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It is startling at the amount of people in Oregon outdoors areas. I ask that strong enforcement for cleaning up/trash/and leaving areas spotless, is a priority.

There should be FAIR ways to get permits. samp spots/and all outdoor desired activities. Many people are better at using internet to get these privileges, while many never get an opportunity due to skills at accessing the sites. There is so much hoarding at State Campgrounds.

Oregon Residents should have a time frame, ahead of other visitors, to access needed permits. Lotteries or spacing people out is definitely necessary. As to allow every to have equal access to enjoy the outdoor treasures, a fair system must be in place.

Thank you

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First Name	Kirk
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Public Comment	<p>To whom it may concern, I am commenting on the proposed Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council. It really seems like OPRD and the Office of outdoor recreation is doing nothing more that allocating themselves extra funding to hire more people to further the bureaucratic paperwork nightmare where nothing actually ever gets accomplished the State of Oregon is known for. Simply hiring more people to "coordinate" the same people who have been advising the Office of Outdoor Recreation for its entirety serves no one in the state beyond the paychecks being collected by even more state employees passing endless reports back and forth while never actually achieving anything that benefits a single Oregon Resident. All this is doing is supporting an agenda already decided on by OPRD and the Office of Outdoor Recreation to supply "services" that would not be required if the State did not find a way to charge for things that are already "Free". I strongly oppose this latest plan to hire more endless state staff at the expense of Oregonians who enjoy the outdoors to the point that actual Oregonians can't afford all the fees, permits surcharges excreta. to even use the outdoors so a few can say "look at me, I made it equatable for the undeserved" The outdoors is "free", please stop trying to make it cost money for your own personal gain in the form of a paycheck and benefits Oregon residents that do not work for the state cannot afford. Quotes from yet another report serving no one: Governors Task Force on the Outdoors, 2020 framework for action: "Create a top-level outdoor recreation entity to lead statewide planning, policy and coordination." "This group could help further prioritize and advance the many potential initiatives and projects identified by the Task Force that may require coordination and collective efforts to accomplish" "Additional staff capacity and project budget will likely be needed to advance priorities identified by the advisory group and recommendations in other sections of this report." Kirk Barnes Bend Oregon (and a) Lifelong Oregonian</p>

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Public Comment	Great idea! I hope the disabled will be well represented!

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Public Comment	Does this mean that the new advisory council might or will prioritize Oregonians when it comes to making campground reservations. After the latest fiasco with booking window timeframes and the state of Oregon actually having the audacity to blame Reserve America I believe any change could only prove to be beneficial. If the state of Oregon actually cared about it"s taxpaying residents they would at the very least give Oregonians a 24 hour earlier booking window then non residents. Especially at this time.

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	<p>March 16, 2021 Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission, As Active Partners of the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Network, we are writing to provide an update to you on our work over the past five years and to express our support for the Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation and its planned Advisory Council leading the way in setting and advancing outdoor recreation priorities in Oregon. In 2016, Travel Oregon convened a diverse set of 25+ outdoor recreation industry stakeholders in what began the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Initiative. The Initiative was established to develop a long-term vision for outdoor recreation in Oregon and then develop goals that included building capacity and synergy to expand outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors, creating sustainable economic vitality for Oregon’s communities, and making Oregon a world-class outdoor recreation destination for all. In 2017, seven Action Teams were formed to help advance priority strategies for collective action, and in 2018 the Initiative transitioned into the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Network. As a Network, we focused our organizational capacity and resources to begin tackling the state’s most pressing outdoor recreation priorities. We accomplished and contributed to numerous high-impact outdoor recreation priorities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of the Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation – creating an Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation (OREC) was a key initial priority of the Network and was accomplished in 2017.</li><li>• Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit – we organized successful Summits in 2017 (Corvallis), 2019 (Bend), and 2020 (virtual).</li><li>• Oregon Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Report (<a href="#">link</a>) – in partnership with Travel Oregon, OREC, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, we produced a new baseline report detailing the economic impact of Outdoor Recreation in Oregon.</li><li>• Take Care Out There (<a href="#">link</a>) – emanating from the need to provide a messaging framework to ensure Oregonians and visitors recreate safely and responsibly in our beautiful state, we collectively organized and launched this communications plan and campaign.</li><li>• Roadmap to the Outdoors – with the leadership of Oregon’s First Gentleman, this action team convened a diverse set of outdoor recreation stakeholders and led a Roadmap to the Outdoors Symposium that helped lay out a framework for advancing equal access to the outdoors and representation within industry and agency leadership.</li><li>• Built trust and</li></ul>

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alliances – the Network functioned as a convener, supporting strong relationships with leaders including the Oregon Trails Coalition, the Oregon Outdoor Alliance, Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation, OSU’s Outdoor Recreation Economy Initiative, Oregon Outdoors Coalition, as well as with federal and state public lands management agency staff. Since the Network’s formation in 2016 the landscape has drastically changed. Oregon’s Office of Outdoor Recreation formed and began setting priorities set by its Task Force and very recently two interagency agreements were established to support OREC and its forthcoming Advisory Committee. We have also seen formation and growth of key outdoor recreation coalitions and partnerships leading to many new projects and collaborations. Partners have pushed for and established new funding pathways including the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and Oregon Trail Fund. With these and other advancements in mind, the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Network leadership has made the decision to sunset the Network and put energy into the new landscape. To fully ensure that this leadership shift is successful, the below signed set of Active Partners of the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Network urge the Commission governing the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to prioritize, and the Oregon Legislature to fully fund, the Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation to serve as the leader and convener of key stakeholders to guide the prioritization of Oregon’s outdoor recreation work. As individuals and organizations involved in the Network, we remain committed to and optimistic about the future of Oregon’s outdoor recreation landscape. We look forward to the forthcoming creation of the OREC Advisory Council and we support the Advisory Council in taking the reins on outdoor recreation priority setting and project leadership in the state. We understand that not all Active Partners will have the opportunity to participate directly in the Advisory Council, but we hope to see a diverse Advisory Council that represents the various outdoor recreation priorities in Oregon, from the coast to the mountains to the desert. We are proud of the work that the Network has accomplished over the past five years and are encouraged that in partnership with OREC and the many outdoor recreation coalitions, organizations, and agencies, that Oregon will continue to make progress on outdoor recreation priorities, ultimately fulfilling the shared purpose of the Network – ensuring access to world-class outdoor experiences for everyone. Outdoor recreation is the heart and soul of Oregon. It supports our economies, strengthens our communities, and offers sanctuary and solace, especially during these very difficult times. Oregon is home to beautiful landscapes and endless outdoor adventure opportunities as well as outdoor recreation experts and leaders who can guide the work to make Oregon an outdoor recreation leader in this country and to make outdoor recreation an even stronger part of our daily lives, our communities, and our state’s economy. We are ready to support the work of OREC and its Advisory Council and look forward to the next chapter for Oregon outdoor recreation. Sincerely, Mark Johnson, Port of Cascade Locks – past Oregon House Representative and Chief Sponsor of the legislation that created the Office in 2017, First Gentleman of Oregon, Dan Little Latino Outdoors, Central Oregon chapter, Zavier Borja Mayor of Bend, Sally Russell Mazamas, Sarah Bradham Oregon Outdoor Alliance, Van Schoessler and Mike Wallenfels Co-Presidents Oregon Trails Coalition, Stephanie Noll OSU

Outdoor Recreation Economy Initiative, Lee Davis REI, Mick Minard  
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Scott Bricker Vive NW, Jorge Guzman Wallowa Resources, Larz Stewart

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