



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Skip Wilder

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:36 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

styrbjornulfhamr@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Brookings, OR

Public comment:

The Overnight Camping Ban is essential not just in town and around housing areas but also along beaches. People with campfires on windy beaches pose an imminent threat of fire to the vegetation at the edge of the beach, which will certainly be quickly spread to the houses above the beaches. This is not just a threat to property, but lives are being endangered by people who start fires and often drink alcohol or take drugs. Such beach fires should be completely banned, especially on beaches near homes.

Brookings resident and homeowner



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Commenter name (if provided):

Thomas Wynne

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:37 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Brookings, OR

Public comment:

Hello,

I am in full support of a beach camping ban in Brookings. We live near North Jetty Beach and take a walk on it almost every day. We are experiencing many of the same problems that prompted the people living near Mill Beach to file the petition, and many more unique to our beach. There are many reasons for my support of this ban, from the impact to our tourism industry to public health concerns, but the biggest is safety. Not only the safety of the general community but the safety of the homeless people living on the beach.

A lot of the people who are living on the beaches are not in possession of or have the capacity for rational thought. This is a huge problem at North Jetty Beach, especially with winter swells coming. During high tides the areas that are being used are cut off from the main beach so medical help would not be able to reach them for many hours and they would be unable to leave if they needed to. The highest tides here completely cover the sand up to the vegetation/property lines. Add winter swells into this mix and being stranded in a cove would be deadly. There's a reason those big logs are up against the vegetation line and they are moved quite easily every year.

I have been in contact with the ORPD several times about problems at North Jetty Beach and I am copying one of the last emails that I sent on August 27th:

"This is in regards to North Jetty Beach 195A in Brookings: I have been in communication with ORPD in regards to several individuals who have been or are living on the beach. There is nothing being done to remove, educate or dissuade their activities. One person in particular has been living on this beach for almost a month. During this time, visitors and residents have been cussed at and have had large rocks thrown near them by these people. The fire department has had to respond because of a fire that was burning under the tree canopy below houses built on the bluff. Last week my wife and I came across two hypodermic needles while walking our dogs near the tent belonging to the most persistent tenant. This last incident has prompted my wife to say that we will no longer make our almost daily trips to the beach that is just down the street from our home. How sad is that? I am in the process of letting the owners of the many vacation rentals in the area know of the situation at North Jetty Beach 195A so they can advise their tenants to be careful

when using this beach. Since ORPD is either unwilling or unable to take care of this problem, would it be possible to transfer jurisdiction over to the City of Brookings? We might get a better outcome."

If the camping ban is enacted and enforced it would help give ORPD, State Police and the City of Brookings the teeth that they need to be able to take care of these problems before they become even worse.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of this matter,



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Commenter name (if provided):

June Podesta

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:39 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I, June & Steven Podesta strongly support a prohibition of camping on the ocean shore within the city limits of Brookings, OR to include Mill Beach & support the rule making by the Oregon State Parks & Recreation Commission to protect our ocean environment and the Safety of the Public & State Park Employees.

June & Steven Podesta



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jim Jollota

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:40 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

I wanted to offer my opinion about this topic. I live on Mill Beach Rd in Brookings, and in my experience, all of the overnight camping (I have seen) is from homeless people. They tend to camp a few days, until (I think) there are enough resident complaints for the police to cause them to move.

It is too bad that this ordinance would prevent the occasional traveler from stopping for the night, but there is camping on the road outside the city limits, so I fully support the ordinance preventing overnight camping within Brookings.

Thanks,
Jim



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Commenter name (if provided):

Melissa Stansberry

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:41 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

To Whom It Concerns,

I believe that a certain amount of public access to the beaches are nearly a 'God given right'.

I feel that it is critical for all who live near beaches, must protect that sanctity for current and future generations.

Condo associations are a threat to wild life and healthy living. Condo associations and human over encroachment and overpopulation are a threat to freedom and democracy.

It is imperative to protect and maintain the safety of the last vestiges of wild life.

If there are issues about some persons trashing out the restrooms and facilities then yes, that must be addressed. It requires residents in the community to have 'camp clerks' and/or local law enforcement community services to monitor the entrance points, restrooms, etc. Creating a few more much needed employment jobs.

Please insist on freedom, not closing public places. Beaches are our God given right.

Thank you

Sincerely

Melissa Stansberry



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Commenter name (if provided):

Debra Ramirez

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:42 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Once again thanks to the piggy's that don't clean up after their selves and leave the beach as they found it so others can overnight camp!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lori & Todd Garrido

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

We would like to take this opportunity to share our concerns/comments on this issue.

We love our beaches and have always looked forward to our beach walks, seasonal whale watching, ocean tides and just enjoying the beauty of the oceans view.

But all this has changed in our beachy paradise due to these homeless encampments overnight camping enabling garbage filth everywhere, hints of drug use and human defecation.

We can no longer walk barefooted in the beautiful warm sand for fear of stepping on a dirty drug needle or human feces.

Our right to freely enjoy our beaches has been taken away and gifted to the homeless overnight campers with no consideration for the resident people it serves.

Homeless encampments overnight camping should be banned without any further "consideration".

So when "considering this ban", please also give great consideration for the resident people who want to enjoy our beaches without the nuisances of trashy tents, garbage, drugs and human waste.

We hope our concerns are considered with value in the decision for the proposed change.

Thank you in advance for your attention on this issue.

Cheers,

Lori & Todd Garrido☺



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joan Englund

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:44 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

NO. it is bad enough during the day with glass, cans, plastic bags. Overnite is destroying the beauty of our Oceans along the Coast.

Thank you.
Joan Englund



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary Ferree

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I wish to voice my opinion IN FAVOR of the proposed Ban on Camping on the beach in Brookings and Harbor Oregon.

I live in the Rogue Valley in southern Oregon and have been a very frequent visitor to the southern Oregon coast for 55 years. I am truly appalled at the total disregard for environmental and personal health and safety that I have been seeing, with increasing frequency by persons camping on the beach. I've seen open nudity, drug use, knives and guns, defecation, urination, extremely loud music, piles of trash left behind from campers, and pets running off lead and fighting. It has made many areas unsafe for family day use and near-by residents.

I've seen fires started in drift wood in clear view of signs clearly stating such fires are prohibited and have seen it spread in adjacent drift wood and left unattended.

Unfortunately, it seems we have come to a time in our state where the only way to protect our citizens and our environment is to prohibit camping on the beach in the Brookings/Harbor areas in southern Oregon.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Christine Hollinger

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

In the five years we lived at the very end of Warf street, the only people camping were of questionable charactor. Not once did we observe clean campers. We often picked up trash left behind. We often avoided long-term campers (more than 24 hours). We did call law enforcement on occasions, when loud campers or late partying was taking place. When the city put the public toilet down there, it increased the filth and was an invitation for more questionable visitors, for longer periods of time. We drove down there a few months ago and oh boy! We wouldn't want our kids anywhere around the people who were 'hanging out' there. Not just our kids but anyone respectable. We beat feat out of there and surely you would too! The camping goes on in the bushes, not just on the sands of the beach. The people coming out of the bushes can be pretty scary. Its like they hide in there.

Ban it!

Sincerely,

Christine Hollinger



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Commenter name (if provided):

Daniel Effman

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

If the no camping is passed with that mean I can't stay in my motor home like I do every year ?



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donna Tully

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I agree with a sunset curfew to prohibit beachgoers all along Brookings beaches. Due to lack of bathroom facilities, these areas have become unhealthy for people, their dogs and all public citizens in daytime hours.

Please enforce this law when it is passed: we all deserve to enjoy safe, clean beaches in Oregon!

Donna Tully

Brookings resident



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Commenter name (if provided):

M Gibbons

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I agree to prohibit sleeping on the beaches and in town. The 'personalities" of many in these times can present danger to the general public It may enhance drinking of spirited beverages and drugs. a few decades ago, I would be stating different sentiment, but for safety, my perspective is to ban sleeping on beach Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Teresa Young

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:51 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

In Rogue River the State Park people like to video me in my back yard illegally, the Shitiots next to me are trash tweekers and I am not but the state stalkers still illegally like to record my stuff and me. They even had the JCT stop picking up passengers there as a form of we don't want you around. Fuck off state stalkers



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Commenter name (if provided):

David Lee

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:52 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

There will always be good and bad actors in any situation, with the bad actors creating the contested situations.

There are alternatives to an outright ban, which would affect the good actors as well. Permits seems a reasonable compromise. A permit fee to defer the cost of enforcing compliance, and provide a reward structure for reporting bad actors (whether it is fires in driftwood piles, excess noise, public urination instead of using the provided facilities, littering, etc.).

In short, don't punish everyone for the misdeeds of the few.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lorelei Vaughn

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:54 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Would overnight parking be permitted? To me, there's a difference between parking and camping. Define overnight. Could a person stay till midnight then move on, do you call that overnight? Or if a person stayed from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m., do you call that overnight? Your description is too vague.

In any case, it's a shame because not everyone can afford your high priced campgrounds for a person who wants to sleep a bit and move on. And even if one could afford it, they are usually full, no vacancy.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Maureen & Paul Ter Beek

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:55 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

We are not in favor of continuing to allow camping on Beach/shorelines in the City limits of Brookings for public health and safety reasons.

Thank you for asking for our input.

Sincerely,



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Commenter name (if provided):

Nancy McDonough

Date comment received:

September 9, 2024 12:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I agree with the petitioners that camping overnight on the beach in our beautiful town should not be allowed. Too much harm can come from it, and often times people are not respectful of the area or any of these concerns. We had such a big problem with the homeless living along 101 that I fear this will also happen on our beaches. This is a matter of public safety and health. You may get in touch with me if you have any further questions.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Judith Seyle

Date comment received:

September 11, 2024 08:51 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jaseyle@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Brookings, OR

Public comment:

We have lived in the Mill Beach area for the past 18 years and have seen what was intended to be upgrades to the beach access area by the city - paved roadway, restrooms, picnic table, stable path to the beach, trimmed shrubbery - become defaced and the restroom facility ultimately closed. The short walk from our home to Mill Beach used to be an enjoyable one - no longer the case. We support the proposed rules and ban on beach camping in the hope we can once again enjoy walks down to Mill Beach without worry of what we may encounter.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Daniel Raymond

Date comment received:

September 11, 2024 09:21 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Gold Beach , OR

Public comment:

To whom it may concern, I would like to see Brookings and specifically, Mill Beach added to the state list restricting camping. As a frequent beach visitor, I have seen fist hand the trash, debris and unsanitary conditions stemming from overnight camping folks. The negative environmental impacts have increased with the forced closure of bathroom facilities.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bruce Hedge

Date comment received:

September 12, 2024 08:24 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

brucehedge@icloud.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

My name is Bruce Hedge and I live on Barclay Lane that has a view over looking Mill Beach. I and many of my neighbors share concerns that are brought about by the homeless camping out on Mill Beach, evidence of drug use and their trash as well as syringes are troubling along with human waste. I in particular am concerned that campfires are recklessly attended, my hillside is covered in brush, which if ignited would put me and my neighbors in great jeopardy.

Please keep in mind that these hazards must be dealt with, and any help by the state would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration



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Commenter name (if provided):

Faye Bryning

Date comment received:

September 12, 2024 08:27 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Okay, the reason they don't want overnight gamping on the beaches. Because we have a homeless property, it's not gonna get better but try to push them out of here them. Nowhere to go. Have you ever been on rock bottom? Have you ever get your lowest well? I have, it's hard to come up. How do you get personalized by this rent when you have Nothing see people around here are rich. A lot of they don't know The Troubles of not having money. I've been homeless. Let me need a car with my son. It was hard, but we managed, is it really about overnight? Camping, or they're just trying to push out the homeless people, We got billions of dollars to help fund places for homeless people. Where did it go to the police department? Where they got 28 new cops and that's hoping the home is out. I don't know what's going on on this down, but nothing's gonna change. Until we make a difference, start caring and have compassion for people, not everybody That Thomas wants to be a homeless add jobs, but they just don't have enough money to get first. And last month's rent, there's families with kids living in trailers along the sides of the roads, yet you barricading them to the Avenue, where to go, I'm not sure what to do or how to approach this problem. But there's gonna be help somewhere, buy a big piece of property and put them on there. Come on, people. It's not about the ocean or any of that is about getting the homeless people out someday. Carmen will come back on you guys, and maybe that might be you. Living on the streets, maybe you invested the wrong thing. I lose everything you can lose it. As fast as you blink, it's hard to get back. It's hard to get back on your feet. When you have nothing, no one to help you. People are constantly putting you down because you're homeless word, they think you're dirty and you're thinking, you're druggie, how far is that? Do I think we should be allowed to camp on the beaches? Hell, yeah, as long as you clean it up after yourself.

Not everybody's dirty. The ones that are make it hard for the people that are clean, clean up their message after they're done somewhere, we're human beings trying to survive this world just as much as everybody else. I have a home now. I was right down the road from mill beach and there's so many people that judge me cause I don't. I'm not good neverthene, it doesn't matter. I have a heart, and I care about people and to throw 'em out and just step on him and not help is wrong. There's millions of dollars everywhere. People have thousands and thousands of dollars in the savings account. Are they gonna spend it by the time they're dead? Hell? No, most of them won't do shit with it.Let's tell people, stop worrying about the homeless album



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jenny Petri

Date comment received:

September 12, 2024 08:28 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I am in favor of the camping ban.

Drug use is rampant. Disease and waste is a huge concern. Mental illness is so poorly treated in this community and enabling addicts is not the solution.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rick Sanders

Date comment received:

September 14, 2024 11:51 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): White City, OR

Public comment:

I've been a resident of Oregon since 1976. I've traveled thruout Oregon extensively. Oregon is a very beautiful state. Oregons Beaches are also Dramatically Beautiful. Come for the day spend your time visiting,enjoying, taking in the breathtaking beauty Oregon beaches have to offer. Under No, circumstances do I want to see Any camping of any sort occurring on the scenic coastline of this Beautiful State, Period! The implications of such a policy will eventually unravel into self destructive atmosphere, and the Grandeur of the Beauty of Our Beaches will be lost with a irreversible state nearly impossible to recover. Only some type of state run park reserve with oversight, with fees and limitations on stays would keep the beaches from turning into irresponsible encampments with all of the dredges of humanity tend to leave behind for someone else to clean up. No,no absolutely NOT. Keep th scenery and pristine beauty of Oregon's Beaches clean, clear of the camping clutter. Stay, visit, play, surf, take what you brought with you, then LEAVE the Oregon Beach Beauty as you found it Pristine, and Clear of any human visit as so the next visitors can enjoy Our Beautiful Oregon Coast.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary Lou LoPreste

Date comment received:

September 16, 2024 08:16 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

marylou@lopreste.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I have a home on Sandy Cove Lane and Mill Beach, Macklyn Cove is the beach I frequent. The camping is a really big problem as is the safety on this beach. I often find hypodermic needles and syringes and various other trash. The open use of drugs is everywhere. Last year I had to call the police because an unhoused man was defecating in front of my grandson and I.

Please do something for those of us paying really high taxes and insurance to assure our safety and to preserve a really gorgeous beach. Just yesterday there were two folks laying on top of each other,.

I would also like to know where I can find immediate help if the occasion arises.

Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Arun Kochar

Date comment received:

September 16, 2024 08:18 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

akocharar@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Department:

We are strongly in favor of prohibiting camping on the ocean shore within Brookings. Camping by ANYONE on the ocean beach in Brookings restricts EVERYONE ELSE'S access to recreation on that portion of the beach that has been appropriated for the private use of campers that camp on the beach. The public easement for every member of the general public to recreate on the beach is taken away and impaired for the personal use of campers pitching tents and literally drawing the boundaries of their campsites in the sand. These are boundaries that the rest of the public (my wife, myself, and all others) cannot cross in order to fly kites, walk along the beach, collect driftwood, play and build sandcastles with my grandchildren, sit and meditate while listening to the waves crash onto the beach, whale watch to name of few of our beach activities.

Thank you for posting on the OPRD website the petition to amend OAR 736-030-0020 to add Brookings to the list of cities and counties all along the Oregon Coast from the northern to the southern border where camping is prohibited on the ocean shore. Virtually every government authority has uniformly prohibited camping on Oregon's beaches. It makes no sense to draw an exception just in Brookings. Any such exception limits our rights as the public to have free access to recreate on the beach.

We urge the OPRD to enact the proposed amendment to prohibit camping on the ocean in Brookings for all the reasons contained in the petition as well as this letter.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Geoff Morneau

Date comment received:

September 16, 2024 08:21 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

76750.3110@compuserve.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I favor a camping prohibition on beaches in Brookings.

Any prohibition on beach fires isn't being enforced and is being ignored. The danger and risk of a catastrophic wildfire is even a greater threat now than it was when I wrote five years ago: