



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

John Cline

Date comment received:

March 31, 2025 07:31 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

johnpcline55@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

My name is John Cline. I recently made a virtual statement at a public comment session concerning closing public access to the beach at Treasure Cove and Beach Streets in Manzanita. My grandparents built a cabin in Manzanita 1927. Our family has had a presence there ever since. We have harvested firewood from the driftwood all those years. I am still doing this, now with a permit from Nehalem Bay State Park. We have always respected and worked to keep the beach clean and safe especially the emergency access. There are already restrictions to using the beach because of protections to the Snowy Plover. I can no longer ride my bike to the Jetty except for a few months in winter.

I have been transporting clients for Dial a Ride for 24 years. I live in Nehalem now and have sold my home in Manzanita to my niece. I feel I'm in touch with many lower income people in the area.

I understand that visitors bring revenue to our area but don't seem to have respect for keeping the beach clean and safe.

I'm not sure what or how many concerns were brought to the city council member. But I'm sure there are many options rather than closing access except for emergency vehicles. Suggestions would be adjusting the times and dates for access, issuing permits just to locals and I'm sure there are others.

I urge you to leave the access the way it is or find a compromise that will be beneficial to all .



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rachel Fussell

Date comment received:

March 31, 2025 07:34 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Dear Jo Niehaus and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,

On

behalf of PeopleForBikes, I am writing in response to the Electric-Assisted Bicycle Regulations draft policy for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). We applaud your work to modernize electric bicycle access in state parks and beaches in Oregon, and we seek to partner and provide advice where appropriate.

Please find our full comments and letter attached to the email below.

We welcome the opportunity to provide any further information and appreciate the chance to share our resources and knowledge.

Sincerely,

Rachel Fussell



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bill Bush

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 11:44 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please keep vehicle beach access open unchanged. At this point as of April 7th 11:00am The city or opposing comments have not presented justifiable evidence that the beach should be closed to vehicles. Arguments suggesting contamination for vehicles is far fetched. Storm water from streets deposit more contamination on the beach than any vehicle driving on it.

You would think if there was a substantial issue a 14 year veteran of Manzanita Police would have presented evidence other than he once got stuck on the beach for a call. If the state contracts with the city to patrol the beach they should have a capable vehicle to respond for any issue. Also who will clear all the washed up Driftwood from the beach? If left on the beach I can only imagine the giant bonfires that will happen in the summer months. We might have to consider a beachfire ban you know smoke and partially burned wood is a danger to the environment.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Emily Akdedian

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 03:44 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Nehalem, OR

Public comment:

Re: Ocean Shore Vehicle Restrictions, Resolution 52-01

I am writing in support of the proposed year-round restriction of vehicle use on Manzanita beach due to public safety and environmental considerations. Vehicles impact sensitive marine and dune environments and add unnecessary contaminants such as oil, chemicals, rubber and micro plastics to this fragile ecosystem which supports threatened Snowy plovers, tired migrating shorebirds, many species of isopods and gastropods, and a plethora of other life just below the surface of the sand. This beach is a popular destination for visitors and the community and is predominantly accessed for outdoor enjoyment. Vehicles diminish the safety of this space for all.

Equitable access to the Manzanita beach is important and the City has made much progress in offering mobility options such as MOBI mats and David's chairs. I believe a permit system (only if capacity exists to support it) may be a logical consideration for accessibility for additional ADA purposes if needed, and limited livelihood activities (dory boat launch and wood harvesting at limited times of year), and could balance the predominant safety and environmental needs (which the local community has voiced) with these other uses.

Thank you for your consideration of this topic.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Sandy Wood

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 07:58 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Manzanita, OR

Public comment:

Thank you for allowing public comments, and the opportunity to learn more about the subject and listen to your presentation on March 24.

Since then, I have heard nothing positive about vehicles on the beach.

an additional comment from me, for those who think vehicles on the beach aren't a problem:

Last evening (4\1) about 7:45 pm, my dog and I were walking north on S Carmel; two pickups, driving faster than the speed limit, did a quick turn onto Treasure Cove. I heard the gate opening, and watched the two trucks drive quickly down to the beach, and head south.

I closed the gate, and called 911.

A couple of people and their dog came up from the beach, horrified by the trucks. . . They had seen them driving erratically, in addition to not belonging on the beach period.

Another pickup drove in behind us, with the driver demanding that he be able to drive down to the beach, insisting that the sign allowed entry after 7 pm.

I told him NO, to read the sign, and that police were responding. He backed up his truck a bit and obviously called his friends.

A few minutes later, the two trucks that were on the beach came back up to Treasure Cove, both

drivers angry.

The flashing lights of the police car greeted them.

Thank you to the police for their prompt response!

I assume that they'd done this before, as all three pickup drivers' actions seemed planned in advance.

How many people are walking the beach around sunset?

How many animals and birds are enjoying their home, without people and definitely without traffic?

Please stop the public from driving on the beach!

An accident is just waiting to happen!

Thank you for listening!

Sandy Wood



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Commenter name (if provided):

Diana Staben

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 08:05 AM

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Location (if provided): Manzanita, OR

Public comment:

Please keep Oregon Ocean Shores Vehicle Access the same as it has been for years. Please disregard Manzanita city council resolution. Attached is a petition with 102 individual signatures supporting this statement. Please see attached