

# Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item: 8a Information

Public Comment Allowed: Yes

Topic: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Pilot Project

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## Background:

This pilot project began with the passage of House Bill 2290 in 2021 where the Oregon Legislature directed the agency to plan and allow for public charging. With the help of a non-profit fundraising partner, Adopt-A-Charger (AAC), OPRD was able to receive generous donations to start this project. AAC brought on Rivian to donate the planning, engineering, design, equipment and 10 years of maintenance for level 2 charging stations at 8 state park sites. AAC was also able to bring in dollars from Entec Polymers to subsidize the cost of public charging for the duration of the pilot project.

The goals of this project are:

1. Accommodate and encourage visitor use of electric vehicles to support the long-term viability of state park destinations.
2. Address state and global goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Help the agency plan for future park infrastructure needs.

At the time of the commission presentation, 7 out of 8 pilot project sites have completed construction and are live.

State Parks	Charging Location & Quantity	Status
Silver Falls State Park	4 stations in the South Falls day-use parking lot	February 2023
Banks-Vernonia State Trail	2 stations in the Banks Trailhead parking lot	Live
L.L Stub Stewart State Park	3 stations in the Welcome Center parking lot	Live

<b>State Parks</b>	<b>Charging Location &amp; Quantity</b>	<b>Status</b>
Rooster Rock State Park	4 stations in the main parking lot	TBD
Cape Lookout State Park	2 stations in the day-use parking lot	Live
William M. Tugman State Park	2 stations in the day-use parking lot	Live
Prineville Reservoir State Park	2 stations in the side parking lot near the day-use lot	Live
The Cove Palisades State Park	2 stations in the Crooked River day-use parking lot	Live

A formal celebration and ribbon cutting is planned for Spring 2023 with our partners.

**Prior Action by Commission:** The Commission was presented with the beginnings of this pilot project in February 2022.

**Action Requested:** None.

**Attachments:** None.

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