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Commenter name (if provided):

Jason Grayle

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:26 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

romancetothegrave@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello. I am writing to ask that the boundaries of the nude area of Rooster Rock remain exactly as they are. There is no need for a change. This is a special park that means a lot to many people, and is a community meeting place for so many nature lovers.

The park is also somewhat of a safe space for the LGBTQ community, people with larger bodies and women. It's a place where body positivity and respect are paramount, and perpetuated. Rooster Rock is a very special place, and a gem of the Portland area and community.

Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joe Byrne

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:28 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please keep rooster rock. Nude area as is.
There great community of Portland people gather here in the summer.

It well known all over the world. You meet people from every corner of the world here visiting. It is became a tourist destination. Changing the boundaries will only cause overcrowding. And destroy the natural landscape.

Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Shirley Gauthier

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:32 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Springfield, OR

Public comment:

January 9, 2025

Attention: Helen Kesch

I write to express my opposition to the proposed rule changes to OAR 736-010-0065. Please include this email document in the official record.

It was in 1977 that the Regional Parks Supervisor Frank Stiles favored establishing an area of the park for what he described at that time as nude sunbathing.

In 1979 David G. Talbot the State Parks Administrator enacted a rule banning nudity

West of the Eastern most access steps to the beach.

On May 15, 1979 the Certificate of Order for filling administrative rules with the Secretary Of State were filed. The rules were effective May 17, 1979.

The map submitted with the rule change shows nude recreational use allowed to the East Beach stairway.

I included a bit of Rooster Rock history because as far as I am aware Rooster Rock visitors have not complained about being limited to that area of the park. The main challenge we express is that we have to get dressed to use the restrooms.

The legislation that drew a line in the sand so to speak that required guests to wear clothing in an area of the park is a piece of Oregon history. In my research Oregon is the only state to have a sanctioned area of a state park to recreate nude.

I am 74 year old native Oregonian and lifetime member of The American Association for Nude Recreation. I value and appreciate the Oregon State Parks program and especially the staff at Rooster Rock State Park. My volunteer work began in 2002 with Kevin Price, Oregon State Parks assistant area manager. I have enjoyed working with Park Ranger Supervisor, West Gorge Mu. Glenn Littrell and park rangers over the years. My personal history at Rooster Rock goes back to the 70's.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Drew Hambke

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:34 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

drewbot.m@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

I recently read about a potential new rule change that would allow the OPRD to make future reductions to the clothing-optional area of Rooster Rock. I wanted to voice my opinion that such a rule change would be unwelcome and would remove a particularly beloved feature of one of our best local parks.

I'm a yearly supporter of the parks pass for Rooster, and I make sure to clean up the paths to and from the island on my way in and out of the beach. The people that go to the

clothing-optional areas of Rooster Rock are some of the most dedicated to protecting the natural features of the area, probably because they hold the area so dear. Where else in the city or surrounding area can one go with friends and community and be free to wander around and take in the sun and surroundings as we would like? The only other option is Collins Beach, which is difficult to get to and not nearly as pleasant as RR.

Rather than reduce the available area for the clothing-optional beach, perhaps consider developing more clothing-required beachfront space to the west of the clothing-optional area. If the beach is in place, more people will come to use it, and more regular visitors to the park will result in more revenue for maintenance and development. I would not even mind paying a higher premium for the pass, in exchange for protecting the space that we love.

Please reconsider this rule change. OPRD serves the public, and the public should be invited to make comments, much like I am doing here. Rule changes without the option for public comment are unwelcome, especially when talking about specialized park areas like this one.

Sincerely,

Drew Hambke



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Commenter name (if provided):

Travis Phillips

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:38 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

phillips.travis@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Dear Helena and OPRD Staff,

I am unable to attend the upcoming Park Area Rules Public Hearing, but as an Oregonian and OSP pass holder, I am writing to you today to oppose procedural changes that refer to clothing-optional areas, such as that at Rooster Rock State Park.

Spaces such as the clothing-optional areas at Rooster Rock offer a unique opportunity for individuals to embrace body positivity and self-acceptance in a natural and non-judgmental environment. They also are a source of tourism for the State of Oregon, I have regularly met others visiting to from California, Washington, and British Columbia.

The proposed rule is being put forth for "clarity and flexibility," but the boundaries currently in place are crystal clear and signage at the park is similarly clear regarding where visitors may encounter clothing optional areas, if they weren't already aware. As a user of these spaces, it seems like a solution that is looking for a problem. There are so few public clothing-optional spaces in Oregon—or the Northwest, for that matter—that adding "flexibility" seems like a path away from clarity. It seems unlikely OPRD would use these rules to expand the boundaries, and losing space would create more confusion, as well as the potential for unintentional violations.

There are plenty of places for people to access nature in traditional ways; please do not make changes that could take the already minimal clothing-optional public lands away from Oregonians who enjoy this space.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rich Rizzo

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

iamrichrizzo@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello, I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Administrative Rule Change (OAR) 736-010-0065 specifying fixed geographic boundaries for the clothing optional section of Rooster Rock State Park.

I strongly oppose this change that would allow for the boundaries of the Rooster Rock clothing-optional area to be modified too easily without community input. Rooster Rock is a very special place. I met my best friend here. I have many wonderful memories of enjoying the water and the sand in the summer. There are not many places like it where people can enjoy time outside naked.

With the proposed rule it would be too easy to change the clothing optional area boundaries. And I worry that it would be used to reduce or eliminate the wonderful clothing-optional environment that Rooster Rock offers. I oppose this change and would like to see it defeated or withdrawn from consideration.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joe Mitchoff

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:44 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mitchoff@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello,

I am unable to attend the upcoming Park Area Rules Public Hearing, but as an Oregonian and OSP pass holder, I want to oppose any procedural changes that refer to clothing-optional areas. These spaces offer a unique opportunity for individuals to embrace body positivity and self-acceptance in a natural and non-judgmental environment. They also promote a sense of freedom and equality, allowing people from all walks of life to enjoy the outdoors without the constraints of clothing.

The proposed rule is being put forth for “clarity and flexibility,” but as a user of these spaces, it seems like a solution that is looking for a problem. Simply put, the boundaries currently in place are crystal clear. To my knowledge, few, if any, people knowingly violate them. There are so few public clothing-optional spaces that adding "flexibility" sparks fear. It seems unlikely OPRD would use these rules to expand the boundaries, and losing space would create more confusion and violations.

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Commenter name (if provided):

Drew Hambke

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:45 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

drewbot.m@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

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Commenter name (if provided):

Emmett McGregor

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 08:46 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

emcg090@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Dear OPRD,

I am a citizen of Oregon and request that Rooster Rock clothing optional area be maintained in its current Boundary and the rules dictating those boundaries remain the same.

Please maintain the current boundaries and Boundary setting rules according to Administrative Rule (OAR) 736-010-0065. The use of fixed landmarks to determine the clothing optional area for this park assures that the boundaries are well established and fully known by all visitors enjoying the park. This park is of great value to those who enjoy naturism, of which there are many in Oregon, and there is no greater public good being served by changing the rules dictating the boundaries for the clothing optional area.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bob Pebly

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 02:42 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bobpebly@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Beaverton, OR

Public comment:

The 14 day per month camping limit in state parks is far too high and enables a small number of individuals to consume far more than their share of scarce state park campsites. No further evidence is needed at popular state parks than the high occupancy rates and difficulty in booking campsites. Campgrounds book out immediately at the 6 month advance deadline as they become cheap rent alternatives for the fulltime RV & van life community that either simply park hop upon reaching a deadline or utilize multiple accounts to circumvent limits.

Making matters worse, relatively low cost sites and insufficient penalties for no-shows leave many campsites at these popular parks booked & unused. Changes are needed to encourage reservation cancellations and penalize no-shows more severely to free up sites for others to use.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dani Wright

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 07:25 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mfasaddlery@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Springfield, OR

Public comment:

Enforced 14 day stay. The key being enforced these are camp grounds paid by our tax dollars not freebies for vagrants ! Budget includes garbage, safety , upgrades, bathroom and shower cleaning. Trail maintenance and design.



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Commenter name (if provided):

John Pelonio

Date comment received:

January 11, 2025 06:59 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jpelonio@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Hillsboro, OR

Public comment:

RE: 736-010-0020(2)(a)

Limiting camping to 14 days out of 30 is appropriate. It balances a reasonable vacation time against the need to provide opportunities for others.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Incontinentia PlasterSlug

Date comment received:

January 11, 2025 10:39 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

tripichick@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

if a per has no other place to sleep and follows rules about cooking and trash it's inhumane not to let them rest.

I had a massive stroke while motel homeless then turfed to Steet as indigent refuse at 1am, recuperated squatting in the overpark garage. btw i have a year of work on my MA and earned \$40/hour as medical transcriptionist before the avm bleed.

For shame. I grok yiu have to balance the needs if all park visitors.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ray Hudson

Date comment received:

January 11, 2025 03:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bootsandbonfire@gmail.com

Location (if provided): PORTLAND, OR

Public comment:

I think folks should be able to camp in Oregon campgrounds as long as they would like. However I do think they should be required to move spots every two weeks.

I also wish there was a way for people with disabilities to book accessible spots and cabins by calling the ranger station and not having to wait for the internet to open up. I also think that should require some level of affirmation that someone in the group is disabled. Often cabins with disability access are booked by able bodied folks who just want the extra space because there is no barrier to access for non disabled to book these spaces.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mary O'Brien

Date comment received:

January 12, 2025 08:27 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kport65@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Woodburn , OR

Public comment:

Please keep the 14 day rule.

So everyone gets a chance to enjoy camping the park.

I think more than 14 days, gives some people the opportunity to abuse the system.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kim Toevs

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 09:08 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

kimtoevs@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Good

morning, I understand that there is a proposed change to designating the clothing optional area of Rooster Rock. I read that this is proposed for "clarity and flexibility". There may be no one in the office that currently supports reducing the clothing optional area. However, making a rules change for flexibility is not appropriate. The proposed change would replace fixed designations with boundaries determined by maps published on the OPRD website. This would allow adjustments to be made without requiring public hearings or formal processes. Because Rooster Rock State park clothing optional area is such a unique public resource on public land, the public needs a process that retains its required participation in decision-making. Please leave the OARs as they are.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Hannah Hardcastle

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 09:09 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hannahh10189@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hi!

I am writing in opposition to Administrative Rule (OAR) 736-010-0065. The unclear language in this proposed rule makes me concerned future action will be taken to reduce the size of the clothing optional Roost Rock Beach.

With so many federal rule changes happening that are vague and have far reaching implications, I'm worried this rule might be used to amend the clothing-optional area boundaries via a simple map change

rather than a public change to the first section of the affected document.

Rooster Rock clothing optional beach is the oldest acknowledged nude beach in the state of Oregon and the first officially acknowledged and accepted one in the U.S.

Please help keep Portland, and Oregon, weird by opposing this rule.

Thanks!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joan Irwin

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 09:11 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

joan.evelyn.irwin@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I'm grateful to these spaces, and I want to strongly encourage your office to preserve them.

Thank you

Sincerely,



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Commenter name (if provided):

Gary Preston

Date comment received:

January 10, 2025 09:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

prestons@nwlinc.com

Location (if provided): , WA

Public comment:

Please accept this testimony against the proposed revision of the above statute.

The proposal removes the assurance of a transparent process for revision of rules and should be replaced with the following:

736-010-0065

Rooster Rock State Park - Nudity

1. A person of ~~post-pubescent age or over 12 years of age~~ is prohibited from engaging in nudity, as defined in ORS 167.060,

in any part of the park property west of the established boundary running north and south 100 yards east of the easternmost

beach access stairway and east above the approximate high water mark of the Columbia River in Rooster Rock State Park

in areas of the Rooster Rock State Park property as posted and indicated on park maps available on the State Park website.

We have long enjoyed visiting the Oregon coast and hope Rooster Rock State Park's accessibility will remain as it is.

Thank you.