation window for all state parks. It seems like a nightmare for the user to determine each parks reservation window and causes a disadvantage when trying to make reservations during busy times.

Thank you,
Janice Patterson

Sent from my iPad

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Chris Sharp <csharp@citlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:16 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Extending reservations to State Parks 18 months

I am not in agreement to extend reservations out for 18 months. It is hard enough to get reservations, and people making them out that far would only make it harder. They would have a site or cabin tied up for 18 months, then can cancel at last minute. Hard to make plans out 18 months. I really like the idea of keeping it at 6 months.

Thank you.

Chris Sharp

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Debbie Kissler <debbiekissler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:55 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: 18 Month Reservation Proposal

As 3rd generation Oregonians we love our State parks. We feel that either 6 or 9 months in advance is fair to everyone. With that you should have less cancelations versus someone that can book up to 18 months there fore the parks will be more accessible to those who book and plan on keeping their reservation. Also we feel every camp site should be consistent in rule and fees to keep it simple.

Thank you!
Rob and Debbie Kissler

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Keith Euhus <keitheuhus@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:24 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: State Park reservation window

I am opposed to extending the Oregon State Park reservation window to 18 months, unless there is something I'm not aware of. Many people, including me, cannot plan that far in advance. So by the time we would be able to try to book, open sites would be largely gone.

The current 9 months is on the edge of when I know enough about my personal plans and schedule to make a reservation.

Something else I would like to see is some first come - first serve campsites like the Forest Service does. Because of the uncertainty in my personal schedule, it is sometimes difficult to reserve far in advance and it would be nice to at least have a chance at a state park campsite.

Regards,
Keith Euhus
Salem

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Jennifer Hulford Odell <jhodell2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:25 AM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Park reservation proposal

Hello,

Firstly, thank you for offering to take comments for this proposal. And thank you for all the work you guys do. I am originally from New England and have lived out here for almost 20 years. The state park system out here is phenomenal, and I feel it is such a gem we have living in the state. The facilities are amazing, the campsites are thoughtful and well designed, and the various locations around the state make it's so easy to never leave the state for a vacation! (Although we do love to travel out of state too!)

In addition, the reservation system through Reserve America is incredibly well done. The website is easy to use, and staff have always been helpful if I have ever had any kind of issue with a reservation or cancellation.

Regarding the proposal, the idea of being able to book out campsites 18 months in advance greatly concerns me and my family. I have been camping my whole life, and being able to plan this far out really shuts people out. Many people cannot plan this far in advance, whether it be due to not knowing their vacation time, or perhaps family circumstances, or where they might even want to go, or unforeseen issues like health problems. And this is coming from someone who is an avid planner... My nickname in college was Plans because I am always planning and absolutely love to plan trips and was in the profession of planning and running outdoor environmental education trips, but I do realize that not everyone may not be interested or able to do the same.

I have also recently encountered this when thinking about going places like the Grand Canyon. When I was younger, I went to the Grand Canyon multiple times and backpacked, camped, rafted, etc. But now it sounds like one has to reserve a spot at Phantom Ranch for quite a long time ahead.

And I also think about people who might not be as savvy about jumping on the computer right away or perhaps their family just wants to go somewhere in a month's time. Perhaps suddenly someone finds out that they are going to be able to take a weeklong vacation that they didn't think they would have. A longer booking window will eliminate a lot of those campsites.

And sadly, the last piece is that there are people who will swallow up campsites just because they want to make sure they have them, and then not show up. I think having a further away booking window will foster this because people won't know and will just grab as much as they can. If it is closer to your time leaving, then I believe people tend to be more thoughtful about what they really want and need.

I have honestly loved the two week booking window for some of your parks. It really forces me to be thoughtful about where and when we will go. However I also recognize that this is difficult for planning vacations down the road. Same with anything between two weeks and six months.

I honestly think a six month booking window is perfect. It is very realistic to plan our summer starting in January. Yes, problems can come up in life that may cancel the plans, but for the most part we, and I believe most people, have a pretty good idea of what's going to happen six months down the road.

I also love the idea of leaving some campsites open until the last minute, for many folks who might realize they could take a Thursday or Friday off a week before, and then can maybe get a campsite.

I would also propose different penalties for people who just don't show up without canceling. The Reserve America website makes it very easy to cancel your reservation, and just not showing up without canceling it's just pure laziness and shows a major lack of consideration.

Whatever you decide to propose, we will continue to visit Oregon state parks regularly. But I really welcome the opportunity to express my thoughts, and I hope they will be useful for your proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hulford Odell

Destiny is a gift. Some go their entire lives, living existence as a quiet desperation. Never learning the truth that what feels as though a burden pushing down upon our shoulders, is actually, a sense of purpose that lifts us to greater heights. Never forget that fear is but the precursor to valour, that to strive and triumph in the face of fear, is what it means to be a hero. Don't think, Become! - Blinkous Galadrigal

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department <park.info@oregon.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:13 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Fwd: 18 month reservation period

Hello ~

Would you please respond to this customer with a cc to park.info@oregon.gov.

Thank you for your help.

Christine Darling | Communications Division

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On Thu, 14 Jan at 4:14 PM , Amy Nokes <amynokes@msn.com> wrote:

Hi, I just wanted to chime in on the 18 month reservation proposal. I am adamantly against this long of a time frame. 9 months seems to work well. Who wants to plan two summers out in December anyways? Obviously someone wants to or this wouldn't be up for discussion. I think this could cause many more cancellations in the long run.

I was really bummed about today's 12am/6am fiasco and missed out on every one of the pet friendly cabins and yurts I had my eye on that overlapped my kids and husband's time of school/work. I do support allowing Oregonians a slight lead on reservations before out of staters so we have a better chance of camping in our home state.

Thanks, Amy Nokes

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:15 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: FW: Public Comment: OAR 736-015-0015
Attachments: Oregon OAR 736-015-0015.pdf

From: Paul Davis <imt795@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:44 PM
To: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD <Katie.Gauthier@oregon.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: OAR 736-015-0015

Please see attached public comment on OAR 736-015-0015.
Thank you,
Paul Davis

January 15, 2021

Public Comment: OAR 736-015-0015

I participated in the Oregon State Parks (OSP) virtual public meeting on 1-7-2021 regarding proposed changes to the campground reservation system, and I would like to submit the following comment:

I live in Missouri, and have volunteered as a campground host in various Missouri State Parks (MSP) for the past several years. My assignments have ranged in length from as few as one month to as long as three months. As a retired businessman, I have been interested in learning about some of the budgetary, operational and reservation challenges that the MSP system deals with. My wife and I very much enjoy visiting Oregon State Parks each summer when we travel to see our grown children in the Northwest. My comment today deals only with the issue of the campground reservation-booking window.

I encourage Oregon State Parks to adopt a system similar to the one used by MSP, in which campers can book campsites up to one year in advance, for the reasons outlined below. An alternate proposal would allow booking at least six months in advance. (As an aside, I was pleased to learn that OSP has just recently lengthened its booking window to six months.)

- 1) While it is understandable that the Covid-19 pandemic caused a tremendous number of camping cancellations across the country in 2020, I suspect that most of the cancellations, and resulting campground revenue losses, were caused by campground shutdowns. During the 1-7-21 meeting, an OSP staff member mentioned that the 2020 shutdown cost the state about \$1,000,000. I suggest that this was an anomaly, rather than a projection of future budget considerations. Missouri State Park campgrounds closed for 52 days in 2020, and experienced \$1,000,000 in lost revenues.
- 2) As campgrounds have re-opened across the country there has been tremendous growth in camping activity because of the safer environment provided by camping. Oregon State Parks would benefit by maximizing it's response to the increased demand for camping. In addition, now that we're about a year into the pandemic, people have learned how to make Covid-related adjustments in their planning. It would seem that the campsite cancellation problem would be no worse going forward than it was prior to the pandemic.
- 3) In my opinion, a near-term only booking window, (such as 30 days), results in missed revenue opportunity for OSP; the majority of campers prefer to book campsites where longer term booking windows exist, because they cannot afford to wait until the last minute to make vacation plans. Many campers have fixed vacation times that cannot be changed, and they will make camping arrangements as far ahead as possible. I believe that many campers will forgo the chance to book campsites on a near-term basis when they can book well in advance, even if it means missing the opportunity to camp in Oregon's beautiful state parks.

- 4) When Missouri State Parks reopened in May 2020, the reservation system resumed with the same twelve-month booking window that it had prior to the pandemic, and reservations that had been made prior to the shutdown were honored. If MSP had switched to a 30 day booking window following the shutdown, I believe 2020 would have experienced a significant decrease in total camper days, due to the reason outlined above. Instead, Missouri State Park campground bookings for 2020 increased by 1% compared to 2019, even though the campgrounds had been closed for 19% of the prime nine-month camping system. It would be interesting to know how Oregon State Parks 2020 camping totals compare to Missouri, and whether any difference might be related to the near-term vs. long-term booking window.

Sincerely,

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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Catherine <catherine_fetters@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:23 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Oregon parks 6 months

As a long-time user of the Oregon State Park system, I implore you to not extend the reservation period from 6 to 9 to 18 months. Planning for a trip 18 months in advance takes an inordinate amount of mental stamina and will cause people to book 1,000,000 trips and then down the line go and cancel them, leaving the parks to appear booked when those reservations will just be cancelled prior to the arrival date.

Getting outside and enjoying the natural beauty of Oregon should not become a competitive race like everything else in our society already is.

Thank you.

Catherine Fetters

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:06 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: FW: Public Comment - Regarding 18 month reservation window

From: VAUGHN Mary * OPRD
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:58 PM
To: GAUTHIER Katie * OPRD <Katie.Gauthier@oregon.gov>
Subject: Public Comment - Regarding 18 month reservation window

I feel opening the reservation window to 18 months advance reservations, gives the customers reserving that far in advance an unfair advantage to someone who is not able to make reservation so far. Especially when their financial situation does not allow them to book in advance.

Ruth
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Mary Vaughn

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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: ddammann@jeffnet.org
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:55 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: comment on notice of proposed rulemaking

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule change to Chapter 736: Parks and Recreation Department to 736-015-0015 (Reservations). I would like to comment in opposition to the change from a 9 month to an 18 month reservation window. I feel you should keep the 9 month reservation window.

We have made many reservations with Oregon State Parks over the years for campsites and yurts. Many plans in life are set 6-12 months ahead (weddings, graduations, conferences, other life events). I've found that this makes it much easier to predict when I can make a campground reservation. However, even still changes sometimes need to be made. 18 months is too far ahead. It is unfeasible for most to know what they will be doing in 1.5 years to make a campground reservation. This will create a problem with a lot of cancellations throughout that 18 month window and difficulty for folks securing a campsite that would actually be able to come. For instance, our public school calendar doesn't even come out that far in advance to know when school starts, ends, or spring break is. I would ask that you please look at some of the large school districts in the state to ask that question. Elite hotels and wedding facilities and convention centers may require / necessitate reservations 18 months in advance. These are the sort of things that define a persons schedule (other meetings, weddings, school calendars). It is difficult to determine someone's vacation schedule until those other events are known. I feel that users of Oregon state parks will be compromised in their ability to plan for campsites with a change to an 18 month reservation window. This will result in either a lot of cancellations or folks being frustrated that they can't make reservations. Please reconsider sticking with the 9 month reservation window. Thanks.

Denise Dammann

Roseburg, Oregon

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Daniel Dammann <hydro3d@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:40 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Comment on notice of proposed rule

I would like to comment on the proposed rule change to Chapter 736: Parks and Recreation Department to 736-015-0015 (Reservations). I would like to comment in opposition to the change from a 9 month to an 18 month reservation window. I feel you should keep the 9 month reservation window.

I feel that the 9 month reservation window works fine, and changing to 18 months is much too long and will only cause other problems. Most people will not be able to foresee what they will be doing that far ahead and the likelihood of needing to cancel or change plans only increases as you go farther into the future. This will only make your reservation system unpredictable and harder for people to make reservations.

Please keep the 9 month reservation policy. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule change.

Thank you
Daniel Dammann
1510 Lookingglass Rd
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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: Quinn Richards <quinneddyrichards@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 8:37 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Please Read! A comment for OAR 736-015-0015

Hi there,

My name is Quinn Richards and I am a resident of Portland. I am writing for myself and on behalf of my partner Theus Weiskopf who is also a resident of Portland.

I would like to comment about the proposal OAR 736-015-0015 to increase the reservation window to 18 months in advance. Please do not do this! I grew up here and have spent lots of time in our amazing Oregon State Parks and I would hate to see the park service turn towards this reservation style. I think it would be terrible for folks like myself who don't know their schedules so far in advance. I think 6 or 9 months makes way more sense because it is enough time to think about it but not so far away that I couldn't plan it. The idea of 18 months makes me feel like I won't be able to get a spot at my favorite camping grounds because people far in advance beat me to it.

Please decline this proposal. I think it will end up making the reservation experience far more stressful because I think it will encourage a more competitive nature when it comes to booking and will box people out who can't know their schedules that far in advance.

Thank you for reading,
Quinn

MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: oregon-gov-web-services@egov.com
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:05 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Reservations Rulemaking Public Comment
Attachments: formsubmission.csv

First Name	Sarah
Last Name	Koeman
Email	Srkoeman@hotmail.com
Public Comment	Please keep the window to 1 day to 6 months. 18 months is too long. I don't know how anyone can realistically plan for that. Please make it a reasonable time period. I feel like this would negatively affect families and others who want to enjoy the parks but can't because all sites were booked more than a year in advance! Thank you!

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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

From: oregon-gov-web-services@egov.com
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:28 PM
To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Subject: Reservations Rulemaking Public Comment
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Last Name	Dammann
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Public Comment	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule change to Chapter 736: Parks and Recreation Department. I would like to comment in opposition to the change from a 9 month to an 18 month reservation window. I feel you should keep the 9 month reservation window. We have made many reservations with Oregon State Parks over the years for campsites and yurts. Many plans in life are set 6-12 months ahead (weddings, graduations, conferences, other life events). I've found that this makes it much easier to predict when I can make a campground reservation. However, even still changes sometimes need to be made. 18 months is too far ahead. It is unfeasible for most to know what they will be doing in 1.5 years to make a campground reservation. This will create a problem with a lot of cancellations throughout that 18 month window and difficulty for folks securing a campsite that would actually be able to come. For instance, our public school calendar doesn't even come out that far in advance to know when school starts, ends, or spring break is. I would ask that you please look at some of the large school districts in the state to ask that question. Elite hotels and wedding facilities and convention centers may require / necessitate reservations 18 months in advance. These are the sort of things that define a persons schedule (other meetings, weddings, school calendars). It is difficult to determine someone's vacation schedule until those other events are known. I feel that users of Oregon state parks will be compromised in their ability to plan for campsites with a change to an 18 month reservation window. This will result in either a lot of cancellations or folks being frustrated that they can't make reservations. Please reconsider sticking with the 9 month reservation window. Thanks.</p>

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First Name	Phillip
Last Name	Pasteris
Email	phil.pasteris@frontier.com
Public Comment	Oregon Parks, There is no doubt that the Covid crisis has brought great uncertainty to park operations. However extending the reservation time to 18 months appears to only add to the uncertainty. Non-refundable reservations 18 months in advance actually constrain participation because people don't know what will happen. Your justification for this change doesn't prove the system is dysfunctional based on what we know about Covid and the Oregon budget. Thank you, Phil

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First Name	Stephen
Last Name	Brownfield
Email	Stephenbrownfield@comcast.net
Public Comment	<p>(1) Purpose - OK (2) General Regulations (b) Reservations allowed a maximum of 18 months prior to arrival is too far in advance: - Prefer a small portion of campsites (say 20%) be reserved 12 months in advance. Prefer 6 months for most campsites. - Group sites, cabins, yurts, lodges etc. should be 12 months. Add to general regulations: Facilitate on site registration with no reservation for campsites that are not reserved or are reserved but are no shows next day at noon. It is sad to see campsites not being made available because they are reserved but there is no one there for days. (3) Transaction Fees and Deposits (a) \$0 to \$15 registration fee is OK. Cover cost of reservation portal. (b) Deposit = to full amount charged for facility use is good. Note: Need to charge full amount to help ensure site gets used and does not sit vacant when others cannot get a reservation. (4) Payment Methods - OK (5) Reservation Cancellations (d) Full refund for campsites, cabins, yurt's etc. requires cancelation 3 or more days prior to arrival is a good deal. This gives the park an opportunity to offer the site to another party making for a happy camper and facilitates cost recovery. Cancelation in less than three days results in charge for one night is a good deal. This acknowledges the effort to cancel while at the same time, it ensures at least some of the cost associated with late cancelation is recovered. (e) Full refund requires cancelation 30 days prior to arrival and partial refund if canceled less than 30 days prior to arrival is a good deal for the same reasons mentioned above in (d). (7) Claiming Reservations (d) No checkin before 1:00 pm the day following scheduled arrival results in reservation cancellation and full payment for no-shows is a good deal. Need to facilitate opening these no-show sites to other potential campers at the park itself as well as on the online reservation site.</p>

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First Name	David
Last Name	Goeke
Email	david.goeke@gmail.com
Public Comment	I believe extending the reservation window to 18 months will result in fewer Oregonians receiving camping access to their parks. It will reward a select few for planning far in advance. But the vast majority of people are not able to plan that far ahead. I understand that people need the ability plan ahead, but 18 months is excessive. 6-12 months is plenty.

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First Name	Michele
Last Name	Walters
Email	michele.walters@multco.us
Public Comment	<p>Good day and thank you for this opportunity for comments 18 months is too long and could lead to monies paid for reservations being lost. I myself lost \$400 because I lost my job a few years ago, and needed to reduce our already reserved time and I actually received a reply, not our fault you were laid off, and you knew the rules when you booked your time All State of Oregon Parks and recreations should remain on a (9) month reservation window - Better time frame and less chance for loss of monies It would be nice if reservations were at a 50% deposit for reservations over maybe (7) with an auto payment set up for balance in 1-3 additional payments. The reservations I just made yesterday were \$488.00 and that is a lot of money especially in todays climate of uncertainty I did not think we could pay by check any longer? (c) The department must receive payment within five calendar days of the date the person makes the reservation. If payment is not received within this time frame, the department will cancel the reservation. The person remains responsible for the \$8 transaction fee for each reservation request.¶ (d) If a banking institution returns a check to the department for any reason or if a credit or debit card is declined, the department will attempt to contact the person. Inability to resolve the payment dispute will result in a reservation cancellation. The person will remain responsible for the \$8 transaction fee for each reservation.¶ All cabins and yurts should go back to off season with fees less during off seasons to help families that could use that price break to still get out and enjoy the parks \$15.00 for a change in reservations is too much - It is a couple of clicks Please enforce helmet rules in parks, and please give a bike safety pamphlet for kids that includes information about all bikes must flow in the direction of vehicle traffic and not against - Dont know how many times a bike has come around the corner in the loops going the wrong direction. Many families do not understand the need for clearance and a clear path when trailers, rvs, etc are backing up, that information should be included also "If a vehicle is backing up, stop and move off the roadway or out of backing up vehicles path for your own safety" Thank you Michele</p>

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First Name	Eric
Last Name	Werner
Email	ericlwerner@yahoo.com
Public Comment	It is hard for individuals to remain flexible and able to adapt to changes if we are planning for trips 18 months in advance. This feels like it would lead to more cancellations and no shows. If you are unable to plan that far in advance, then you are at a disadvantage. I support the 9 month window (I'm actually fine with 6 months) and would love to see same day reservations added. I understand this past year placed a burden on the parks department, but I'm not sure how making it more confusing will help in the future. Keep it simple.

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First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Fairbanks
Email	missy3602@msn.com
Public Comment	I have a serious concern about the possibility of opening the reservation window to 18 months DON'T it will destroy the working man's ability to enjoy Oregon camping.... 9 months is hard enough most employers will not allow vacation plans to be made that far out. This would only benefit retirees, out of state/travelers/full timers... not the Oregonian workers. 9 months is hard enough on workers. PS i am retired so i could manage but 18 months is ridiculous just about impossible for the average working family to get reservations within even a year. Please do not make the window 18 months.

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First Name	John
Last Name	Fimmano
Email	Jlfimmano@gmail.com
Public Comment	Changing the window for reservations to 18months is a terrible idea. To have to plan a camping trip 18months in advance is next to impossible for most people with any type of job or family.

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First Name	Josh
Last Name	Weissert
Email	jshoit@aol.com
Public Comment	<p>Hi, I have the following public comment on proposed rule changes for reservations. I am a long time Oregon Parks user. 1) Please make the reservation window the same for all parks. Make it simply and less complicated for users. 2) Please limit reservations to 9 months in advance. 12 and 18 month reservation windows are too long for planning horizon of most working families. It benefits retirees and people with a more flexible schedule but impacts families with children. With a 9 month window work plans and life commitments can be made in advance of a camping reservation. Then at 9 mos one can seek a camping reservation. 3) Please have a flat transaction fee for all camping reservations. A "flexible fee" is too complicated and unnecessary. 4) Proposed rule 6.c is unnecessary and has a negative affect on someone that made a mistake while processing their reservation. Please drop this proposed rule to limit changes to less than 8 months from arrival. 5) Please consider holding a limited number of sites at the most popular campgrounds (ie, fort stevens, beverly beach, milo mciver, cape lookout) for first come first serve. Out of equity and inclusion we need to allow camping opportunities for people that are unable to make reservations in advance. 6) Proposed rule 5.f "A person may not cancel reservations more than eight months in advance of the arrival date" seems unnecessary and again negatively affects people that need to get out of a reservation. 7) Proposed rules for claiming a reservation are excellent. this is a much needed improvement to put sites back into the pool for first come first served. However, rule 7.b does not indicate what will happen if a site is vacated early. I recommend adding this to the rule. Thanks! Josh Weissert</p>

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First Name	Seema
Last Name	Bharwani
Email	Seema.bharwani@gmail.com
Public Comment	An 18-month window is too long. Who know what one will be doing a year and a half in the future? The current 6-month window seems appropriate, especially given that it aligns with federal campgrounds. Also, please return to the midnight reserve time. 6am is so inconvenient.

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First Name	Courtney
Last Name	Humbard
Email	courtney.humbard@gmail.com
Public Comment	Hello, Thank you for taking the time to read my comments on the proposed changes. I do not oppose the new fees for booking. The fee still seems affordable, and I'm sure your costs have increased over time. I do strongly oppose opening the camping reservation window up to 18 months. That is just too far out to plan anything. I can't imagine planning the summer of 2022 right now. Can you?? I would prefer of the window were left at 6 months or return the the original 9 month window. Thanks, Courtney Humbard

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First Name	Brittany
Last Name	Magana
Email	Bamagana123@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>I don't agree with the proposed 18 month timeline. This is way too far out. I think a 6-9 month window is ideal. Who is planning camping trips 18 months ahead! For example, when pregnant, you have to plan your trip with your 18 month child, lol. No one plans weddings 18 months out so why would we plan state park trips. I don't know why there are these rules about how a person may not cancel reservations more than eight months in advance of the arrival date. Wouldn't you need to change this too if the 18 month window is finalized which of course I hope never happens. I think you should ultimately make the window 6 months, stop these tricks of people booking extra days to get in their early, make the cancellation policy slightly more strict to reduce so many people just booking and not showing up, allow people to book last minute to fill those last minute cancellations, give Oregon residents preference over out of staters.</p>

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First Name	Carolee
Last Name	Barrus
Email	carolee.barrus@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>I think that same-day reservations is a great idea. However, I think the suggestion of a reservation window of up to 18 months is far too long, and the reservation should be no more than 9 months out, and preferably 6. 18 months for a reservation window will have the effect of permanently locking up too many campsites, and will make it even more competitive to secure a site. I think 18 months is a terrible idea. The idea of flexible fees for reservations is quite vague. What would this mean? I could support different fees for booking, cancelling, and changing, particularly if these could be used to address the following: too many campsites are reserved and seem to not be used. Can there be penalties, or can multiple day visits that have no-shows be forfeited after a certain grace period such as 24-36 hours with no communication with the park? Lastly, Oregon is extremely popular with tourists, and given that we have no sales tax, I applaud the recent measure to charge out of state reservations a higher fee and think it should continue across all sites. I also think that a discount should be given to those who hold valid, current Oregon state parks and Oregon state recreation passes. This would reward those who support the parks and our natural areas, and might increase the purchasing of these passes. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Kind Regards, Carolee Barrus</p>

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First Name	Ann
Last Name	Henson
Email	Ann.m.henson@gmail.com
Public Comment	As a regular recreator and lifetime Oregonian, I am incredibly upset that you would again restrict access to parks for underprivileged groups! Collecting money earlier is not in anyone's best interest except your pocketbooks. 12 months is already too far out for most working class (and under) folks to make plans. Following through with this rule proves that the state only plays lip service to equity, and prefers its pocketbook instead. What rules can you put in place instead to ensure the access of all Oregonians? How can you better serve the recreators rather than your bottom line? This rule is certainly the opposite of the answer.

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First Name	Daniel
Last Name	Anderson
Email	reserveamerica@drydog.com
Public Comment	The 9 month future reservation window should not be extended more than 12 months. 12 months is the typical reservation window for many campgrounds and lodges in National and State Parks. Extending to 18 months will be wasteful. Some reservations will be lost or forgotten and new and out-of-state visitors will be less likely to experience Oregon State Park campgrounds.

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First Name	Linda
Last Name	Lee
Email	procopiom@yahoo.com
Public Comment	I think campers should be charged a penalty of one night's fee for canceling on the front of a reservation. This would deter people from cheating the system and making an early reservation for days that they do not intend to use. If they cancel the whole reservation, this one night's fee should not be charged. In addition, I think changing the reservation time line to 18 months is fine.

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First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Aukerman
Email	Aukermanm@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>Oregon State Parks are a huge asset to our residents, and broadly speaking I support changes that either allow our parks to stay well maintained or to expand access. I feel that the increases in reservations fees are reasonable. The change in reservation window to 18 months seems unreasonable though. It is too far in advance to ask people to plan and pay for sites. Nine months felt on the edge of reasonable but it was manageable. Eighteen months feels unattainable for people with children, jobs, etc. I am also concerned that the 18 month window will decrease access to many parks where it already almost impossible to book a site due to demand. I cannot see how a longer planning window creates a better experience for users. If this is revenue driven, increase usage fees to better align with operating costs or change cancellation policies.</p>

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First Name	Dora
Last Name	Repp
Email	Bakeit3@aol.com
Public Comment	Leave things as they are, its working

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First Name	Brett
Last Name	Suydam
Email	suydam.brett@gmail.com
Public Comment	18 months seems quite excessive to me. I think at most 12 months should be considered. The current 6 months as of today is fine, and the old 9 months would be good too. 18 months to me feels like many people will book and cancel closer to the event.

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First Name	Rosemary
Last Name	Pasteris
Email	rosemary.pasteris@frontier.com
Public Comment	<p>There are a number of issues that come up with this 18 month reservation system that won't work for most campers. To pay 18 months in advance would stress any family's budget, but especially in these times of job uncertainty. As for planning vacations, that's way too far in the future to know what might come up and change plans. Work places certainly aren't set up to schedule PTO 18 months out. This might favor retirees, but life changes (health issues, emergencies, changes in income, etc.) would still inhibit planning out that far in advance. For these and many other reasons, (including the uncertainty surrounding this current pandemic we're in) I am definitely opposed to this policy change and would ask that you leave the current time schedule (6 months out) in place.</p>

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First Name	Kama
Last Name	Siegel
Email	kamasue@gmail.com
Public Comment	I don't know about any of you, but I don't know what I'm doing 1 month from today, let alone 18 months. I don't think that people who want to get out and enjoy Oregon's wonderful parks should be penalized for this fact, just because a very small fraction of the public have the luxury of making plans a year and a half in advance. It's kind of ridiculous if you think about it. Not to mention extremely privileged.

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First Name	Alicia
Last Name	Palmer
Email	Aliciamariepalmer@gmail.com
Public Comment	It would be a bad idea to allow people to make reservations 18 months out. People cannot possibly plan that far out and it just makes people make a ton of reservations that they end up canceling later on. I noticed that since the reservation window opened up to 6 months this week, most weekends in June have already filled up!

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First Name	Karri
Last Name	Garaventa
Email	karrigaraventa@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>To Katie Gauthier: I respectfully request that you reconsider the Oregon State Parks reservation period proposal of 18 months. An extension of this amount would have negative impact on working persons and families, or anyone who has to work with the schedules of others. The majority of us are not able to request time off from our jobs so far in advance, nor can a lot of working families budget for 18 months out. Especially since we are still in a pandemic! Six months is a reasonable period of time to look ahead and plan for our lives (under normal circumstances), to notify our employers, to ensure we have enough dollars in our possession. A major extension would shift the balance away from EVERYONE and only into the hands of those who live without the confinement of jobs and school and budgets. That means access would mostly go to the wealthy, and that is not equitable. That should not be the direction that Oregon takes. Please prioritize fairness of access. You might even consider a lottery system for high-demand areas if you're looking for some measure of change. An answer exists, but the 18 month reservation period isn't it. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Karri Garaventa</p>

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First Name	Chris
Last Name	Knox
Email	chrismknox@gmail.com
Public Comment	The 18 month reservation window is FAR too long. How is anyone supposed to know 18 months in the future what their availability and circumstances will be. I think this would be a huge mistake, and would make it less likely and available to many people, especially low income folks with even less stability in their lives.

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First Name	Sara
Last Name	Peterson
Email	petersarster@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>It's already impossible for people with jobs who are not computer programmers to book popular sites as it is. For example, I've been trying to book literally any fire lookout for years, but they are always booked. A lottery should be instituted for these similar to the Enchantments back country permits. But beyond all of that, computer programmers have built bots that auto book popular sites as soon as they become available. Extending the booking period is only going to make it harder for those of us who don't use these electronic means to actually be able to book a site. Also, the way most people's PTO from work works, they don't know 18 months in advance if they'll be able to take time off work to use the site they booked. This gives undue advantage to people with more privilege who can make plans so far in advance.</p>

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First Name	Julia
Last Name	Clay
Email	jrpasteris@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>The proposed rule to extend the camping reservation window to 18 months is unrealistic and unfair. It will create inequity in the camping reservation system that favors people with disposable income and flexible schedules but will hurt working families. Camping reservations require pre-payment which will be difficult to budget for 18 months in advance, when current expenses are more pressing. Most workplaces do not allow for vacations to be requested 18 months in advance, making it difficult to secure the time off necessary. With individual campgrounds able to set their own timeline with will create a system where it will be difficult to determine when a reservation needs to be made, leading to frustration, and missed opportunities for working people who do not have endless hours to research. This system also has the potential to create a "black market" for camp sites, where people who can afford it will buy up the sites will do so 18 months out and then re-sell them closer to the use date. The current 6-month system allows for budgeting of both funds and time allowing this wonderful resource to be available to as many people as possible. Please do not allow the reservation window to increase and exclude so many people that enjoy using our state parks.</p>

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First Name	Johane
Last Name	Van Camp
Email	johanevc@mac.com
Public Comment	I personally am against this proposal; I foresee it will leave even more campsites left unoccupied due to not cancelling. 6mos is consistent with FS. I recommend 50% first come, first serve and 50% 6mos reservation.

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First Name	Randy
Last Name	DeBortoli
Email	randebo@comcast.net
Public Comment	I'm concerned About the proposal which is being promoted as "more flexible" and will vary by location. This will lead to confusion about when to book campsites for particular parks, and ultimately the fee will increase. We shouldn't need a college degree in campground reservations to be able to figure out when and how to book campsites! It is starting to feel a bit like ad hoc rule changes to fishing and hunting regulations. Please do not change the 9 month reservation window everyone is used to.

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First Name	Candi
Last Name	Burck
Email	cjburck@msn.com
Public Comment	Reading the articles of opening the reservations up to 18 months in advance to be decided per the campground, I like the idea and look forward to hearing how it goes. However I do need to state I'm NOT happy with the "new" out of state registrants fee of 30%. I understand the need for revenue but it makes us stop and wonder if we should stay in our own state and not venture to Oregon. Sad. 15% I wouldn't hesitate, but 30% is just to high. Thanks for listening! Candi

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First Name	Kathy
Last Name	Langeliers
Email	kathylangeliers@comcast.net
Public Comment	<p>We were at a couple of the state parks last year after securing reservations and found that every park had different rules and check in, one park spaced people out in every other camp spot due to the virus another filled all the spots in certain circles and then closed down other circles stating there wasn't enough staff but there seemed to be staff everywhere and more than I have seen in previous years. Sadly we noticed many sites sat empty because you stopped allowing people to make same day reservations or first come first serve, that couldn't have been because of the spacing for the virus because there was no spacing. I tried to make reservations at Fort Stevens for 3 nights but in doing so I was required to move every night and then no one showed up for those sites that I moved from, plus the staff wanted me to come up to the checkin point everyday to turn in my paperwork not all at once, and I was required to pay 3 reservation fees because I was using 3 different sites. And Why aren't all campgrounds connected to an internet site that keeps them up on all the spaces in the campground ?</p>

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First Name	Patsy
Last Name	McGaughy
Email	Plmjpm@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>I encourage you to design the rules so that people who no longer need their reservation - for any reason - are not unduly penalized financially for canceling that reservation in advance. There is nothing more frustrating than being in a campground with several unoccupied sites that were previously reserved, no longer needed, but not cancelled because it was perceived to be too hard or too costly or otherwise "not worth it." This penalizes campers who are seeking last minute campsites. If you are going to open the reservation window 18 months in advance, please only do so for a limited number of sites (e.g., 15% of sites 18 months in advance, 25% 12 months in advance, 25% 6 months in advance, 25% 3 months in advance and 10% first come, first served). This kind of inventory management is more complex, but better for campers, some of whom plan months or years in advance and some who prefer to be spontaneous. Finally, please ensure camp managers and hosts have "back door" access to reservation sites allowing them to delete reservations that are considered "no shows" so new campers can book the sites as they become available. Thank you.</p>

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First Name	Eileen
Last Name	Forster
Email	jfefkfmf@comcast.net
Public Comment	I have read the proposed new rules. I think I read that you want to propose to open the window reservation up to 18 months prior to your arrival date. Please do not offer a window of 18 months to make a reservation. The open window of nine months appears to be fair for all. If you open up to 18 months I fear that a few people/groups will just make so many reservations and only those few that are well prepared with get desired reservations. It's already a well prepared situation, knowing 9 months ahead to make a reservations. I vote for keeping the current rules of 9 months ahead.

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First Name	Craig
Last Name	Blakely
Email	blakely.cl@gmail.com
Public Comment	Hello. Sorry but I fail to see the logic in expanding the window for reservations all the way out to 18 months in advance, unless you are counting on people making those reservations that far in advance and then having to cancel or amend their reservations and the state collects the extra money in the booking fees. Your six month window you just announced would seem to fit a lot better. I also like that you are charging out of state campers more and hope you keep this since we in Oregon do not have a sales tax this is one way to help the revenue stream and I believe we are still cheaper than most other states and I hear from out of staters on how beautiful our parks are compared to other states. Thank you, Craig Blakely

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First Name	Greg
Last Name	McCarty
Email	gsmccar@gmail.com
Public Comment	Allowing individual campgrounds to set their own reservation/cancel fee between \$0-15 probably means the fee will most often be \$15. (Do you think some parks will decrease their fee? I kind of doubt it.) As most Oregon state park campgrounds (especially on the coast) fill to capacity in the warmer months, a higher fee will only impact those on a tighter budget -- which includes a heck of a lot of people. Perhaps a higher fee will dissuade some people from using the parks. Lastly, should we expect to see all camping fees increase as well? I vote for keeping the fee at \$8.

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First Name	Lorelei
Last Name	Jossart
Email	lorelei@wildcatphotography.com
Public Comment	<p>I hated the 9 month thing because people jammed everything up so far in advance. I'm retired, but even still, not going on weekends, things happen to change plans, doctor appointments, etc., so that I would end up cancelling and spending yet another \$8 to cancel. What a ripoff, but good for you people I suppose. Weather is another consideration if you are in something besides a big trailer or motorhome. It is a bummer to live in Oregon 72 years, with direct descendants back to 1880 and can't find a decent camping spot. But the Californians can. The governor says stay home, stay close to home, and the campgrounds are full of people from all over creation. That is not making sense. They don't mind paying more, and I still can't find a spot. When I look at my favorite campsites, they are reserved for months on end, no chance for getting in. And I don't want to pay for hookups that I do not use. The 30 day rule is better. It gives a person a chance. I would think if you allow reservations 9 months out or 18 or whatever, it just makes people have to cancel more. Having said that, I wish you would have camp hosts that would enforce rules. Like telling people to keep their kids on leashes if necessary. They should not be running through others' campsites. Screaming for hours on end, riding bicycles and skateboards and scooters against the traffic, riding bicycles on trails where signs say not to, bouncing balls off of vehicles, when they could play in a playground (or not). Dogs running loose, off leash, dogs tied out all day to bark and yip while the owner goes elsewhere. People bringing 7 dogs and allow them to bark. For heaven sake, can't you have a minimum of pets? Campers say they want to get away from it all, but with all that mess, kids, dogs, drunks, what are they getting away from? And can't you allow a person to drive through a campground just to see if a person might want to stay there in the future? That should not be such a terrible request. I have a teardrop trailer and need a bit of privacy, so not just any campsite is acceptable for me and my dog who does not bark! But alas, people cannot train a dog unless they are smarter than the dog. Perhaps that is why they are so ill-behaved, kids and dogs. I won't go back to, for example Champoeg state park because when I was there, there was a dog who got tied out away from it's owners because they didn't want to be bothered. It barked non-stop. It was right behind the camp hosts, and nothing was done. My dog ignores other dogs (and people), but every time I got him out of the trailer, the tied-out-dog went bananas until I put my dog back in, which wasn't fair to me or my dog. I left the campground and lost a day that I paid for because it was so ridiculous. What a mess. Thank you.</p>

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First Name	C. Kent
Last Name	Fellows
Email	kent.fellows@skihood.com
Public Comment	<p>I would like to comment regarding the proposed change to 18 month reservation window. Having had the privilege of camping at Oregon State Parks for 50 years, I would like to say the current (well former at this time) 9-month window works well. That allows us to look ahead 3 seasons, and plan for the next season after the last one has concluded. For us, we make all of our reservations 9 months ahead and have the whole summer camping season to look forward to. As we enjoy our camping we plan where we would like to come back to and where we could probably skip the next season based upon our experiences. I think planning 2 summers ahead is a little too much. Certainly all sites would book the way the modern world is, and someone who wants to plan something a year ahead would likely have little option. So please, do not go to an 18 month window, from a loyal park user who camps 15-20 nights a summer at Oregon State Parks. My family and I can see going up to 11 or even 12 months, but not more than a year please. That makes the most sense, and gives people a fighting chance once a year to get reservations for the next season. Thank you for considering my comment, C. Kent Fellows</p>

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First Name	Leslie
Last Name	Hall
Email	leslieandjimhall@gmail.com
Public Comment	To be brief I will limit my comments to one topic--the length of the reservation window. 18 months is too long. --limits people without extra funds to plan for two summers --limits people who do not have flexibility in work/vacation schedules --potentially causes greater cancellations and puts unnecessary strain on already limited camping capacity at some parks Thank you. Leslie Hall--an Oregon State Park camper for over 40 years!

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First Name	Angie
Last Name	Hiebenthal
Email	angiehiebenthal@gmail.com
Public Comment	I believe that extending the reservation window to 18 months would further complicate the process for Oregonians to use our parks due to bookings from out of state residents. It is currently almost impossible to obtain a "last minute" reservation (ie: within 1-3 weeks) during the late spring and summer and early fall months which is basically the whole season for some parks. This proposed change in my opinion is an awful idea that would further limit the access and availability of our beautiful parks to tax-paying residents of this state.

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First Name	Michelle
Last Name	Murphy
Email	mgmurphy2015@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>Our family primarily uses state campgrounds when camping and we are so proud of our beautiful parks. When talking with out out of state friends they constantly complain of the state of their state parks, and we have found our to be extremely well maintained, even through COVID. I have been using the online booking system for years and one of the frustrations has been that so many sites are booked by what I find are retired patrons, which is fantastic for them, but proves to have less flexibility for the subset of population that can not plan a year in advance. I feel that by extending the nine month window this will just increase the mass booking. I am making an assumption that this mass booking is made primarily by retirees just by the evidence of arriving at the campground, and the spots I was wanting to book are booked by those patrons that appear to be retired. I also wonder, as an outsider, what the advantages of this extended booking system are for the staff? In regards to the fee, I rather pay more for my camping spot than increase the booking fee, unless it is clarified who is receiving the fee. I rather the park department receive the money than Reserve America. I have appreciated the upgrades you have made to the park website and appreciate the new features.</p>

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First Name	Georgi
Last Name	Douglas
Email	Georgibend@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>18 month reservation system would leave even more precious camp sites unoccupied; this is a problem now. These are our public lands and should be convenient for campers to camp, not for convenience of management for administration; you'll have your money from un-cancelled Reservations, while campers get frustrated seeing sites unoccupied due to not being cancelled. People are spontaneous. It's a rare individual who can plan to go camping 18 months out. I recommend at least half state park sites be available first come first serve and the other 6mos out-to be consistent with Forest Service Campgrounds. Unoccupied campsite reserved and not used has been a problem and very frustrating for people looking for a place to camp. This is poor management which will become even worse 18mos . I implore you to not do this 18month plan, because it makes it easier for you. This is a bad plan for campers looking for places to stay while traveling. 6mos maximum please!</p>

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First Name	Barbara
Last Name	Borgeson
Email	b.borgeson@comcast.net
Public Comment	Good Morning, I would like to submit a comment regarding the time frame for making camping reservations. I understand the need for making reservations months in advance for people planning a trip, however, it would be great if there were a small percentage of camping spots and Yurts made available with perhaps only a 2 week reservation period for those of us who can't plan a trip 9 months in advance. I have tried to make reservations many times over the years and have never been able to schedule due to the 9 month window. Thank you, Barbara

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First Name	Janice
Last Name	Roderick
Email	rrroderick@msn.com
Public Comment	<p>I would like to thank the Commission for looking at extending the time for reservations. Although I live in Washington, our family has had a reunion at LaPine for 30+ years with over 100 in attendance. It has been very tough to get the reservations needed. By extending it for 18 months, I am able to let the family know well ahead of time for the next year's planning. I am concerned about the additional increase in fees and not sure how the increase will work being varied. Would have preferred a specific increase to the reservation fee - say an additional \$2 making it \$10 and then another increase in a certain period of time (2 years or so). Camping is a way for low income families to have a vacation - many of my family tents. By increasing the fee to \$15 that could make camping an unaffordable trip for some. Also the younger generation is not what you see typically in campgrounds - don't we want to encourage those in their 20's and 30's to bring their families? These are the ones that are struggling to afford vacation. Senior citizens also use the sites and must limit their expenses. I realize that the park system must cover their expenses and have a balance to maintain the structures. Hoping you pursue this change fairly and take an honest review also of your administrative costs of the park systems along with gathering more funds.</p>

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First Name	Renee
Last Name	Stilson
Email	stilren61@gmail.com
Public Comment	I would not want the 18 month reservation window. It's very difficult to plan that far ahead and would lead to many more cancellations and changes. I prefer a 6-9 month window. I think that in order to be fair to all concerned, the window needs to be more conducive to the needs of the average person instead of just those that can plan that far ahead. I love the 6am start time instead of the 12am!

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First Name	michael
Last Name	clowdus
Email	clowdusmike@gmail.com
Public Comment	I would be opposed to the 18 month window. 9 months is plenty of time to reserve something for spring or summer. With the growth of the population if you don't reserve 18 months out I'm concerned everything will be already reserved with less chance for people to get the park off their choice

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First Name	Luiz
Last Name	Silva
Email	Silva.luiz@outlook.com
Public Comment	I came here to say how I oppose the flexible scheduling. But seems like every comment I read already said that in unison. So: listen to your costumers! And don't make camping for Oregonians less accessible by overcomplicating things. Also, I support higher fees for out of state visitors. We already pay lot in state tax, and I know the taxes don't fund the parks, but they do maintain the roads to get you there, and other important things.

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First Name	Grant
Last Name	Kimball
Email	gckimball@gmail.com
Public Comment	After reading some of the public comments from this month, I'd second the motion to keep the reservation window at 9-months. It is hard for most families to plan 18 months in advance for anything, let alone camping. I'm trying to imagine the reasoning behind that long of a timeframe. Perhaps that was covered in the January meeting. Since we are now in January and people would like to start making summer plans, I hope you are quick to make a decisions and open up reservations beyond the current 30-day limit. Thanks, Grant Kimball

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First Name	Joseph
Last Name	Hundley
Email	hardlinejoe@yahoo.com
Public Comment	<p>The reservation window should not be expanded to 18 months, many people do not have the flexibility to plan their work schedules 18 months out, especially service workers/lower income workers. Honestly, I think the temporary window of 60 days that it currently is, is a good number for a reservation window. Having the longer window allows people to tie up reservation spots with speculative vacations. Part of the Oregon camping tradition is heading out spontaneously when we get a nice weekend, the more spots we move to reservation sites, and the longer we extend the reservation window, the more difficult that becomes. We do not need to become a world where every stay, meal, travel requires a reservation and our lives are ruled by planners.</p>

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First Name	Michael
Last Name	Siebert
Email	michaelsiebert06@yahoo.com
Public Comment	I object to extending the reservation window beyond 9 months.

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MARSHALL Janelle * OPRD

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First Name	David
Last Name	Boles
Email	davidboles520@gmail.com
Public Comment	I am newly retired. 2020 was the first year we booked several sites taking advantage of the 9 month rule "at midnight". At some coast campgrounds this was still impossible. I do not see how the 18 month window would help me book a coast trip with 3 or 4 stops at State Campgrounds easier. It appears fewer sites would be available for any advanced reservation. If sites are released for reservation at different times that would just complicate and frustrate the process. If all site were released for 18 month reservations that would give a smaller group of campers a big advantage.

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First Name	Amy
Last Name	Jordens
Email	amy.jordens@gmail.com
Public Comment	<p>I am writing about the proposed change to the reservation window for Oregon state parks. I read in the paper that the future reservation window could be extended for up to 18 months, and that the reservation window may vary between parks. As a working person with a family, I think that an 18-month window is too long. It is difficult to make plans that far in advance, and I worry that retired people, who have more flexibility, will fill up all the slots right away. I was fine with the 9-month window, and the current 30-day window is also working fine for us. I feel it levels the playing field somewhat, although 30 days is tight and sites can go quickly. In addition, while I understand some variation between parks may be necessary, in general I hope for a standard reservation window so that it is easy to keep track of when the window opens and not worry that it is different depending on where you are going.</p>

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First Name	Brenda
Last Name	Taylor
Email	akcohi@hotmail.com
Public Comment	<p>**Please return the reservation policies to the perfectly functional and user-friendly policies that previously existed -- \$8 to reserve and cancel, with booking allowed up to 9 months in advance. If any reservation window must be changed to allow OPRD time to manipulate reservations in case of an unexpected crisis, perhaps a slightly shorter window of time, such as 4-6 months in advance, would make it more manageable by decreasing the number of reservations that need to be managed, while still serving the customers' need to plan in advance. Any increase in the reservation window (10-18 months in advance) would only increase the work that OPRD must do if having to initiate cancellations in the case of a crisis. Increasing the reservation window would have the opposite effect of the agency being able to "nimble respond to changing conditions." **If changes in reservation fees and cancellation fees must be increased, please apply those higher fees to non-residents. To increase the much-needed profit margins for OPRD, to make sure all sites are used as much as possible, as well as to increase overall access to campgrounds, another idea would be to increase the forfeited amount if not canceling within a three-day window (forfeit 100% if canceling with less than 3 days notice). Similarly, in the case of a no-call / no-show, I believe 100% of the reservation costs should be retained. Current policy allows for all but the first night fee to be refunded, but since that no-call / no-show has monopolized a campsite with minimal certainty that it can be booked again, I believe that the full reservation costs should be retained. **Regarding reservation regulations for the name on the reservations... please maintain the requirement the name appearing on the original reservation is the only person who can make changes and/or access information about the reservation, and likewise, that the same person must be present at check in and must be onsite. If you allow the name on the reservation to be changed, it will create a secondary scalping market for resale of popular dates and desirable sites!</p>

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Public Comment	<p>OR State Park Rule Changes – Cyndi Smidt Comments, 2020-01-09 Reservations, OAR 736-015-0015(2)(b) The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) requests to change the reservation window from 9 months to 18 months to “provide flexibility to address changing fiscal needs.” I am strongly opposed to anything more than the existing 9 months currently set for the reservation. In addition, I am concerned about the reservation fee scale of \$0-\$15. Please do not make it too confusing. The following are my comments addressing some aspects of the proposed changes. OPRD: Changes to the reservation window would also provide flexibility to address changing fiscal needs. C. Smidt: I respect the need for flexibility and some level should be granted. However, I am unclear how this will address a changing fiscal need. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and additional information online does not provide adequate information, including fiscal considerations to justify this change. If OPRD needs more flexibility, I recommend it only run with a typical fiscal year of one year (12 months). OPRD: This change would enable same day reservations through 18 months C. Smidt: I believe the 9-month reservation window is working adequately. Although I wish it was a shorter window like the federal sites that have a 6-month window, I have found the OPRD system to be fair. The 9-month window is adequate time for planning ahead, albeit stressful at times because most people are barely planning that far in advance. Moreover, it is already a competitive market for campsites and thus extending it beyond 9 months would make the situation worse. Therefore, if OPRD now has the potential to change it to an 18-month window, I believe it will be detrimental to the public. Having to plan for 18 months in advance will only add to the stress and competition in a fast-moving world we should be trying to slow down. OPRD: [N]ot all sites would be open the entire window and... C. Smidt: This is not explained in the Notice or additional information provided online. If I read it correctly, instead of releasing all sites at once, OPRD would like to release sites over several months (or days or weeks). The current system is working right now with all sites opening at once. Please do not make it more confusing. However, if it is approved to allow for this sporadic release of sites, please define this in writing on the OPRD website and many other places. Moreover, it would be appreciated that the release dates of sites be set at specific times so the public knows when to expect the release. OPRD: [N]either the maximum nor the minimum ends of the range will necessarily be made available by the Director at any given time. C. Smidt: As noted previously, I understand the need for flexibility. If approved, this needs to be defined in the rule with specific guidelines as to when a minimum or maximum is made available by the Director. Furthermore, the reservation window should still dictate a single reservation window (e.g. 9 months) that is the norm and one that will be returned to once a dire situation relaxes. I am concerned about OPRD having too much flexibility granted for change and thus I suggest a base reservation window be set and held except in dire situations. OPRD: Change reservation fee to a scale of \$0-\$15. C. Smidt: This is not explained in the Notice or additional information provided online. OPRD did not provide an explanation on how this will address a changing fiscal need. Is this fee change something derived by the reservation system or is OPRD wanting to take in more money to</p>

cover other costs? This is all very unclear and should be defined more in the proposal. In any regard, I am concerned about the reservation fee scale of \$0-\$15. It is common place to have a reservation transaction fee but to have a sliding scale is less common. A cap of \$10 would seem more appropriate as \$15 starts getting more unaffordable for people of lower incomes. This proposed rule change needs to be more defined and have specific boundaries. As noted previously, if OPRD needs more flexibility, I recommend it only run with a typical fiscal year of one year (12 months) and can only change with proper authorization. Thanks for your time. Cyndi Smidt

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Public Comment	<p>I do object to the proposal for an 18 month reservation window for state parks. It is not clear to me why this would be advantageous to anyone. It's difficult enough to plan camping trips 9 months in advance. It seems with 18 month reservations you would run the risk of more cancellations because booking a year and a half in advance could lead to a change of mind. Also, as anyone knows it's difficult to plan a camping trip or any trip 18 months in advance. Also, if state parks have different reservation windows it makes your system difficult and confusing to use. Having lived in Oregon all 66 years of my life, a contributing member to Oregon State Parks Forever and purchasing a 24 month day use pass, my support of our State Parks is strong. I do feel bad about your loss of revenue due to COVID and the fires this year but I do not think an 18 month reservation window will help you recoup your losses. Please continue the 9 month reservation window. It's much easier to book and plan for. If you need more revenue, charge out of state tourists an extra tax. Many of our out of state and Canadian friends love the ease of booking and using our parks with the 9 month reservation window. Please, please keep it,</p>

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Public Comment	I would like to see Oregon residents have a two week time when only they can make reservation ahead of those from other places. I think a week is max that one party can reserve a spot for. I think one year is the most people can reserve ahead of time

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