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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Christopher Healy

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:40 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

chealy63@comcast.net

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Dear Helena-

As a frequent visitor to rooster rock, the clothing optional portion of rooster rock state park is a peaceful place where I can exist in my natural state, both on open beach areas by the water, and wooded, forested areas with trails. It is one of the few public places where it is possible to do this. Pacific Northwestern Oregon is the kind of place where folks of all stripes can coexist mostly in peace and rooster rock is one of the sacred places that resources our collective cultural ability to do so.

It is honestly one of the reasons I live here, and one of the things I've often said I would miss the most if I ever moved away, right behind my community of friends.

The rule change that would allow the state to change the boundaries of clothing optional areas without public involvement risks politicizing this issue and creates the need for the community to organize behind yet another cause where we didn't have to before. Please oppose this rule change to ensure that the clothing optional area at Rooster Rock is protected by state law for generations to come and we continue to have this unique sanctuary accessible to so many in our state. at minimal cost.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Clif Cannon

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:41 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

clif@clifcannon.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Dear Helena,

As an Oregonian and frequent visitor to Rooster Rock State Park, and in particular the clothing optional area of the Park, I know this serves as a precious resource for Oregonians and visitors alike. It is one of the few public places where it is safe to be together simply as humans in nature. And, there is something unique about being able to share space without clothing, if one chooses, that fosters openness, realness, and connection with nature. It is wholesome and real, not based on social status or wealth, and that allows people to be themselves in community. It is also remarkably trouble-free.

The proposed rule change that would allow the state to change the boundaries of clothing optional areas without public involvement or comment, risks politicizing this issue unnecessarily and damaging a public resource. There are already sufficient protections in place for the Park and its use under current rules.

Please oppose this rule change to ensure that the clothing optional area at Rooster Rock is protected by state law for generations to come.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Firelight Hammerquist

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hammerquist@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Dear Helena-

As a frequent visitor to rooster rock, the clothing optional portion of rooster rock state park serves as a precious oasis where I can go unwind from city life. It is one of the few public places where it is safe to take off all the costumes we wear and be together simply as humans in nature. The Portland metro area is the kind of place where folks of all stripes can coexist mostly in peace and rooster rock is one of the sacred places that resources our collective cultural ability to do so.

The rule change that would allow the state to change the boundaries of clothing optional areas without public involvement risks politicizing this issue and creates the need for the community to organize behind yet another cause where we didn't have to before. Please oppose this rule change to ensure that the clothing optional area at Rooster Rock is protected by state law for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Firelight Hammerquist
Resident of Sunnyside in Portland



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bruce Kerr

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:51 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

B.K@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello, this is Bruce Kerr in Kenwick, Washington, 509-396-2491, and I got a notice that there is going to be an effort to reduce the size of Rooster Rock State Park without public input. They're going to try and make some kind of rule change that would allow them to just set new borders on a website and then, without any consultation or public input, change the borders. And usually, when it comes to closing an optional beach, it means they're going to try and reduce the size, trying to push us out as much as possible. If you look on any day... During the summertime, usually, the closing optional section is... Fact. A lot of people love that beach. Please do not take this away. This is also another erosion of democracy. Don't let the public do it. Let a few fanatics and bureaucrats manipulate our lives without any input from us. They don't want to hear from the people. They want to just control us without asking us because they're afraid they know we'll say no. Save democracy and save our clothing optional beach. This is Bruce Kerr. Thank you. You have a good day. Goodbye.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Richard Glenn

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:52 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

richardglen@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Hello! I'm writing to express my concerns about the possibility of rule changes that could affect the nude boundaries at Rooster Rock State Park.

As a gay man who enjoys naturism, I consider Rooster Rock a sacred space. There's just a special vibe that comes from a place that allows people to be themselves, their real selves. Regardless of whether park guests are clothed or unclothed, gay or straight or ???, the place is a welcoming space for all. I can't think of anywhere else in Oregon that this attitude of acceptance exists.

Also, as a gay man, I and my people are concerned about the future. We don't know what's ahead, but it is certain that our rights and freedoms that we have fought so hard to get will be attempted to be taken away.

If the nude boundaries are allowed to be changed in the future, this is one more way that our rights could be chipped away. The "powers that be" could make all kinds of statements about why boundaries need to be changed (reduced, probably, if we're being honest)... but we all can see that this could be one more way that those who hate us would have the power to take our freedoms away.

I don't know why this change is even being proposed, but clearly the unintended (or intended) consequences could be the reduction or even complete loss of our nudist space.

Rooster Rock State Park's nude beach is not a gay or a straight space. But the loss of any part of it would greatly impact gay park-goers. This is potentially discriminatory... and wrong. Our state parks belong to All the people, but if the rules are changed in ways that penalize gay park guests, that is not acceptable.

OPRD should not consider any rule changes that potentially discriminate against gay people. Or nudists. Period.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern. I hope the outcome will be to leave the

situation as it is.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Matthew Black

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:55 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

djskype@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello! I hope you are well. I am just voicing my opposition to the change. As I'm sure you may already know, this change makes it so the map they are proposing can be changed without public input. I fear this is just a way to eventually get rid of the area we love and hold dear and enjoy with our friends. I feel if it is not broken then don't change it! Please!

Thank you for your time



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Commenter name (if provided):

Simon Elsner

Date comment received:

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Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I've been told that the park is somehow trying to limit or adjust and redefine the spot where we can be naked at Rooster Rock.

This is not consensual and I do not approve of this action. I also know no reason this would be enacted.

We need MORE nude spaces not less.

Simon Elsner



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Commenter name (if provided):

Thomas Thacker

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:57 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

potlatch23@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Hi Helena

I oppose the AMEND: 736-010-0065, I do not think park managers should change the park map defining where one can be nude without public comment.

I oppose AMEND: 736-010-0065



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Commenter name (if provided):

Will Brandstetter

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 08:59 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

will.brandstetter04@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello -

My name is Will Brandstetter and I am a Portland resident, who is a frequent visitor to Rooster Rock beach. I am writing to express my disdain for the proposed rule change regarding the boundaries of the clothing optional section of the park. Rooster Rock is a one-of-a-kind beach that has made a one-of-a-kind community in the area. I always look forward to running into friends I was not expecting, and to making new friends, while at Rooster.

Please do not allow the proposed changes to go through - we as a community are already short on options to express ourselves in one of our favorite places.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thanks!
WB



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Commenter name (if provided):

Greg Deledpinesse

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 09:00 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

deles5570@msn.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Make it no change to rooter rock boundaries as we nudist only have two nude beaches in the whole state of oregon public input we want the whole park



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Commenter name (if provided):

Paul Dozier

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 09:01 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Greetings

Please accept my comment regarding the proposed new rules about boundaries at this park.

I am concerned that the long-standing boundaries for nude recreation could be adjusted by someone at the office, posting a change on the website. Changes have been made after public discussion, and that's still the best way.

Nude recreation outdoors is rare indeed. We know the value of sun exposure—a little bit practiced often is very healthy for all of us. Some want more...

Please allow AANR and local nudist advocates to participate in any proposed rule changes at Rooster Rock.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bill Watts

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 09:03 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

billx@unforgettable.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello Ms Kesch,

I am opposed to the proposed redefinition of the Clothing-Optional boundaries. The proposed change will allow a government employee at some future date to change the boundaries - most likely on the whim of a bigot - without a public hearing. The intent is obvious.

Please be aware that a recent [national poll](#) showed that 45% of the population would consider going nude at a clothing optional beach if it was safe and legal. Oregon is one of the most progressive states supporting individual freedoms - let's keep it that way.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ron Unger

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 09:04 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

4ronunger@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hi, I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed change that would replace these fixed designation of the clothing optional area at Rooster Rock with boundaries determined by maps published on the OPRD website.

Thanks for your consideration.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Justin Duray

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 09:07 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

justinduray@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I am writing to ask that you reconsider making changes to the boundaries of Rooster Rock State Park clothing optional areas. There are few area like this for people to enjoy. I would hate to see this area get smaller and smaller.

Thank you for your time,
Justin Duray



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ray Dempsey

Date comment received:

January 3, 2025 09:09 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

raymond Dempsey@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hi Helena.

I am a nudist who attended the municipal nudist Summer beaches of lovely Martha's Vineyard Massacuesetts. Family nudist beaches with coeds. conversation and volleyball. Martha's Vineyard is so happy that they opened a Southern beach to be alongside the Northern beach. There are even nude postcards in the convenience stores.

Take a listen.