



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Connie Ehrlich

Date comment received:

January 9, 2026 05:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

tlehrlich56@duck.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am writing to address a serious error in the wording in the proposed rules regarding "The Take-off and Landing of Drones in Oregon State Parks".

The idea is more than likely to maintain the peace and quiet of the Parks by prohibiting loud, buzzing, motorized drones. These usually have 4 or more small rotor blades, turning at a high RPM, creating a loud buzzing sound. They are flown remotely, sometimes even beyond the sight of the operator or pilot. Drones can also have onboard cameras and can therefore violate privacy concerns.

Please simply insert the word "motorized" into the new rule language. As written, without the word "motorized" you will ban the flying of kites, balloons, model gliders, Frisbees, and other forms of silent flying objects.

Including verbiage about on-board camera's would also be appropriate, since these camera's can easily be removed.

Please amend the Rule by inserting the word "MOTORIZED" in the definition of "Drone" to solve this obvious problem! Broad and unfocused language is more than just a problem, it violates the rights of the public, so please tighten up this rule to reflect what you are actually trying to accomplish. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Date comment received:

January 9, 2026 09:00 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

colopik@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

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Date comment received:

January 9, 2026 09:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mposer@xl.ca

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello

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The idea is probably to maintain the peace and quiet of the Parks by prohibiting loud, buzzing, motorized drones. These usually have 4 or more small rotor blades, turning at a high RPM creating a loud buzzing sound. They are flown remotely, sometimes even beyond the sight of the operator or pilot.

Please simply insert the word “motorized” into the new rule language. As written, without the word “motorized” you will ban the flying of kites, balloons, model gliders, Frisbees, and other forms of silent flying objects.

Further consideration: Oregon is blessed with an ideal coastal environment for flying silent model gliders. There are annual slope soaring meets for model glider enthusiasts on Oregon beaches that bring visitors from all over USA and Canada. Banning the use of such non-motorized models will have a negative impact on tourist dollars spent in Oregon. We will spend our tourist dollars elsewhere. Please do not include non-motorized model aircraft in the proposed drone ban.

Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary Kamm

Date comment received:

January 10, 2026 05:54 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

kammlambert@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As an avid hiker and equestrian, I frequently use trails in Oregon State Parks. I object to the use of drones in areas where horses are being ridden due to the inherent danger to the horse, the rider, and any hikers that might be in the proximity of a horse that has been spooked by the sudden appearance of a drone. Additionally, my use of state hiking trails, either walking or on horseback, is done with relaxation and a connection to nature as the objective. Drone traffic seriously detracts from this experience and I hope that drone operation is kept out of Oregon's state parks. Thank you for your consideration.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Sandy McLarrin

Date comment received:

January 10, 2026 11:18 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

s1973_se@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I horseback ride at Elijah Bristow State Park and it would be very dangerous to allow drones in this equestrian park. There are many novice elderly riders and green horses who use the park.



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Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 04:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I understand that the FAA and FCC have opened the door for local control of drones.

The

campaign against drones has been driven by the myth that drones are a national threat because they are sending dangerous pictures to the Chinese government. This hoax is unfounded, without incident and without any investigation, or testing. This hoax propagated by individuals in the government and supported by lobbyists, funded, or led by American drone companies to stop the importing of Chinese products that they are not able to compete with.

Large corporations are pushing for rules and regulations to allow them control of low altitude flying lanes so they can have the paths to deliver packages with drones quickly and cheaply. These hoaxes have created fear and bias against drones in the air flown by average hobbyists.

The recent great fear of drones and lights in the air at night on the east coast is a great example of this, most being regular aircraft.

I have flown a small drone in Oregon State Parks, and at the Coast, taking beautiful pictures and videos, from vantages that I could never have captured with my iPhone. I have never had complaints from people, only questions and interest.

Please let us continue to enjoy our beautiful state with the tools that can enhance our experience.

Don't put up trail closed signs for no reason.

Thanks,

Lon Tidwell
Albany, Oregon



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Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 04:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hi,

While

I agree that learning how to use and using a "drone" UAS can be an engaging and positive recreational activity, I appreciate OPRD determining limits within parks. Other users (in my case equestrians) may be quite disturbed or even injured by in appropriate use.

I would prefer that parks be evaluated on an individual basis for appropriateness considering wildlife, other recreationalists, and additional traffic that might arise in certain areas. So much nature and historical advantage could be gained while observing life from above it would be a shame to ban it but I see enforcing rules being a very difficult task especially after seeing how tough it is to enforce bicycle and ebike rules. It requires lots of education and cooperation. On an ever diminishing budget.

The parks I primarily use are Elijah Bristow, Jasper, Willamette Mission, and occasionally others. Thank you for your attention,

Dodie Kauffman



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Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 04:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please establish rules that prohibit drones in State parks. Not only do drones disturb the peace of human visitors, they also disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be large predatory birds -this has been devastating to breeding birds. Drones create unnecessary noise and annoyance. Please do not expand rights for a very few park users that could cause extreme disturbance for many. We have enough noise and disturbance to wildlife; let's make sure at least Oregon's parks are not subject to these disruptions.



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Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 04:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

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Sincerely,

Capt. James F. Scheidler



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Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 04:51 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am an Oregonian, a user of Oregon's state parks, and a regular visitor to the Oregon coast.

My experience of nature has been negatively impacted time and time again by the buzzing, hovering intrusion of drones.

They create an invasion of privacy in addition to destroying the solace, the quiet, and the beauty of nature in our parks and public lands.

I applaud your efforts to determine where drones may be appropriate in state parks and the ocean shore, and I hope your decisions and results will be as restrictive as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
Michele McKay



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rachel Bieber

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 06:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bieberr74@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Do not allow drones use at the shores



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Commenter name (if provided):

Robert Plata

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 06:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dacrusher@duck.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

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Commenter name (if provided):

Elizabeth Sias

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 06:19 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

egsias@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Do not allow drones! They are loud, a nuisance to other visitors who want to enjoy nature in peace, and most importantly, they have a negative impact on wild bird populations.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ann Rasmussen

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 06:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As these rules will give state land managers the ability to regulate drone use in state parks, I think it's important to address that drone use disturbs wildlife and reduces enjoyment of parks for other users.

Please adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federal lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Many at-risk species are known to be affected by drones, including birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion. Besides being identified by the State Wildlife Action Plan, these animals are an important draw for visitors to parks.

Besides their effects on wildlife and wildlife viewing, drones are also disruptive to visitors' enjoyment of parks due to their noise and disruption of views. As drones often carry cameras, they can also create a feeling of surveillance that deters visitors.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Anne Dale

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 07:09 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

wonder65atd@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please allow drone use only in limited areas away from at-risk nesting and marine mammals. This will allow quiet human enjoyment and for birds and mammals to thrive. Prohibit us in there areas, snowy plover management areas, Rocky Habitat Management areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas and give a 0.5 mile buffer adjacent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and federal lands.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Althea Kastelic

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 07:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

arkastelic@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I have worked with wildlife for many years, and it is constantly astounding to me how disproportionate the level of discomfort we expect wildlife to tolerate is when compared to the level of discomfort we deem appropriate for humans. Drones pose a significant threat to wildlife, while not using them poses no threat to human beings. Smaller birds, especially shorebirds, mistake drones for birds of prey and there are many cases of drones scaring parent birds away from their chicks, leaving the chicks defenseless to predation threats. Deer, bears, foxes, squirrels, and even mountain lions have been spooked from their feeding grounds by drones, costing them precious energy and resources. It is ridiculous that a human's desire for a "cool video" would trump an animal's right to survival. Oregon must protect its wild citizens and further limit drone use in our state parks. Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Stephen Ott

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 07:16 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

smjott@aol.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I ask that ORPD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5 buffer in ORPD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

I suggest ORPD take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use. Drones are perceived by wildlife as predatory and cause significant impacts to nesting birds. Drones make noise and are intrusive to wildlife and have negative impact to visitors seeking natural landscapes and quiet time away from everyday life.

Rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas.

Stephen Ott



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Commenter name (if provided):

Nora Sherwood

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 07:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

nsherwood4art@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I support rules that will allow them to regulate drone take-offs and landings within State Parks and along the ocean.

Sincerely,
Nora Sherwood



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Commenter name (if provided):

Susan Nelson

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 07:54 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

skimnelson@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear State Parks, I appreciate the chance to comment on this proposed rule. Drones do not belong in our public spaces, especially in State Parks. They cause severe disturbance to wildlife, which is detrimental to their reproduction and survival. Drones can cause birds to abandon nests, take evasive action, and use extra energy in trying to avoid these invasive machines. Drones also disturb people who are trying to enjoy a day out in a State Park. The noise and violation of privacy of drones is unacceptable. Please ban all drones from all State Parks and public beaches. Thank you, Susan



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Commenter name (if provided):

Gladys Salgado

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 08:21 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

gs2502@outlook.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.**



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Commenter name (if provided):

Robert Bernstein

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 08:27 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bobbo1946@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

..very much dislike hearing the buzzing of drones in parks and wildlife areas..intrusive and worry over their effects on wildlife..can only see a use for them in fire fighting and gov/agency use-assessments of plants, trees etc..otherwise wife and I would like them banned..



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Commenter name (if provided):

Nadia Gardner

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 08:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

NadiaEGardner@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As a north Oregon Coast resident, I thank you for your work developing drone rules for our State Parks and ocean shore. I regularly visit local parks and the beach and value all the benefits they provide people and wildlife.

I ask that you prohibit drones from all of our designated Rocky Habitat and Marine Reserve sites and adjacent beaches, including beaches near Haystack Rock, Ecola Point, Chapman Point and Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. These north coast sites are very important for nesting birds and other wildlife disturbed by drones. They are also highly visited. So, drones negatively impact both lots of people looking for peace and quiet, and wildlife.

As a local resident and regular user, I would really appreciate not being buzzed by and hovered above.

Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Elizabeth Fox

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 09:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

keokuk@casco.net

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

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Commenter name (if provided):

Lynn Thompson

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 09:22 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lynnm.thom@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Committee Members,

The publication of the Decline of North American Avifauna was a wake-up call for the bird conservation community; it estimated that North America has lost nearly 3 billion breeding birds since 1970, roughly equivalent to losing one in four adult birds in 50 years. It is important now, more than ever that we do everything possible to protect birds.

Please adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lynn Thompson



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Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Krall

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 09:27 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

michaelkrall670@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am a lifelong Oregon resident. I live in Netarts, in Tillamook County. My wife and I as well as our children and grandchildren spend many hours on the coast living and recreating. We enjoy the peace and solitude of the parks and headlands. We are also birders. We volunteer to help monitor nesting populations of oystercatchers and snowy plovers and enjoy many other sea birds including tufted puffins and murres. We have seen first hand the disturbance that can be caused by drone use. While I appreciate the appeal of drones (my grandson uses one responsibly) I know that in sensitive areas they can be very harmful. I appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks. Drones disturb birds because they create noise and are perceived to be predators. They have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **We hope that OPRD only allows drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds. We believe that the **rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well as in snowy plover habitat.** Thank you for your attention. Michael and Kathy Krall



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Commenter name (if provided):

Thomas Keffer

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 09:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am glad to see that park managers will now have the tools they need to regulate the use of drones in state parks.

What should guide those regulations?

First and foremost, we should keep in mind that drone operators are a tiny minority, with an outsized influence. The use of drones not only disturbs the tranquility and natural values that a visitor seeks, but can also disturb the behavior of resident birds and mammals. We should err on the side of no impact.

Drone use should be restricted to areas that are not frequented by visitors and are not used by sensitive wildlife. I realize that this may not leave much, but that is how it should be if we are to keep our parks as a natural resource to be enjoyed by future generations.

A few years ago, I worked as a birding guide at Padre Island National Seashore. Drones were a constant problem. The instant one showed up, the resident shorebirds, thinking it was an overhead predator, would panic and take flight, burning up their limited energy supply. As a result, the NPS now has a strict ban on using drones, except by special permit. We should do the same.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Nora Polk

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 10:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- Please restrict drone use to protect wildlife.
- We appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated [**State Wildlife Action Plan**](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
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Thank you,
Nora



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lisa Haggblom

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 10:35 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

When I worked as a cliff-nesting seabird biologist in Alaska for 10 years, I witnessed the negative impacts of sound and aerial disturbances to birds (and other wildlife). There, it was aircraft, boats, hunters, and campfire smoke. Animals were scared and often abandoned their nests, roosting areas, and haulout sites. Nestlings sometimes were dislodged from nests and perished. Avian predators preyed upon unattended nests. Walruses stampeded from the beach into the water, sometimes smothering each other to death in their rush to get to the water and safety. Coastal wildlife evolved to adapt to natural disturbances, but cannot adapt to unnatural disturbances the same way. The result is imminent or eventual site abandonment, population declines, and the loss of indigenous animals. Drones here cause all the same disturbances to Oregon coastal wildlife. People have cause climate change, habitat destruction, and pollution, to name a few threats to wildlife, and drones are another threat. They disturb wildlife and should be banned from coastal areas.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Judith Mercer

Date comment received:

January 13, 2026 11:28 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Drones have no place in our National parks unless it is for rescue purposes.

They disturb the peace a disrupt wildlife.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Cristy Murray

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 01:17 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- I really appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
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Commenter name (if provided):

leah geocaris

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 01:49 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I personally witnessed not ONE but TWO drones last year while watching vaux swifts going in to roost for the night at Agate Hall. They were a nuisance to the birds and to the people gathered to watch this wonder of nature. It was so frustrating not knowing who was responsible as they could have been anywhere. All of the humans at the event were irritated by the noise and intrusion into the nightly ritual. I can only imaging the headache they are causing in State parks.

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Commenter name (if provided):

Wanda solano

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 04:37 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Drones are further endangering already threatened species. It can't be left to the public to police themselves on this issue. Fines must be steep and enforced including a three strikes rule over the maximum area possible.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Matthew Oliphant

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 06:50 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

moliphant842@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

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Commenter name (if provided):

Lindsey McGuire

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 09:44 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mcguir87@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I appreciate that the adoption of new rules will provide State Park managers with meaningful tools to regulate drone use. Because drones are perceived as predators and have been shown to significantly disturb birds and wildlife—particularly during nesting—I urge OPRD to take a precautionary, conservation-focused approach to where and when drone use is allowed. While millions of Oregonians and visitors enjoy state parks for their scenic beauty, wildlife, and quiet natural experiences, only a small fraction operate drones, whose noise and intrusion can disproportionately impact sensitive habitats and visitor experience. Oregon's updated State Wildlife Action Plan identifies more than 70 at-risk bird and mammal species known to be negatively affected by drones, including coastal birds and marine mammals. I support the draft rules prohibiting drone use in Snowy Plover management areas and recommend extending these prohibitions to all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves, and Marine Protected Areas. Additionally, I recommend adopting no-takeoff and landing rules within a 0.5-mile buffer on OPRD-managed lands adjacent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges and other federally protected wildlife lands.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Alice McKee

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 01:29 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

alicemckee2006@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I see more drones being used at the Oregon coast when I visit there. I am worried about them disturbing wildlife, disrupting nesting and rearing of young birds. Our wildlife has enough challenges—let's remove this one.

I also find drones to be annoying through the noises they make and I worry that they could be filming me or others without our consent and we have no idea how those videos are being used.

Please limit or ban drone use on the Oregon coast.

Thank you



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Karen Funk

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 02:38 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

services@kernsfunk.net

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

It's great to hear that drone use will finally be regulated in our State Parks and beaches. I have lived in Oregon for over 30 years and have enjoyed the beach and parks throughout these years. Oregonians are so fortunate to have these wonderful place to experience wildlife, solitude and incredible landscapes. Drone use can destroy all of these. Unfortunately, the drone use operators are not considerate of wildlife and people when they operate them. Walking on the beach or in park and having a drone buzz by your head can ruin your whole experience. In addition to disrupting nesting birds and seals and sea lions, the drone completely disrupt the quite and solitude that the beaches and parks provide. The same is true for ATV vehicles and we have already solved this by limiting where the ATVs can go on the beach. Perhaps the drone users can just use the ATV designated beaches. Keep the noise and disruptions in one place.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Patricia Heron

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 03:35 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

patblueheron@msn.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please pass legislation to protect our struggling nesting birds from drones.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

marna herrington

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 05:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

marnah@mindspring.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please restrict drone use as much as possible to protect wild bird life. Thank you.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Rachel Navarro

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 05:34 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

rach_navarro@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Overall, drones are really an annoyance, and when operators are irresponsible there doesn't seem to be much that anyone can do. The most concerning thing to me is the impact on wildlife.

- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated [**State Wildlife Action Plan**](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **There should be rules allowing no takeoff and landing in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands** designated

to protect wildlife populations and habitats.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Alicia Schubert

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 05:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

aliciaschubert@frontier.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I urge you to restrict drone use to protect wildlife and to provide the best experience for those who visit state parks.

- I appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats**
- The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small

number of limited areas

that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife. I and many visitors are looking for quiet spaces. We need natural space with only nature to provide the sounds. This is good for everyone's health and well being, including the inhabitants of the forests.

- Oregon's newly updated [State Wildlife Action Plan](#)

includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.

- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas.

The

rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.

- **We**

recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands

designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Angelia D'Agostino

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 07:45 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

adagostino2000@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

We need stricter regulation on the use of drones to stop terrorizing, disrupting and hurting bird life.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Ashley McGraw

Date comment received:

January 14, 2026 11:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

alouisemcg@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I support the proposed rules regulating the use of drones in our parks.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Liz Saufley

Date comment received:

January 15, 2026 02:23 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

slyfox4541@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, thank you for providing the public an opportunity to comment on draft rules OAR 736-010-0015, 010-0040, 021-0030, and 021-0130. I agree that drones have become so popular that it needs to be addressed and I appreciate the time taken to write these rules. I have read many public comments, all from experience fliers who know more about "fly zones," permits, etc. I agree that IF the rules are noticed and later voted to adopt, that strict rules will be in place to monitor and regulate improper drone use.

That being said, I speak in opposition of the adoption of these OARs. First of all, the State of Oregon does not have the funding to regulate drone use at this time, not in the near future. I have difficulty seeing that drone use can be regulated with the park staff that we currently have, with all the other duties they must focus on during their work day.

From an environmental standpoint, birds and other wildlife will be disrupted by the use of drones. I appreciate that the Snowy Clover is specifically mentioned in your OARs, but again, I do not see how the state will be able to enforce rules and regulations after the adoption of the OARs. Drones will be perceived as predators to wildlife and will frighten them. The OARs do not mention restricted use in Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves, and Marine Protected Areas as well. I would also recommend that if the OARs are adopted, that they specifically state there is no take-off and landing rules in a 0.5 buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge and federal lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Lastly, most people come to the parks to get away from noise pollution, relax, and be immersed in nature. Drones are an invasion to human privacy and enjoyment as well.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments!



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Abbey Myszka

Date comment received:

January 15, 2026 02:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

abbeymyszka@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated [**State Wildlife Action Plan**](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Tammy Spencer

Date comment received:

January 15, 2026 05:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

tlspencer9@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Greetings,

- I appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, I urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated [**State Wildlife Action Plan**](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- I appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- I recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD

managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Tammy Spencer
Bird Alliance of Oregon
Board Member



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Christine Psyk

Date comment received:

January 15, 2026 08:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kryszka2@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am an avid birder who loves to watch birds in all their wondrous habitats. I have witnessed situations where drone users have disturbed feeding and nesting birds and it has alarmed. The growing use of drone for recreational purposes is at cross purposes to protecting birds and their habitats. Consequently, I am appreciate of the efforts of Oregon State Parks to develop draft new rules to regulate use of drones in State Parks. Adoption of strong rules that limit drone use are necessary because:

- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, I urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Like myself, millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated [**State Wildlife Action Plan**](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This

includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.

- We appreciate State Parks draft rules that specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should also prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **I recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands** designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,

Christine Psyk



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Liz Robertson

Date comment received:

January 15, 2026 08:32 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

erobertson.sfca@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.

Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.**

The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.

Oregon's newly updated [**State Wildlife Action Plan**](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and

mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion. We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**

We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Sadie Mercer

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 12:12 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

sadie@seasidechamber.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce to address a significant and, I believe, unintended error in the wording of the proposed rules governing the take-off and landing of drones in Oregon State Parks.

It is clear that the intent of this rule is to preserve the peace, quiet, and natural experience of our parks by limiting the use of loud, buzzing, motorized drones. These devices—typically equipped with multiple rapidly spinning rotor blades—create noise disturbances and are often operated remotely, sometimes beyond the direct line of sight of the pilot.

As currently written, however, the rule does not distinguish between *motorized* drones and non-motorized, silent recreational objects. Without that distinction, the language unintentionally bans everyday, low-impact activities such as flying kites, balloons, model gliders, Frisbees, and other harmless, non-motorized items that have long been part of the park experience.

This issue can be resolved simply and effectively by inserting the word **“motorized”** into the definition of “drone.” Doing so would preserve the original intent of the rule while avoiding unnecessary restrictions on traditional, family-friendly park activities.

I respectfully urge you to amend the proposed rule accordingly by clearly defining a drone as a **motorized** device. This small clarification will prevent confusion, overreach, and unintended consequences, while maintaining the integrity and enjoyment of Oregon’s treasured state parks.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued stewardship of our public lands.

Sincerely,
Sadie Mercer
Seaside Chamber of Commerce



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kathryn Sheibley

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 12:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

kssheibley@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

OPRD's new rules should regulate drone use in state parks. Drones disturb birds and wildlife in Oregon state parks where millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors come to enjoy. These rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Managements areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas and should adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in ORPD managed land adjacent to all US Fish and Wildlife Services refuges and other federal lands designate to protect wildlife



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Cheryl Terrusa

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 12:14 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

cherylterrusa@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

We camped on the coast in October and a sign clearly stated no drones was at a small park where we were trying to see the king tides.

The drone user ignored the sign and flew the drone right past us and around the area, while families and pets were there as well.

We were upset and called the phone number on the sign. The police person said it was not a priority and would get back to me. He never did after leaving me on hold for several minutes.

All in all, there should be no drones flying where people are trying to see the coast or at least away from the public.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Erik Johannes

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 01:45 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

erik@johannesfamily.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As a recreational drone user, I frequently enjoy flying my drone at the coast taking beautiful shots of the area that are not possible in any other way.

I fly in a very respectful manner and am aware of the rules about getting too close to bird areas such as Haystack rock and other areas. I have flown my drone up and down the coast including from Ecola state park in a very careful and respectful manner avoiding disturbing the wildlife and other recreational users. I was even able to get shots of the mountain lion on Haystack Rock (staying the appropriate distance from the rock) a couple years ago and shared them with the rangers that were keeping visitors away from the area which they appreciated.

Particularly at the coastal areas any noise from the drone is drowned out by the sounds of the Ocean if it is more than a few feet away. When I do fly my drone I always work to stay away from other users and fly in a manner to minimize any impact that the drone might have others.

One thing I have noticed is that the **Kites** that are flown at the beach are frequently much noisier than my drone and potentially more disturbing to birds since they are typically flying rapidly back and forth a short height off the beach.

I certainly understand the concerns that some may have about drones and wildlife. But those of us that fly in an appropriate manner have minimal to no impact on the wild life. Naturally there are always ignorant and/or bad actors that do not follow rules. However I would not punish all drone operators for the bad behavior of a few.

I would encourage allowing drones to continue flying in these areas as long as they are following the rules that help minimize their impact on wildlife and other users.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Erica Bolliger

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 09:27 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

ericabolliger@protonmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- I am very happy there might be drone regulation in our natural areas now. I hate drones. The noise is annoying--especially when I've gone into nature to find peace and quiet; and they are intrusive--I don't want to be filmed, or viewed remotely, without my consent.
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- I am also very concerned about the disruption and harm they cause to wildlife. I hope you will only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas, which are neither visited by people seeking quiet time in nature, nor used by sensitive birds and wildlife.
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- To this end, the rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas.
- Please adopt no take-off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federal lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.
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- Thank you



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

shara alexander

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 04:53 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sharaealexander@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.**



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Seanna Oakley-Hanson

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 05:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

ritaucœur@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear OPRD:

Please consider implementing more robust restrictions on the use of drones in Oregon State Parks than those currently drafted. As a practical matter, there is little possibility that OPRD can ensure and enforce the "reasonable and prudent" use of drones by the public. The demographic that would opt to use drones in state parks, seashores, and other natural areas are precisely the same demographic that feel free to litter, molest or destroy habitat, and push (if not transgress) the boundaries on existing laws and regulations that intend to protect these areas for Oregonians and tourists. Drones would not only undermine any efforts in place to protect sensitive wildlife and habitat, drones would quickly become a noxious form of litter insofar as the operators--again, who have no stake nor care to in the environment and wildlife--are not responsible nor conscientious. The third consideration which may be the least significant is that drone use is obnoxious and disturbing to people who visit Oregon state parks and seashores for the matchless beauty and peacefulness. They are akin to generators used by a similar demographic in campgrounds, only these are fly and invade a three-dimensional space. The only way to preclude the problem of regulating "reasonable and prudent" use is to place severe restrictions on their use in the first place. As the science shows:

- OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated [State Wildlife Action Plan](#) includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover

management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Stephanie Krill

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 08:23 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sromanfitforlife@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I strongly urge Oregon State Parks to prohibit the use of drones within state park boundaries - and any public space in general. These lands exist as sanctuaries—both for wildlife and for people seeking peace, reflection, and genuine connection with the natural world.

The presence of drones fundamentally disrupts wildlife, particularly birds, by introducing persistent noise and aerial intrusion that causes stress, interferes with nesting and feeding, and alters natural behavior. For species already facing environmental pressure, this disruption is not insignificant—it is harmful.

Equally important is the impact on visitors. Oregon's state parks are among the few remaining places where individuals and families can escape the constant noise, technology, and demands of modern life. The sound and

sight of drones fracture that sense of calm and replace it with the very busyness many of us are trying to leave behind.

Allowing drones in these spaces diminishes the restorative purpose of our parks and erodes the quiet dignity of shared public lands. Oregon's natural areas should remain places of reverence, protection, and respite—not arenas for recreational technology.

I respectfully ask that Oregon State Parks continue to prioritize wildlife preservation, natural soundscapes, and the emotional well-being of visitors by keeping drones out of state parks.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Sue Safford

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 08:57 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bfeliz2@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello Oregon State Parks,

I'm writing to comment on the DRAFT OPRD Drone Take-off and landing rules. I am strongly support limiting or prohibiting drone take-off and landing in Oregon State Parks. The sound of drones disturbs the natural soundscape, peace and quiet of parks. I encourage requiring any operator of an unmanned aircraft system as defined in the proposed rule or drone to obtain a permit/pass from the park manager as defined in the existing rules before flying (taking off or landing) an unmanned aircraft system or drone from any Oregon State Park. Additionally, I encourage limiting any takeoffs and landings to particular times and providing signage or other notice to all park visitors of those times. I also encourage the designation of natural sounds parks (similar to Dark Sky Parks) where unmanned aircraft system may not be used and natural sounds hours at other parks when unmanned aircraft systems many not be used.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jennifer Donohue

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 09:04 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jenniferdonohue@ymail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I've been volunteering to survey these birds for four years via the Bird Alliance on Clatsop Spit. They have multiple types of disturbances and obstacles related to human activity; off leash dogs, jetty construction, trash from the river/ocean, atv's in their nesting area. Just because we can fly drones and get great photos or entertain another intrusive human hobby, does not mean we should. I realize my opinion is unpopular amongst the traditional recreation enthusiast and I can't stem the tide of how humans think they are more important than wild animals. But, if we put ourselves in their position and try to understand that they are simply trying to eat, survive in a harsh environment, and raise a family. It is already tough for them. Humans have already squeezed them into smaller and smaller spaces so we can have our fun. Please consider limiting the use of drones over their habitat. This is their home. Thank you for your consideration.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Angela Lindbo

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 09:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

Alindbo93@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As an avid park user i strongly encourage you to protect our cherished quiet spaces from Drone use. I visit parks for their natural beauty, a chance to unwind and interact with nature. Drones, their noise and invasion of privacy should not be allowed. Not only do they impact other users but they impact wildlife that also call our parks home. As we continue to encroach on our natural spaces, it's more and more important that these are protected from unwanted noise and disturbance.

Thank you,
Angela Lindbo



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Poser

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:02 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mposer@xl.ca

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello

I am writing to address a serious error in the wording for the proposed rules regarding The Take-off and Landing of Drones in Oregon State Parks.

The idea is probably to maintain the peace and quiet of the Parks by prohibiting loud, buzzing, motorized drones. These usually have 4 or more small rotor blades, turning at a high RPM creating a loud buzzing sound. They are flown remotely, sometimes even beyond the sight of the operator or pilot.

Please simply insert the word “motorized” into the new rule language. As written, without the word “motorized” you will ban the flying of kites, balloons, model gliders, Frisbees, and other forms of silent flying objects.

Further consideration: Oregon is blessed with an ideal coastal environment for flying silent model gliders. There are annual slope soaring meets for model glider enthusiasts on Oregon beaches that bring visitors from all over USA and Canada. Banning the use of such non-motorized models will have a negative impact on tourist dollars spent in Oregon. We will spend our tourist dollars elsewhere. Please do not include non-motorized model aircraft in the proposed drone ban.

Thank you

Mike Poser



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Dodie Kauffman

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:02 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dodiekk@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hi,

While I agree that learning how to use and using a "drone" UAS can be an engaging and positive recreational activity, I appreciate OPRD determining limits within parks. Other users (in my case equestrians) may be quite disturbed or even injured by in appropriate use.

I would prefer that parks be evaluated on an individual basis for appropriateness considering wildlife, other recreationalists, and additional traffic that might arise in certain areas. So much nature and historical advantage could be gained while observing life from above it would be a shame to ban it but I see enforcing rules being a very difficult task especially after seeing how tough it is to enforce bicycle and ebike rules. It requires lots of education and cooperation. On an ever diminishing budget.

The parks I primarily use are Elijah Bristow, Jasper, Willamette Mission, and occasionally others.

Thank you for your attention,

Dodie Kauffman



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Lon Tidwell

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:03 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lontidwell@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I understand that the FAA and FCC have opened the door for local control of drones. The campaign against drones has been driven by the myth that drones are a national threat because they are sending dangerous pictures to the Chinese government. This hoax is unfounded, without incident and without any investigation, or testing. This hoax propagated by individuals in the government and supported by lobbyists, funded, or led by American drone companies to stop the importing of Chinese products that they are not able to compete with.

Large corporations are pushing for rules and regulations to allow them control of low altitude flying lanes so they can have the paths to deliver packages with drones quickly and cheaply. These hoaxes have created fear and bias against drones in the air flown by average hobbyists.

The recent great fear of drones and lights in the air at night on the east coast is a great example of this, most being regular aircraft.

I have flown a small drone in Oregon State Parks, and at the Coast, taking beautiful pictures and videos, from vantages that I could never have captured with my iPhone. I have never had complaints from people, only questions and interest.

Please let us continue to enjoy our beautiful state with the tools that can enhance our experience. Don't put up trail closed signs for no reason.

Thanks,
Lon Tidwell



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Margaret Stephens

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:03 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mlstep453@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please establish rules that prohibit drones in State parks. Not only do drones disturb the peace of human visitors, they also disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be large predatory birds -this has been devastating to breeding birds. Drones create unnecessary noise and annoyance. Please do not expand rights for a very few park users that could cause extreme disturbance for many. We have enough noise and disturbance to wildlife; let's make sure at least Oregon's parks are not subject to these disruptions.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

James Scheidler

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:04 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jimscheidler@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

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Please simply insert the word "motorized" into the new rule language. As written, without the word "motorized" you will ban the flying of kites, balloons, model gliders, Frisbees, and other forms of silent flying objects.

Please amend the Rule by inserting the word "MOTORIZED" in the definition of "Drone" to solve this obvious problem!

Sincerely,
Capt. James F. Scheidler



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Michele McKay

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

michemckay@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am an Oregonian, a user of Oregon's state parks, and a regular visitor to the Oregon coast.

My experience of nature has been negatively impacted time and time again by the buzzing, hovering intrusion of drones.

They create an invasion of privacy in addition to destroying the solace, the quiet, and the beauty of nature in our parks and public lands.

I applaud your efforts to determine where drones may be appropriate in state parks and the ocean shore, and I hope your decisions and results will be as restrictive as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Michele McKay

Bend, OR



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Suzanne Thorson

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

suzannethorson@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Park Management,

How do drones fit into our parks?

- We appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated **State Wildlife Action Plan** includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally**

lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

- Sincerely, Suzanne Thorson



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Karen Sjogren

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:06 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

sjogrenkaren2@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am against all recreational use of drones in state parks. They intimidate people, birds, and detract from the natural setting by the intrusion of a non natural device. I have been scared by a drone that passed right over my head on a recent walk. I have seen a bald eagle intimidated by a drone while hunting over a grassland area, and eagles are hard to intimidate. I have hiked at Silver Falls for over 40 years and worked there seasonally for nine years. I also visit Willamette Mission State Park frequently. I do not want my visits ruined by some drone user taking a photo of the falls or other features. There are other places where drone users can enjoy their sport. State parks should be off the table.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Alexandra Reses

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:07 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

vivi129129@icloud.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please protect our coastal wildlife.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Amy Valentine

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

amyvalentine@comcast.net

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to ask that the OPRD adopt rules that will allow them to regulate drone take-offs and landing within State Parks and along the ocean shore. With the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.

Why limit drone activity? Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators. Even I find them unnerving! They have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.

Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats. The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.

While I appreciate that State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas, the rules should also prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.

Please consider The Bird Alliance of Oregon's recommendation that the OPRD adopt no take-off and landing rules within a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Respectfully,
Amy D. Valentine



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

David Harrison

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

harrirad@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I appreciate that with the adoption of new rules regarding drone use in state parks, managers will have tools to control them. I urge you to adopt strong rules that protect nesting birds, marine mammals, and other wildlife from drone disturbances as well as ensuring a quality park experience for non-drone users.

Over a million seabirds and shorebirds nest along Oregon's coastline every year including the endangered Western Snowy Plover and at-risk species such as the Tufted Puffin. A growing body of science indicates improper drone use is increasingly a cause of wildlife disturbances. Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds, leading to nest failures and contributing to population declines. For this reason, I encourage OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges and other sensitive lands to protect wildlife populations and habitats. Specifically, drone use should be prohibited in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas.

Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's state parks. Only a small fraction of these visitors operate drones, in contrast to the vast majority of visitors who come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and natural quiet. In recognition of this, OPRD should only allow drone use in a small number of areas that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not inhabited by sensitive birds and other wildlife.

Thank you for considering my input.

David Harrison



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Chris Dodge

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:09 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

chris.c.dodge@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rules to regulate drone take-offs and landings in Oregon State Parks and along the ocean shore. I am glad to hear that the new rules will give park managers tools to better manage drone use and protect sensitive resources.

Oregon's coast supports over a million nesting seabirds and shorebirds each year, including endangered and threatened species. Research shows that drones are often perceived as predators and can cause significant disturbance, including making birds abandon nest, which is horrible (especially for species like the snowy plover who are threatened). With drone use increasing, it is *really important* that OPRD takes a precautionary approach to where and when drones are allowed.

Only a few people use drones, yet their noise and presence can negatively affect wildlife and diminish the quiet, scenic experience we look for when visiting the coast. **Drone use should be limited to a small number of carefully chosen areas that are not important for sensitive wildlife and are not heavily used by people seeking nature and solitude.**

I appreciate that the draft rules prohibit drone use in snowy plover management areas and urge OPRD to expand these protections to include ALL Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves, and Marine Protected Areas. Please also create no take-off and landing rules within a half-mile buffer on OPRD-managed lands adjacent to federally protected wildlife refuges.

Clear rules and a strong rollout and education plan will be critical to protecting wildlife and ensuring visitors understand and follow the new regulations. Thank you very much for your time and for taking this input seriously.

Kind regards,

Chris Dodge

(Lifelong Oregonian and frequent visitor to the magical Oregon coast)



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kristi LaHaye

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

russell953@comcast.net

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- We appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
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- Oregon's newly updated **State Wildlife Action Plan** includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown

Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.

- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands** designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you,
Kristi LaHaye



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Anne Myrthue

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

myrthuea@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,

As an Oregonian, who is very committed to protecting our environment and our wildlife, I strongly urge you to restrict the use of drones along Oregon's shores and in our State Parks. As you know, our wildlife is already threatened in many significant ways by habitat destruction and climate change.

I agree with Bird Alliance of Oregon that drones should be prohibited in all marine reserves and protected areas, as well as all rocky habitat management areas. Take off and landing of drones should be prohibited in OPRD managed and adjacent land and in or near ODFW lands designated to protect habitats and wildlife populations.

Please help protect birds and other wildlife, while leaving our coastlines and parks quiet and beautiful.

Thank you for all that you do to maintain and improve our parks and shores!

Sincerely,
Anne Myrthue



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Nora Polk

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:11 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

nora.mattek@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

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Sincerely,
Nora Polk



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jonathan Lévy

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:12 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cleotl@aol.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

These are the talking points suggested and they align very closely with my thoughts and are more succinct than if I had chosen to write my own :

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- **We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD**

managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Respectfully submitted

Dr and Mrs Jonathan Lévy



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Consuelo Kammerer

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:12 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

consuelokammerer@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I'm am asking State Parks to not allow drones. I have done bird surveys and I know drones disrupt birds and their nesting sites.

Also, drones are loud and people go to the beach to have space and some privacy. Drones can spy on others

Our birds are dwindling and private places are becoming hard to find. Please don't allow drones on most beaches, especially in nesting areas.

Thank you,
Consuelo Kammerer



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

salina holden

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

smlholden@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

More and more the powers that be take away and do not protect this beautiful world we live in. Oregon is one of those beautiful places that we are so lucky to live in. the abundance of trees, water and wildlife. We need to protect that! I think there is a balance set in place with having fun and using toys to do so. Keep a balance of protecting our animals, within the guidelines you already have set up. I lean more on protecting the animals but having a balance is always the better option.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jill Riebesehl

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

riebes@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Should be prohibited. I don't think we should mince words on this (or pussyfoot around it).

Jill Riebesehl



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Bruce Miller

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

brucemiller53@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To: OPRD/Oregon State Parks

I am providing comment to prohibit use of private drones within Oregon's coastal state parks and adjacent public beaches. Drones may impact nesting and foraging of several sensitive coastal bird species, including Snowy Plovers, Peregrine Falcons, Tufted Puffins, Black Oystercatchers, among other species of shorebirds and marine species that use coastal cliffs, nearby offshore rocks and sand dune habitats year-round. Oregon's coastal state parks and adjacent beaches provide all of these habitats and are used by these bird species.

In addition, most visitors to Oregon state parks and beaches value the natural environment and wildlife and want to experience it without the noise and intrusiveness of drones.

Please adopt regulations that prohibit use of drones in Oregon's coastal state parks and adjacent public beaches.

Bruce Miller
PO Box 1970
Bandon, Oregon, 97411



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Judy Steinberger

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jlasteinberger@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- I am gratified by the adoption of the new rules. State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks. Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows. The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife. Oregon's newly updated **State Wildlife Action Plan** includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lions.

I appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well. I support the request that OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations**

- Thank you for your consideration of these comments
- Judy Steinberger



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Sandra Joos

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

joosgalefamily@comcast.net

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am writing to urge OPRD to strengthen the rules that regulate drone take-offs and landings within State Parks and along the ocean shore. The rules must also include a strong "roll out" plan to help best protect nesting birds, marine mammals, and other wildlife from drone disturbances.

Thank you in advance for protecting our state's resources.

Sandra Joos

Portland, OR 97239



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kimberly Lining

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:16 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kimberly.lining@fedex.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

*Protecting Nesting Birds and Habitats:

A Plea to Preserve Our Precious Legacy*

The careless flying of drones near nesting birds and habitats is a heartbreakingly threatening threat to the very fabric of our ecosystems. These vulnerable species, already struggling to survive, are being pushed to the brink by the noise, disruption, and stress caused by these machines.

Imagine the anguish of a mother bird, abandoning her nest, leaving her chicks to frown upon an empty sky. The delicate balance of nature is shattered, and the consequences are dire. Our actions, or rather, our reckless abandon, are silencing the songs of our feathered friends and destroying the beauty of our natural world.

For Native and Indigenous communities, the land and water are not just resources, but sacred trusts, passed down through generations. They have always known that the well-being of the land and its creatures is inextricably linked to our own. It's time we listened to their wisdom and took action.

Our freshwater and saltwater bodies, the lifeblood of our planet, are being disrupted by the thoughtless use of drones. Shorebirds, waterfowl, and other species are being forced to abandon their homes, their habitats destroyed by our carelessness.

This is a call to action. We must protect our wildlife, our habitats, and our future. Let's rise up and demand responsible drone use. Let's honor the Native and Indigenous communities who have cared for this land for millennia. Let's preserve our precious legacy for generations to come.

The time is now. Let's act with compassion, with respect, and with a deep love for the natural world. ☺☺

Thank you,

Kimberly Lining
Indigenous Community Voice



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Bonnie Jerro

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:16 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bonnie.jerro@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Good morning all!

We appreciate that the adoption of new rules will provide State Park managers with clearer authority to regulate drone use in Oregon State Parks. This is an important step forward.

Drones are widely perceived by birds and other wildlife as predators and have been shown to significantly disturb nesting and other sensitive behaviors. For this reason, we urge Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to take a precautionary approach to when and where drone use is allowed.

While millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's state parks, only a small fraction operate drones. Nevertheless, drone noise and intrusion can negatively affect wildlife and diminish the quiet, natural experience most visitors seek. We encourage OPRD to limit drone use to a small number of carefully designated areas that are not frequented by visitors seeking natural solitude and that avoid sensitive wildlife habitats.

Oregon's updated State Wildlife Action Plan identifies over 70 at-risk bird and mammal species that may be adversely impacted by drones, including species such as the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon, Harbor Seal, and Steller's Sea Lion.

We appreciate that the draft rules prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover Management Areas. We recommend extending this prohibition to all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves, and Marine Protected Areas.

Additionally, we recommend adopting no takeoff or landing rules within a 0.5-mile buffer on OPRD-managed lands adjacent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges and other federally designated wildlife protection areas.

Thank you for considering these recommendations as you finalize the drone use rules. We appreciate OPRD's commitment to protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitats, and visitor experience.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Jerro, Esq.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jose Olavarrieta

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dansaprimavera@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.

Respectfully,

Jose Olavarrieta



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Lee Rengert

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:17 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I urge you to pass provisions allowing your department to regulate the flight of drones in public reserves.

Lee Rengert
Salem, OR



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Lee Littlewood

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:17 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please extend the current Snowy Plover protections from drones to all Rocky Habitat areas and protected Marine areas.

Thank You,

Lee Littlewood



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Julia Spilker

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:18 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

- We appreciate, with the adoption of new rules, State Park managers will now have tools to actually regulate drone use in state parks.
- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
- Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats. The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife.
- Oregon's newly updated **State Wildlife Action Plan** includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.
- We appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**
- **We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands** designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you.

Julia Spilker

Canby, Oregon



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Erika Halperin

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:18 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

Oregon's newly updated **State Wildlife Action Plan** includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones, including birds such as the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.

While I appreciate that the State Parks' draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas, I am requesting that the **rules should also prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**

I recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a half mile buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erika Halperin



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

April

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:18 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,
Attn: Robert Ellison, 725 Summer St. NE,
Suite C, Salem, OR 97301

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Department:

OPRD should ban drone use at state parks and along the ocean shores. The only exception should be in cases of public safety and emergency situations. For example, if a hiker gets lost and a drone could help locate that person.

It may surprise you to know that the animal kingdom we've been thriving here on the earth plane for millions of years. The birds have been nesting, giving birth to new broods, and flying around all hunky dory. And the two leggeds have been privileged enough to enjoy the wildlife of God's creations. No one has needed drones to do this. I know, right? Of course you know that. Then why such sorry arrogance by the government about how nesting birds are treated. Just because one has a technology doesn't mean one should use it. Drones are extremely noisy and polluting to the air, land, and the waters. Drones directly disturb the nesting of birds and cause harm to wildlife. We have no right to invade wildlife with said technology, unless there's a legitimate, exigent, public safety concern.

I have been a resident of Oregon for over half a century now. I have had the pleasure of visiting many state parks, including where I've had the privilege of viewing the Tufted Puffin nesting upon the rocks. All I needed was my handy pair of binoculars. To be honest, a drone would have ruined the experience.

There is simply no reason any of us could have to interfere with the evolution of millions of years of these stunning winged creatures. Who are we to be part of destroying such a miracle of God's creation? Drones must be banned if we are going to have any kind of ethical regulation of the Oregon parks. Please do so.

Sincerely,
April



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jon Lang

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:19 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hi I am a Bandon resident, Coos County and would like to submit comment on future drone policy;

I live adjacent to the China Creek beach access and am daily at the beaches near Bullards park, Face Rock, Oregon Islands area at the end of 11th st. I have witnessed seabirds chasing/hazing drones over the beach and sea stacks on two occasions, one pair of Oystercatchers left the nest area and pursued the drone angrily for several hundred yards, so close I thought they might be struck by propellers. They chased it well off the beach, over the bluff edge inland over beach loop drive. The other time the drone was over face rock during murre nesting season and caused quite a panic amongst the nesting birds.

Drones should be illegal on all Oregon beaches, period, no exceptions other than scientific/biologist applications, even then distance restrictions should apply.

Thankyou, Jon Lang



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kelly Hansen

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:19 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

As OPRD considers unmanned aircraft system operation areas, I urge you to consider the disruption to nesting birds. When threatened, shore birds will leave their nest, abandoning their eggs or young. This strategy is sound against a larger predator, such as an eagle, but tragically harms nesting birds when the perceived threat is a drone. In short, we are allowing our curiosity to invade birds intimate nesting patterns and harm populations of fragile species.

Parks should be safe havens for these birds, not playgrounds for destructive behavior.

Please note this submission to public comment.

Thank you,

Kelly Hansen



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Eunice Olson

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:19 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Comment on permitting the use of drones in State Parks:

I live in Bandon and my comments primarily concern the use of drones in beach areas but would also pertain to inland park areas. I have witnessed how invasive drones are to people and birds in beach areas. They are noisy and obnoxious. They disturb the birds, frighten them, appear as predators. Because of the way birds (and people) respond to them, my vote is to not allow them to be used anywhere in any State Park area.

Eunice Olson



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Sarah Smith

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:19 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

Thank you for all your hard work to achieve initial drone rules in state parks.

I'm highly concerned that we can do more to ensure these toys for people's entertainment are much more limited in their use.

They serve one person's whim and frustrate most other park visitors as well as harassing wildlife.

Please go further in restricting drones in order to steward the health of our birds and wildlife, including 70 at-risk species you have identified in our state parks.

Specifically:

1. Prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas.
2. adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you for your consideration and for your efforts to put birds and wildlife, as well as park visitors, first and use of drones in state parks a distant and strictly regulated second!

Sarah Smith



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Susan Zabel

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:20 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please severely limit (to conservation use only) and disallow other use of drones in Oregon State Parks, BLM lands and National Parks in Oregon.

Human and dog intrusion around and within park lands is already notably decreasing wildlife.

PLEASE, preserve bird and other wildlife habitat.

Thank you,
S.Zabel



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kathleen Brown

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:20 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

No drones in Oregon State Parks!



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Daniel Pike

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:20 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

No drones in public parks please.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Gena Connelly

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:21 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you today to submit feedback on the proposed rules that will regulate drone use in State Parks. I strongly support limiting or otherwise omitting drone use in State Parks in order to better protect the nesting birds, marine mammals and other wildlife from drone noise and other disturbing behavior by drone operators.

Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, I urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use. Our wildlife has enough to deal with in State Parks without the additional hassle of drone operators knowingly or unknowingly disturbing birds and mammals. They do not have the luxury of just finding another place to nest or rest; often, nesting sites are determined by previous nesting habits as well as by natural rhythms that we, as humans, know little about. Drone operators, in contrast, have the opportunity and the mobility to fly in any other area as permitted by law.

Millions of Oregonians and out-of-state visitors enjoy Oregon's amazing state parks. **Only a small fraction of these users operate drones yet their noise and intrusion affect wildlife and scenic habitats.** The vast majority of visitors come to parks to enjoy beautiful landscapes, wildlife and quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. **OPRD should recognize this aspect of visitor use and only allow drone use in a small number of limited areas** that are not visited by people seeking natural qualities of the parks and that are not used by sensitive birds and other wildlife. As an avid hiker and outdoors-person, the **last** thing I want to contend with when enjoying the nature in a State Park is drone noise. It's obnoxious and an unnecessary imposition on others who cannot get away from these machines.

Oregon's newly updated **State Wildlife Action Plan** includes over 70 at-risk species of birds and mammals, many of which are known to be negatively impacted by drones. This includes birds like the Black Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon and mammals including the Harbor Seal and Steller's Sea Lion.

I appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**

I strongly recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Sincerely,
Gena Connelly



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Candace Fleischmann

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:21 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hi there,

Please take a moment to read why I believe Oregon State Parks must take even forester action to protect wildlife by restricting drones.

I appreciate State Parks draft rules specifically prohibit drone use in Snowy Plover management areas. **The rules should prohibit drone use in all Rocky Habitat Management Areas, Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas as well.**

We recommend OPRD adopt no take off and landing rules in a 0.5mi buffer in OPRD managed land adjacent to all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge and other federally lands designated to protect wildlife populations and habitats.

Thank you,

Candace Fleischmann
North Portland



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Serafine

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:21 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Help to save Oregon Birds by restricting Drone Use!

- Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.
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Many thanks,
Serafine



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kimberly Jarvis

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:21 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello!

I am writing to urge you to restrict drone use in OR State parks as their use harms wildlife. Drones disturb birds and wildlife because they are perceived to be predators and have been shown to cause significant impacts to nesting birds. With this in mind, we urge OPRD to take a precautionary approach to where and when it allows drone use.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Jarvis



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jennifer Brongil

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:22 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Oregon State Parks Commission,

I'm writing as a concerned Oregon resident and frequent visitor to our beautiful State Parks to urge you to prohibit or further restrict the use of drones in these natural areas.

Drones disrupt precisely what our parks are meant to preserve - Peace, Wildlife Habitat, and a Sense of Wilderness. The noise and visual intrusion disturb nesting birds and other animals, as well as visitors who come for solitude and connection with nature. Many of us hike, camp, and picnic to enjoy quiet landscapes free from mechanical noise and surveillance-style buzzing overhead.

While drones can have legitimate uses for search and rescue or land surveying, these exceptions should remain tightly controlled under special permits rather than broad recreational authorization.

Please prioritize conservation and visitor experience over convenience or entertainment.

Oregon's parks are sanctuaries - for wildlife and for the human spirit. Let's keep them that way.

Thank you for considering this important issue and for your continued stewardship of our state's most treasured lands.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brongil



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Eva Thiemann

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:22 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please stop drones in Oregon Parks. It will be devastating for nesting birds.

Thank you,

Eva Thiemann



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jon Lang

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:22 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

heard you are seeking opinions on drone policies for state parks; I live in Bandon, coos county near the oregon islands state park access adjacent to face rock; I have personally witnessed a drone being pursued by angry oystercatchers during breeding season, they pursued the drone well off the beach over the top of the bluffs, I was concerned they might even be struck by the propellers they were that close to it. all drones should be prohibited anywhere near beaches



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Tanya Macedo

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:23 PM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Public Comment on Proposed Drone Rules – Protecting Birds and Wildlife

I appreciate the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's thoughtful and multi-year approach to developing rules governing drone takeoff and landing in Oregon State Parks and along the ocean shore. I am writing to urge OPRD and the Commission to strengthen and further refine the proposed rules to provide clearer, more robust protections for birds and other wildlife.

Oregon's state parks and ocean shore include some of the most critical habitat in the state for nesting, migrating, and overwintering birds, including shorebirds, seabirds, raptors, and species already under stress from habitat loss and climate change. Scientific research and on-the-ground observations consistently show that drones can cause disturbance responses in birds that are not always obvious to the operator—such as nest abandonment, increased predation risk, energy depletion during migration, and stress-related impacts that affect long-term survival and reproduction.

Given these risks, I strongly encourage OPRD to adopt more specific and precautionary rules, rather than relying primarily on general guidelines or discretionary enforcement. In particular, I ask the department to consider:

- Clear seasonal restrictions on drone takeoff and landing during nesting, breeding, and migration periods, especially along the ocean shore and near known bird colonies or roosting areas.

- Expanded buffer distances from sensitive habitats, cliffs, dunes, wetlands, estuaries, and riparian areas where birds are known to nest or forage.
- Explicit prohibitions on drone use in areas designated as wildlife habitat, conservation zones, or areas with documented bird activity, even if those areas are otherwise open to recreation.
- Stronger enforcement clarity, including unambiguous language that prioritizes wildlife protection over recreational drone use when conflicts arise.
- Adaptive management provisions that allow OPRD to quickly restrict or suspend drone activity in response to observed wildlife disturbance, without requiring lengthy rule changes.

While I recognize the desire to balance recreation and access, Oregon's state parks are not interchangeable recreation spaces—they are refuges for wildlife and irreplaceable ecological systems. In this context, more detailed and protective rules are not unnecessary complications; they are essential safeguards that reflect Oregon's conservation values and legal responsibilities.

I commend OPRD for engaging conservation voices through the Rule Advisory Committee and encourage the department to err on the side of stronger, clearer, and more enforceable protections for birds and wildlife as these rules move toward adoption in 2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your continued stewardship of Oregon's natural resources.

Best,

Tanya Macedo



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Suzanne Hanlon

Date comment received:

January 16, 2026 11:23 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

suzohan7@gmail.com

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Re: OPRC Drone Regulation Public Comment:

Thank you for the chance to comment on the proposed regulation of drones in our parks. As an Oregonian born in PDX in 1963, I have spent countless days outdoors in our beautiful parks. I have watched as drone use has slowly and steadily increased over the years. Drone use now invades even the most remote & sensitive corners of our beautiful state. I urge you to protect both wildlife and the human opportunity to escape technology- both are critical to the continued health and success of our parks. I can provide numerous stories of drone use polluting the natural environment, its wildlife and the human experiences on Oregon's beaches, forests, waterfalls, mountain tops, and more.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Please let me know if you would like specific examples of drone noise, invasion of privacy, and disruption of wildlife - my experiences are too numerous to list here.

Thanks you,
Suzanne Hanlon