

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 20, 2024

Agenda Item: 9c

Action

Public Comment Allowed: No

Topic: Request to adopt temporary change to OAR 736-015-0040 to add Silver Falls Smith Creek Village rental rates

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Smith Creek Village, formerly known as the Silver Falls Lodge and Conference Center, is located within Silver Falls State Park. It includes 13 cabins and 4 group overnight lodges, as well as outdoor event space and historic buildings and meeting areas built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Smith Creek Village includes the Davidson and Foothills Ranches which are both large overnight facilities with commercial kitchens.

The facility has been operated under contract since 2021. This contract expired at the end of October. Unfortunately, the agency did not reach agreement with a new contractor. In order to maintain the facility for existing reservation holders, the agency will operate the facility. Temporary rules are necessary to maintain authorization for rental rates agreed upon by those with upcoming reservations.

Utilizing OPRD's authority to set rates under ORS 390.124(2)(a) the agency will continue rates established by the prior concessionaire until a new contract can be signed and the new vendor is operational. The agency plans to continue overnight lodging services similar to those offered by the former concessionaire for the current reservation holders and may open to additional reservations based on staffing availability.

As required under ORS 183.335(5)(a), the agency asserts a temporary rule is necessary to prevent cancellation of reservations for events already scheduled. It is in the interest of current reservation holders and those who desire to utilize the facility during a period between contracts that the act promptly to enact temporary rate ranges for facility types not currently within the agency rules.

This amendment would be active for the next 180 days, after which the rule language would revert to its current form.

Prior Action by Commission: Adoption of amendments to OAR 736-015-0040 were approved in September 2024.

Action Requested: Amend OAR 736-015-0040(13) as presented for 180 days, reverting to language as adopted in June 2024 at the end of that period.

Attachments: Attachment A Proposed rule
Attachment B Rental Rates

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Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission, Nov. 20, 2024, 9c Attachment A:
Proposed rule language

736-015-0040

Miscellaneous Rentals and Products

(13) Silver Falls, Smith Creek Village: Separate Lodge and Conference facilities that include bedding, housekeeping and other amenities.

(a) Cottages: deluxe, hard-walled wooden structure, heat, lights and beds along with outdoor picnic facilities. Units include bathrooms and showers, and some include kitchen facilities. Sleeps 2-4. Rate Range: \$132-265.

(b) Lodges: deluxe, hard-walled wooden structure, heat, lights and beds. Units include bathrooms and showers. Sleeps 12. Rate Range: \$575-730.

(c) Tiny Cabins: rustic hard-walled wooden structure, heat, lights and beds along with outdoor picnic facilities. Units include ½ bathroom. Sleeps 2-3. Rate Range: \$114-152.

(d) Ranches: Large communal type bunkhouse facility which includes kitchen and restroom facilities. Includes group camping: Sleeps 75. Rate Range: \$300-1629.

Silver Falls- Smith Creek Village Facility Rate Table

Name	Description	Fall Rate	Winter Rate	Spring Rate	Total Range
<i>Cottages</i>					
Calypso	1 queen bed; 2 twin; kitchen; bathroom	\$239-265	\$225-241	\$239-261	\$132-265
Chickaree	2 twin beds; bathroom; microwave	\$132-146	\$114-126	\$132-146	
Raccoon	1 queen, bathroom	\$132-146	\$114-126	\$132-146	
<i>Lodges</i>					
A,B,C,D	2 queen beds; 8 twin; bathroom;	\$635-730	\$575-669	\$635-730	\$575-730
<i>Tiny Cabins</i>					
Double	2 twin beds; ½ bath	\$139-152	114-126	\$132-146	\$114-152
Triple	3 twin beds; ½ bath	\$139-152	120-132	\$139-152	
Double-Studio	2 twin beds; ½ bath	\$139-152	135-150	\$139-152	
<i>Ranches</i>					
Davidson	75 guest sleeping; 10 tents; kitchen; bathrooms	\$550-1629	closed	\$300-1045	\$300-1629
Foothills		\$550-1629	\$300-995	\$300-1045	