

**2003-2007 OREGON STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE  
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

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***APPENDIX F  
ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS  
BY RESPONDENTS***



*Nature*  
**HISTORY**  
*Discovery*

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1521

We don't go where there are charges asked for except for parks. Can't hike on trails that have pea gravel, that's like walking on marbles. Too many places are not convenient for older people to visit because of the distance you have to walk (or uphill) to see the point of interest.

1523

Oregon is a great state to do outdoor activities and the state parks are very well maintained.

1525

If you like to kill animals, get drunk, destroy vegetation with OHVs/ATVs, and fish, then eastern Oregon is for you! There are no, or very few, skaters over here, very few bike trails that aren't shared with horses, and all coastal recreation is gone. There is some windsurfing on the Columbia, but that's controversial. As for snow activities-hopefully I won't be here long enough to find out if they are as popular over here as in the Cascades. Generally, people are lazy over here and prefer to stay home. There just isn't much to do, not a lot to see.

1538

It is great! (Don't tell anyone else!) I wish there were more mountain-biking trails, esp. those organized to minimize conflict between other users. \*We need to protect intact, functioning natural ecosystems so that we will continue to be able to see and experience Oregon's unique native species! Thanks for your help!

1554

All marinas and state parks throughout the state need to be more wheelchair accessible-most are NOT wheelchair accessible (particularly docks and dock access). Suggest you contact one of the wheelchair sports + recreation organizations such as: world wheelchair sports in Eugene @[www.efn.org/~wwscoach](http://www.efn.org/~wwscoach) or Oregon Disability Sports in Salem.

1556

You should also ask about snow sports. This survey only covers the past 3 months and I love to snowboard. I wish there were cheaper facilities.

1557

There should be more patrolling of waters on the Alsea River during salmon season. The fishers in boats block the river center for trolling boats.

1564

I don't think this is particularly helpful. Earlier in my life I was more agile (and active) and frequently outdoors although even then I spent considerable time in taverns discussing politics with friends. Most of my time I spent in work, women, and beer. The rest I just wasted (just kidding). Thanks for asking. [Names and Addresses Removed]

1566

I treasure the outdoor recreation opportunities in Oregon. In the past, I have done a lot of camping and fly fishing, hiking and some backpacking. Enjoy opportunities from primitive to those in urban settings.

1568

Would like to note displeasure in the amount of “seasonal campgrounds.” Would like to see them stay open all 12 months. Also, it is increasingly difficult to find sites without having a reservation.

1572

Other states we have visited don't allow dogs on trails (at least in major parks). I appreciate the fact that we can take a dog hiking most places in Oregon!

1574

More money needed for purchase of “last open or view sites.” (e.g., the river frontage in old town near bridge- Beach and lake frontage.) Glad National sites recognize each other's parking and admission packets. Also need more money for maintenance.

1575

Thanks for doing this. Make camping spaces in state parks low density. The purpose (for us) of going to a state park is to get away from the noise, “hustle and bustle” of city life on a weekend. We use state parks when we do not have the time to backpack.

1580

While I do walk my dogs twice a day I also go to the dog park almost everyday as it is located in the middle of my walking route. May be interesting to study dog park use as well. In essence I go to a park almost everyday of the year! Glad you asked. Thanks for your hard work!

1592

Oregon is a wonderful state to enjoy outdoor recreation with family and friends. We live in a rural setting and enjoy it everyday.

1604

We would like more access to back country roads. Many roads are being closed due to lack of logging, and this is reducing recreational space and opportunities.

1605

IT'S GREAT!

1607

[Names and Addresses Removed]

1629

I thought the woman I talked to knew we were no longer able to travel, RV, fish, etc. At one time we did a lot of recreation activities in Oregon and other states. Sorry for the misunderstanding.  
[Names and Addresses Removed]

1634

I have lived in Oregon for 14 yrs and have a lot of visitors. Some I give directions of places to go and visit; I often go with them. I always drive my guests down to Galies. They are impressed with the beautiful scenery and the accommodations at Indian Mary Park. They have enjoyed the Oregon Caves, the Redwoods and Brookings. But there is an all-day trip I drive if they have the time: Drive south I-5 to Gold Hill, Bulls Creek Mill, Mill Crk. Falls, Natural Bridges, Becky's Café, Crater

Lake, Diamond Lake, Watson Falls, Roseburg, South back to Grants Pass ad Dinner at the Yankee XXX Road.

[Names and Addresses Removed]

P.S. For many years I participated with the O.S.H.E.U. in Galire. I thorough enjoyed [Names and Addresses Removed] and her teaching. [Names and Addresses Removed]

1639

Lately (within 4 yrs), I've been noticing everything going up in price, less park and recreation upkeep to many rules because a few bad people. Need camping grounds or parks that don't charge an arm and a leg closer to town (Grant's Pass). Even in the public parks close to the Rogue River (Riverside Park for an example) maybe certain days of the week of holiday's you can camp in Public Parks. This would help a lot of people get to camp with little effort (kids, elderly, families, etc.) Sorry that I don't use things more but I sure would like to. Sincerely [Names and Addresses Removed]

1641

We would have done more activities if illness had not limited us this year.

1657

I love living in Oregon. I enjoy the wildlife, the forests, viewpoints, picnic facilities with restrooms. These are utilized most often when I have out-of-state company. A sandwich made at home tastes much better consumed at the beach or state park than one eaten at the dining room table! A physical handicap prevents me personally from snow activities, hiking, etc. But I am glad they are available for my guests and others to enjoy. I don't mind paying my share in taxes or day use fees to keep them available.

1662

I only wish I had more free time to use these recreation/park areas more.

1668

My family (total: 12) enjoys spending time together on the Oregon Coast. We prefer the Rockaway area as it is currently less crowded and family oriented. We have gone every summer for the last 10 years and sometimes during off-season months. We continue to hope there will be areas on the coast that will not become commercialized and crowded by tourists, shops and cars.

1672

Pretty good areas to have fun.

1451

Oregon is a wonderful state for enjoying the out of doors! It is hard to limit responses to 3 months because in the course of a year several other activities are usually enjoyed. Being in my 70s some activities are mostly fond memories or enjoyed only when grandchildren are in Oregon.

1452

I think Oregon has beautiful nature and have reasonable outdoor recreation facilities.

1458

This survey should have looked out over 12 months, not the last 3 months (e.g., tough to go skiing in September/October/November).

1464

There is too much civilian development along the coast. The entire national coastline is being stolen away from a natural appearance of beauty as one looking at unwholesomeness. It seems as though the treasure of the coastline has been sold to the highest bidder. IT should be left unmolested.

There are too many buildings between coast highway and the beach. Parents want to take back the streets, why can't we take back our national treasures. Why do elected officials sham it so? I read about this but no one wants to stop the problem. It is a subtle cancer. What can I do? I guess it was a pretty state coastline! [Names and Addresses Removed]

1468

The snowboarding rocks!

1471

I love Oregon, I am retired and hope to travel Oregon more and enjoy the outdoors.

1472

When I called to make our usual reservation, our section was torn up for the yurts. We were told that eventually more campsites would be made. Why tear up what was already there? Why not add yurts where they're now thinking of making new campsites? We loved that park because of all the things to do there. Crabbing, walking on beach and dunes. Walking around Lake Marie (I think that's the name). Anyway, we walked around it at least twice a day when we camp there. Our kids have dune buggies and 4- wheelers and bikes. We also like fishing off the jetty. There are a lot of beautiful waterfalls in Oregon and a favorite getaway for the day is to take a lunch and find a waterfall. Our favorites are w/in a mile of the road. We go alone or with kids and grandkids.

1473

Keep working on upkeep of the facilities that exist. Thank you for your good work. We have extensively used yurts and do appreciate these accommodations. My husband had back surgery in Sept. If not for that we would have had more weekend activities for 2 people.

1479

Sorry to be so late. When the phone call came, I and two of my senior-citizen daughters, had just returned from a delightful camping and hiking trip at Anthony Lakes! I am a widow-85 years old so I'm not a real good survey example. However, I love to bike (walk) and my yard is always full of squirrels-quail-blue jays and many little migratory birds. I watch them and feed them all. In past years, I would have been a much better survey person. Best Wishes-[Names and Addresses Removed].

1480

I am a teacher so the last 3 months have been very limited in regards to recreation. Answers would be different during different time of the year.

1482

This is a very good and thorough survey.

1486

I'm not a very good candidate for this survey-should be the young and more active campers-ones that are family-oriented campers. I have stopped at some state parks, mainly to use the restroom and had to pay \$3.00. I think the state parks should not charge for daily picnicking. Wanted to stop at Silver Falls Park and look at first falls-\$3.00 entry fee! Thanks!

1489

I am very much opposed to the closing of forest roads. I am 71 and have more than my share of heart problems. The concept of walking only is just another form of discrimination against the aged and infirmed. If I can't drive close to a stream, I can't fish in it. If I can't drive to a hunting area, it is effectively closed to me. I am certain that I am not the only older person who feels disenfranchised.

1491

Charges to get into state or country parks. Bathrooms not clean and smell.

1500

State Parks are well maintained. Clean bathrooms. Not sure how to make a reservation for campsite on the beach.

1502

Along the Oregon Coastline there are many accesses to the beaches and oceanfront. I am noticing a very high rate of passage causing trampling and destruction of vegetation and soil. Habitat is being lost. I believe we are much more aware of this occurring in the mountains and wilderness than on the oceanfront.

We are being blocked from entering wonderful areas—which could take the load off some of these places. Resources being what they are I find this common and I expect it. This is an unfortunate situation and mind set. Where I live lights (high powered) are being used to light-up large rocks and small pieces of land off-shore (at night). The impact on birds and other sea life is frightful.

1504

A \$3.00 fee is discouraging many weekend or day use people from using state parks. In Lincoln County they flock to free public beaches. I've watched the decline in use of Fogerty Creek State Park for more than 20 years. A \$1.00 fee or free would bring many more coast visitors to this park. As for myself, the yearly fee of \$20.00 I've been paying for the yearly sticker for parking because I live several miles from the park and with my new knee I'm getting this month, plan on visiting the park almost daily. Many nearby locals also walk their dogs there.

1511

By limiting your survey to the last 3 months, it excluded activities I do during the winter months. There were many things I have participated in, just not in the last 3 months. Skiing I do in the winter and find the ski area around Mt Hood to be quit crowded most of the time. I have done a lot of bike riding trails, hiking, back packing, camping, just been busy working these past few months and not doing them lately.

1517

Areas are becoming too crowded. Limit number of people or expand areas.

3288

We spent much more time in Oregon than in 2001. Our time was spent on beach areas and mountain areas with golf available.

3291

We love the Oregon beaches-They are always clean and well kept. Where we stay they are never overcrowded. We enjoy stopping at the Fisheries place near Multnomah Falls. We have visited Museums in the past (but not in the past 12 months). We visit with our schools Tamasklit (sp.) and Pendleton for its underground tour and museums. We also enjoy the swimming complex Pendleton has and Milton-Freewater. We have also enjoyed numerous camping trips to Harris Park (Umatilla) and day trips/hikes. One of our children travels to OXXX and every year for the March of Dimes walkathon. During these visits, he has enjoyed OMSI. I feel like Oregon has done a good job measuring the beauty the state has.

3303

If this questionnaire had been asked about 2 yrs ago, I would have had a lot more “yes” because I hiked and mushroom picked and camped a lot more than I used to in Oregon.

3309

I enjoyed Oregon Back Country riding horses. I would like more trailheads setup for horses. Would like premature available to horse back riding as is now.

3338

I think you need a younger person to participate in your survey. I'm 80+ and can no longer be active.

3357

While traveling in Oregon we have noticed that many of the state parks have a fee. As a family we enjoy visiting the different sites (most located in a state parks) but it becomes too expensive to visit more than a couple on a weekend. A decision has to be made whether to decide on 1 or 2 parks (activities) or not go to any. Which usually means foregoing the parks. As an outdoor photographer it is very frustrating when trying to take pictures at the coastal state parks. I have to pay the fee to use the park for maybe 15 minutes to get a shot of the sunset and if that picture isn't “available” then to get a sunrise picture, I would need to pay another fee the next morning to get into the park for “another 15-minute photo-session.” All of which I can't enter the park unless I pay-even to see if the photo opportunity is “perfect” or not! I know Oregon isn't the only state to have these park fees, but it would allow more families to use the parks if the fees weren't an issue. It has had a very large effect on our family's use of these recreational sites. Thanks, signed.

3215

I told the girl that called that I was 71 and a widow. I do not drive at night. This is really a waste of my time and yours – my husband was an expert skier, at Mt. Hood, Bend, and in Europe. I also skied (not too well) we had season tickets to Pops and went to a lot of Plays, Opera, Symphony, etc (Portland). Ate a lot in Portland-his sister has a condo “in Portland.” Also in South Carolina, we

camped a lot when kids and grand kids were young and traveled. But, now I hardly go anywhere far away from my home. This is for younger people, not older people like me.

3231

Feel the surcharge was started to discourage out-of-staters from using the park facilities.

3235

I have noticed a problem the last 5 years that I have camped at Cove Palisades. Usually half or three quarters of the park is consumed by massive church groups with lots of people the facility is noise and the bathrooms and showers are over loaded. Also, there was no nighttime ranger to keep the peace. Signed.

3242

More yurt campsites are needed.

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I have enjoyed Oregon— especially fishing.

3244

We are a retired couple so our activities are not terribly energetic!! But we love the Oregon Coast and take visitors there and to the Columbia Gorge. It is hard to get reservations for the yurts along the coast—maybe the number should be increased? Thank you-signed.

3245

Excellent. Due to illness this was moderate activity year. Things getting to look better and activities will accelerate. Thank you very much for your personal efforts.

3268

Our family always enjoys our outings. Having a restroom on-site is always appreciated and they have always been pretty clean. Signs on trails are always appreciated, so we know what were getting into. Safety first!

3279

Although we do not need w/c access my wife is handicapped—we often have hard time getting decent parking and access to Beaches don't have ramps-I also work with handicapped children and often we can't get down to the ocean as I do travel with the at times. I would also like access to children's playgrounds with handicapped parking near.

Also I play Frisbee golf, usually a lot more than this last year-often 1 or 2 times a week. I was injured and could not play for over 6 months. We need more Frisbee golf courses! Thank you.

3281

Never mind ☺

3173

Keep up the website information well updated and user friendly (it already is most of the time). The website URL can be published regularly in the Living Sections of Newspapers.

3181

I don't use Oregon facilities very often but have had very good experiences. I enjoy getting out and enjoying nature.

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Oregon is much better than SW Washington!!

3197

Portland area soccer fields in good shape for most part-occasionally outhouse/bathroom out of order. Enjoyed State Campground @ Prineville-clean, well watered, bathrooms well maintained, good security by camp attendants, boat ramp in good shape.

3200

I filled this out even though it took much longer than you originally told me (5 minutes are so). No one could honestly complete this unless they only went to Oregon one. These questions seem repetitious. Why did I have to spend 10 minutes on the phone holding my kid during family time to answer the same type of questions? Where did you get my number? Please remove me from your mailing and phone list. Thank you, signed.

3202

I have lived in many different areas of the U.S. and Oregon has one of the best nature park systems and outdoor activity availability of anywhere I have been!

2830

I love Oregon! Having gone to college in Eugene, I have experienced first hand all the great outdoor activities & awesome beauty it has to offer. I look forward to taking my family to Florence some day! The Three Sisters is a sight to behold & Mt. Hood speaks for itself.

2853

I do most of my fishing and hunting and recreational activities in WA. Otherwise it's more for out-of-state licences.

2857

We love the state parks but haven't been able to get reservations because parks are full for a 29 foot trailer. We need full hook-up site.

2859

Soon we would like to hike the Pacific Crest Trail. We watched Northwest Illustrated - they had a great show about the Pacific Crest Trail.

2860

The prices at State parks have gone way up in the last couple years. Let's make it more affordable for everyone.

2874

My father is an Oregon resident (Prineville) so we stay overnight with him. We do use facilities on a day-use basis and they are always well maintained.

2900

We usually come to Oregon for recreation at least once a year on vacation but this past year we did not.

2902

Finding information on small Rodeos was difficult. Information about the Vail Rodeo was not on the computer. We called local west stock in Ontario, given the number of the store in Vail. Frustrating. Boise customers refer to computers. The same applies to Baker and three summer holiday flea markets.

2907

One of the best features of outdoor recreation in Oregon is the Beach Bill.

2909

We love the land as free from XXXXX as possible. We love the history of Indians and Settlers of long ago. We would like the primitive land to stay like it is (only hikers and horse back to be able to visit.) Jordan Valley is beautiful but tourism is getting bad (off road vehicles). We love the mountains and wild life! Thank You, signed.

2918

I apologize for the fact that my answers to this survey do not reflect a typical year for my family. We've spent the last year building a new house in Idaho and have not done any recreation. In a typical year we would spend 10-15 nights in Oregon. We normally crappie fish on the Owyhee Reservoir and on the Powder River. We hunt chuckare in the fall and snowmobile around Sumptner in the wintertime. Signed.

2921

We find lots to do in Oregon. We like to visit places where we can hunt rocks. We are rock hounds. There are several places in Central Oregon that are great for just such a day trip. I like to take photos, again, it's a great day trip.

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Campsites need to be large enough and accessible to RV's with slide out units. Sites need to be wide enough to back into if not drive through. I have found many retired couples with RV's using campgrounds including myself. Baby boomers are on the move.

2938

We have enjoyed camping through out Oregon for over 20 years. There are plenty of rest stops with good facilities. We especially like to see an informational sign telling us what is planted in the farm fields and identifying types of orchard trees. A sign pointing to a class mountain would help us I can't find them on a map as we are going down the road. The campgrounds are great, no problems.

2942

I live in Kelso, across the Columbia River from Rainier. I can get into Oregon in five minutes from home, but all the locations where my interests lie are further south in the Portland area. Portland is 40 minutes away so I don't head down there as often as I recreate in the local area.

2942

I live in Kelso, across the Columbia River from Rainier. I can get into Oregon in five minutes from home, but all the locations where my interests lie are further south in the Portland area. Portland is 40 minutes away so I don't head down there as often as I recreate in the local area.

2948

Thanks for your persistence! It gets busy this time of the year for us. Merry Christmas, [Names and Addresses Removed] and clan of bears.

2949

Oregon should be proud-they keep their state fairly clean!

2951

Oregon is a wonderfully clean and pleasant place for outdoor activities. People are friendly and courteous. I feel safe in Oregon's parks and recreation areas.

2957

We have traveled more around Oregon, but not in last 12 months. We have been to the coast twice in last 9 ½ years (last twelve months was the second of the two). We have also been to Portland and its environs ~ 4times, Bend-stayed overnight twice, Crater Lake-stayed overnight twice, Ashland-once, 3 Sisters-once.

2959

Make annual trips to Lincoln City area. Have for 20+ years. Often take day trips to Newport (OSMI), Depoe Bay, Pacific City, or play golf at Neskowin on Hawk Creek. We were fortunate in December 1999 to find four of the glass balls put out in Lincoln City.

2961

We have a large group of family and friends who like to camp together. We have 5<sup>th</sup> wheels, motor homes, and tents. It is extremely difficult to find camping sites where we won't bother other campers. We would love to go somewhere where we could be separated from other campers.

2963

Oregon is a beautiful state. We do enjoy our time spent there.

2966

The Lostine River was fished out apparently so my husband and I didn't stay long because of the lack of fish stock. That was too bad because we liked the semi-primitive atmosphere.

2968

We vacation at Lincoln City in a Condo on the Beach at least twice a year. We always go on down South to Newport to look and play around. Our whole family goes to Lincoln City to vacation every year. We love Oregon Beaches over Washington's anytime.

2984

Our favorite horse camping location is Emigrant Springs State Park. Great facilities and 2002 will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

2987

This was too time consuming!

2997

Parking out at Lincoln City just to get down to the beach was extremely challenging. Most spots are sized for small vehicles; a lot of trucks and RV's had a tough time too. I think that could be an area for improvement.

2998

Unfortunately park use is becoming a more planned event, requiring reservations months in advance. A "spur of the moment" decision to go to a park could possibly be only a day trip because of reserved use. Is there a website where it shows current spaces available in a park?

3943

Professor Johnson;

Most of my recreational activity is done in the month's of March through October, so the "last three months" requirement for me, makes this survey inaccurate because my answers are based on the period I use for recreation - "March through October"

Because out of state people who use our parks resent paying more than residents, I suggest that residents be issued a pass discount card similar to Douglas County Parks system. A one-time fee is charged but it automatically gives a discount to in county residents. Any fee signs only give the standard fee, but a cardholder gets the discount.

3939

We and all of our neighbors enjoy beach activities and above all want the beaches to stay open for driving.

3937

Sorry for the lack of data, but as you now it is Winter-also for the last 3 months. Most of our time is spent sightseeing or visiting OMSI or the Zoo. Good luck on your report!

3925

Most of my outdoor activities are summer related. Because my income is limited and I chose to support 9/11 charities, finances for winter activities are very limited.

3921

I don't know what the point of this survey is, but by only asking what I did in the last three months, it dramatically reduces the numbers I would give. Over this last summer I have gone crabbing, played on different beaches, shooting skeet, rifle target shooting, bird watching, wildlife observing, taken out door photography, tracked animal signs, swam in an outdoor pool, camped, played baseball, rock climbed, played volleyball outside, played basketball outside, used playground equipment, biked, hiked, ran, walked, went 4-wheeling all in Oregon. Plus flew kites. Because it is winter it drastically reduces what we do outside. We still like to get out but usually we do it by taking a drive in the mountains. We would go snowboarding more if it wasn't so expensive or if we

made more money. We hate that so many more roads are being closed in the mountains each year. We like to take our SUV and our motorcycle up there and ride around. About 50% of the reason we live in Union County (Union, OR) is because of the mountains and other outdoor recreation that is here. The other 50% is family and family activities. We love Oregon!

3919

Need more full hook up campground in the mountains and Forest Service Land. We use a self-contained RV but would like to stay for a week or so at a time. Without going to urban area. We are retired and try to use weekday and leave weekend for people who have to work.

3915

The park reservation system is good, but if you don't get reservations early, you can be out of luck. I have been camping some times where no one shows up at a reserved site. Maybe the cost should be increased for no shows. That would discourage people from reserving sites and not risking too much money if they didn't show up, preventing others from using the sites.

3908

I live in Tillamook and its February. There is not much that my family does at this time of year, due to the rains. Most of our outdoor recreation is done between April and October. That is when we travel around the state looking for things to do for recreation or plan our trips for fishing and camping. I hope this helps though.

3893

Dear Professor Rebecca Johnson-

I hope that my information is helpful to you. I apologize that it getting to you so late.

Thank you for your time. [Names and Addresses Removed]

3891

The thing that I like most about recreation in Oregon is that the types and sites are so varied and fairly, easily, accessible. That also leads to the thing I like the least, which is seeing too many people. I like to get away because my job requires a lot of contact with people and I love to have the, trails, mountains, creeks, rivers etc all to myself. I don't mean to sound selfish ☺ it's just that I need some "no-contact" time to balance out all of the times I have to have contact. I hope this information helps. Thanks so much to all of the people that make my outdoor recreation areas available and fun.

3887

As a widow my going is curtailed. When my husband was alive we went many places in the state and do all activities possible for us. We had a travel trailer and used many Oregon parks. Didn't visit a place in our state that we didn't enjoy.

3880

We love Oregon parks, but as we are both handicapped me bad knee my husband spinal injury etc. We would like more handicap parking ramps etc. Also the cost to people our age and condition should be lowered. Also how can the Oregon State Parks in Lincoln City charge sales tax on camping sites? We have no sales tax in Oregon!! Thanks, Signed.

3869

It is 1/29/02. Your survey should be sent out in the fall, most people don't do much outdoors in winter months. If you keep "The last three months" in your questions, this should be mailed out in September. Thanks.

3863

Do not like the way parks for camping like around lakes are reserved sometime like a year before. Use to be 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. Also there is not enough overnight camping around the coast. These sites are too expensive and again most reserved. Need more fun things to do in Salem for kids and adults. Kind of dead in night life and I've lived here all my 32 years. Thanks. P.S. Need more softball fields like Wallace in Salem!

3860

Oregon does a wonderful job of helping us to fish, both bait and flycasting. A little more organization of steelhead opportunities would help. We will be happy to return the fish to the streams, but access to the banks and to the streams would make us more comfortable. Signed.

3852

Many logging roads have been blocked to prevent access-for deer hunting, camping, hiking, etc. We do not appreciate this. The extreme environmentalists really just don't want the public to have access to these areas.

3841

We usually do a lot more outdoors but the last few (3) months have been winter. We are not as active in the winter. If you asked during months without snow, the answers would be totally different.

3837

My main comment or concern is severe lack of parking at some state parks that have boat ramps. My other problem is that at Lake Billy Chinook state park that the parking permit vending machines don't always work and then you get cited if you don't have the permit. I work for the Forest Service every spring thru fall because I enjoy the outdoors. When I'm not working I spend the rest of my time fishing or hunting. One of my other comments is at Prineville Reservoir that the entrance gate is locked between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. I understand that this is day use area but many times during the summer I like to put my boat in the water at day light which could be as early as 5:00 a.m. and stay on the water until dark which is 10 p.m. so you can't do this if the gate is locked. Overall I enjoy my recreation especially fishing and hope that some state parks stay free of charge for parking. I know the park service needs money, but think there are other ways then parking permits. I believe that trail park pass program with the Forest Service is wrong too. It makes it harder for low-income families to enjoy recreating in Oregon.

3824

I evaluated the three-month period November 01 and January 02. There was much more biking, camping, hunting, softball, soccer, swimming, hiking, picnicking, and basketball throughout the year.

3820

[Names and Addresses Removed]

3812

I greatly enjoy hiking in the many diverse recreational areas in Portland. I don't feel that this survey adequately represents the amount that I take advantage of these sites over the course of a year because of the small amount of time it represents. I would greatly encourage Oregon Parks & Recreation as well as the Forest Service, etc, to avoid developing primitive areas. Thank you for your interest in my opinions. Sorry it took me so long to respond.

3810

We moved to Oregon last year after spending 35 years in Alaska. We've been very busy trying to find a home and move etc. But we have really enjoyed a few of the trails and beaches in Oregon and a few of the golf courses. We do cross country ski but haven't attempted to find any trails. We do enjoy Coast Guard Hill here in Port Orford. They do a terrific job up there.

3809

We are retired senior citizens, now that we can go sightseeing, there are too many roads closed to vehicles, and my husband can't walk far. I think that there are far too many roads closed that we feel isn't necessary.

3805

Winter months are hard to travel for us. We go with families in summer.

3799

As you might have been able to see, I am a single middle-age male who loves the outdoors. This time of year, I do not do a lot of camping or sightseeing. In the spring, summer, and fall I usually am camping and patterning animals before hunting season. I also use this time to pick mushrooms and fishing. This time of year is a little slow (winter) I hoped this helped your survey. Sincerely,  
[Names and Addresses Removed]

2370

I'm active in Boy Scouts of America. I serve as the District Commissioner for the Seven Rivers District, Oregon Council (Boise). Because the council headquarters and facilities are located in Idaho, 70% of our activities occur in Idaho. We have been welcomed at Farewell Bend St. Park for winter activities and enjoy the facilities. I think if Oregon Parks and Recreation were more sensitive to BSA activities we could have many more activities in Eastern Oregon. Our Eastern Oregon boys and parents wouldn't have to travel into Idaho to enjoy activities.

2319

I don't believe this will be of much value to your survey, because of our age (78) and health, our outdoor activities are rather limited. [Names and Addresses Removed]

2318

I am completely disabled because of diabetic neuropathy and can hardly walk. My only real recreation is sewing!!  
Yours truly, [Names and Addresses Removed]

2313

We are thinking of spending time this winter on the Oregon Coast for a month or two.

2308

We do not like all the dogs people bring into the parks. They bark all the time and it's annoying. This last summer we were at Sunset Bay Park and right across from us was four dogs at one campsite. I do not think dogs should be allowed in state parks where everyone is so close. Also bicycles should be prohibited. The kids ride them so fast and on the wrong side of the road. It's dangerous. Thank you.

2303

I agree people like state parks and their facility. I think that we should put more money into keeping them primitive. I would much rather go somewhere that there is less people and more natural surroundings. Anytime you go to a stream or a lake and see bathroom and showers and camp trailers everywhere, to me that is ruining the outdoors. Granted some people think State Parks are great. But if they can't drive their motor home or car in they wouldn't be there. I agree there needs to be places for the RVers to go and I believe it brings in a lot of money for the area. But I hope we don't go too far. People are blaming the Ranchers of ruining the outdoors yet we are building state parks and paving roads so thousands of people can go tromping and leaving their garbage.

2300

You could send pamphlets or listings of places of fun for children-could be sent to the public schools or private schools-the teachers would have a better idea for field trips that would be training or awareness (for children). For things such as our history-now & in the past- with some information the teachers or decision makers if it's a field trip could pick something in advance and be able to plan for it! I hope this makes sense. We need to reach our children more in the area of preserving our natural resources.

2299

I spend as little money and time as I can in Oregon for recreation. Your poll says for years now has been close, close, close. You are like a bunch of thieves! Now your plan is to be in complete control of where I can go, or camp, or what I do when there. I don't appreciate it. You also want to charge my family to use the forest, or drive the roads my taxes have already payed for. Boat ramps that tax payers paid for years ago and current taxes are maintaining. I'll spend my money and time in Idaho where common sense is being used and greed and selfishness are not the norm. I am absolutely sick of closed roads, gates everywhere, berms, no motorized vehicle signs, ect. BACK OFF! And let us use and enjoy the land we live in.

2391

A comment re: State Parks.

As a whole Oregon State Parks are great. The best I've seen in my travels. However, the area I live (North Curry County) seems to have situations that raise concerns. For example, at Cape Blanco State Park there is a road that provides access to the beach. That road has become very eroded. Vehicles still use it and to avoid the ruts they go around them, damaging the vegetation and creating more erosion. The local park managers express their concern when asked about this problem, but nothing has been done about it for over 3 yrs! Its not a matter of funds either as they have completed other projects that either as they have completed other projects that created problems for adjacent property owners and have to go back-spend more money-and fix these. My feeling is they need to either fix the road or close it to vehicles! They appear to have another agenda.

2375

I'm getting ready to have my back operated on, at that time I hope that I'll be able to do more. And hopefully I'll be out of school and working. I have climbed all the way to the observation deck at the top of Multnomah Falls. Now I wouldn't even be able to walk to the footbridge. Thank you for sending this to me. The biggest issue for me is cost. (but I'm not working) other than that it's my back. Putting me into so much pain. Thanks again, [Names and Addresses Removed]

2371

We have met a lot of nice an interesting people when we stay at developed campsites and other as well. All of the employees of state sites are very pleasant and helpful.

2365

Keep developing areas for people to do outdoor (hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, rafting) activities. It is what makes Oregon such a great place to live.

2358

I think having to have permits for everything is outrageous. State parks, trails, etc., should be available to all taxpayers at anytime. Recreation should be a free commodity. Lots of folks can't afford all the fees. It punishes the poor folks whose only recreation might be the out of doors.

2329

Our family from Utah, California and Oregon enjoy our annual family reunions at Lake Owyhee. This year we had some family from Germany join us. We usually have about 50 in attendance and really enjoy the State Park.

2487

I've lived in Oregon over 60 years and love it with all my heart. There is no other place as beautiful in every aspect. The reason for multiple people in some answers while I live alone is that I have several grandchildren who spend a great part of time with me.

2483

Oregon has many great parks and recreational opportunities, which we love enjoying, however we limit some of our activities to places that charge a lesser fee, or no fee. It is becoming more difficult for us to enjoy places due to the increase in prices to camp. I understand, it is necessary to keep up the parks, but my concern is will it become so expensive that we can no longer afford the expense to go. It seems there was a lot more freedom say 30 years ago and yes fewer people. Hopefully there can be some middle ground, and someway to preserve the beauty and recreational freedom for my son and his children and so on.

2482

Everyone I have talked to is totally against paying parking fees at trailheads. We pay taxes and these parking spaces should be free like they used to be. Please use your influence to make this come about. State Park fees are also too high.

2479

A lot of our activities were in the spring, and not just in the last 3 months. Sorry it took me so long to complete this...

2445

Since the last 3 months were fall and winter months, we have not done very many recreational activities but we are generally a very active family. I personally am getting into snowboarding and rock climbing. As a family we enjoy camping, hiking, crabbing, fishing etc. But I was unable to specify these because of the time limit of the information you wanted. But, I would like to let you know that we really enjoy the outdoors and the facilities that Oregon provides. P.S. I'm a student at Crook County High School and interested in your art program. I was wondering if you could possibly send me some information about your school and your art program. That would be very much appreciated! You can send that stuff to the same address. [Names and Addresses Removed]

2441

I am from the big city (San Diego, CA). I have lived in Central Oregon 40 months. My girlfriend and her son are multi-generation natives. I am an avid fisherman who plans to travel more within the state of Oregon to fish in 2002. My girl friend's family all are avid fishermen/women and hunters. We live in Crook County, her family in Grant County, so a lot of outdoor activities with our family happen in Grant County. If this is a continuing study, I would be more than happy to participate. Our activities happen during Spring-Autumn though, not much in winter except horn hunting. If I can be of further help, please contact: [Names and Addresses Removed]

2429

I filled this out for fall/winter months. In spring and summer I do more hiking, bird watching, outdoor photography and artwork. I use trails in the Gorge and Mt. Hood areas. I plan to visit the Oregon Garden this spring/summer.

2417

I think Oregon as a state does well. We're older and don't do as much as we used to unless we go with family. We used to go to Maryhill Museum Benson Lake, Lewis and Clark Park, Blue Lake Park (still go there)-sometimes to Cascade Locks (have been on the boat ride), zoo, OMSI, Bonneville Dam, Multnomah Falls (constantly) picnicked in a lot of places. When I was working in activities in a retirement center, we took a number of the standard trips, but when it's narrowed down to the past 3 months, it's practically nothing. My husband and brother used to take the kids hiking, fishing. He did visit friends at Bandon this summer and went to the safari place there.

2411

This is not a short time question/survey.

2405

We would appreciate more attention given to hunting and fishing activities throughout the state of Oregon. Through the purchase of license fees and specific tag/stamp purchases, fisher people & hunters contribute the majority of funding for every outdoor activity that includes uses that are outside of hunting/fishing. For example, bird watching, hiking are often done on locations paid for with check stamp purchases and firearms/ammunition taxes (Pittman/Robertson Act). These activities-bird watching and hiking, should be required to purchase licenses and stamps to fund the purchases of habitat required for bird watching and hiking.

Thank you for the ability to voice my opinion. [Names and Addresses Removed]

2406

Provide more boat docks in lakes so you wouldn't have to take your boat out every day and put it back. That would free up boat launch areas.

1049

Sorry this has taken so long-have been gone!

1058

Sorry we are of little help at this time. We have both been ill.

2508

I love vacationing in Oregon because things are so much more natural and not overcrowded. Sometimes we find great spots on the beach or to camp and they are great because they don't have huge signs for miles before the turn off and big paved entrances. It feels as if one actually "discovered" a great place and you want to tell all your friends. Thanks for all the hard work.

2503

Oregon is the most beautiful state I know of. I think Alaska is beautiful too and I loved Florida but Oregon has them all beat because Oregon is the best and has a big variety of climate, scenery, people and habitats. There's a large variety of people and places in Oregon and of course I was born in Oregon. A true joke my daughter who is 30 yrs old said she has webbed toes on her 2 toes next to her big toes. So does my grandson aged 3 yrs old. I am almost 53 yrs old I said let me take off my shoes and check my toes. Sure enough I found out I have my toes webbed too. I never even knew I had webbed toes. I am a true webbed-toe Oregonian. I thought you'd think this was funny.  
[Names and Addresses Removed].

2501

My activity is gold panning, walking. I pan on Cow Creek and the Umpqua. I walk or jog between my home and Riddle. I fish in Galesville, Idaho with my wife and grand daughter. I boat in ten mile, on the coast.

2500

We are ranchers so we ride horseback a lot. The only recreation we do is big game hunting on our own land. We don't have free time to play much. We do take trips by car but stay in motels. We have been gone and just got back.

2499

Because of age we have curtailed some activities also we did things earlier in the year that we didn't do in the last three months. Considering the shortage of funds for public use, I believe the state is doing a good job.

2498

The new way of fixing primitive roads by applying large chunks of granite is not good (e.g. for roads, maintenance, or vehicles).

2528

I've lived in Oregon all my life. I'm now 26. Throughout my childhood and late teen years is when I was the most active as far as fishing, hunting, camping, swimming etc. My wife just had our first

baby, has a son, and we plan on sharing our experiences with him. We love Oregon and will probably never leave. Our state is unique and beautiful and I can't wait to take my son everywhere I've been throughout the state.

2510

We usually participate in more outdoor activities than we have the last 3 months due to circumstances this year. Health has limited us the last 3 months. We usually do more camping and fishing. Will be hunting during hunting season. We also earlier hiked into Season Creek Falls. We appreciated the much improved trail. We also enjoy the campsite and Rock Creek Camp.

2566

I would not include past 3 months (it doesn't give a good picture of use). I would mark maybe summer, spring, fall, and winter categories.

2551

We own 100 acres of timberland with a river running through it. Most of our outdoor recreation occurs there.

2607

I don't do a lot of activities because I live alone, and there are restraints of time and money. Also, the past 3 months have been fall and winter. Most such activities are done in the summer. I feel I'm not a very good person to ask. I did a lot more of this type activity when I had children at home.

2596

I think that Oregon has beautiful parks and scenic places to enjoy. We especially enjoy driving to the coast where I was born and raised at Yachats. The Oregon coast is very beautiful!

2594

My family really enjoys camping. The fewer people and traffic the better. Any new suggestions would be very useful.

2593

Regarding the questions on boating and fishing. We were unable to do because of illness however our children and grandchildren and neighbors participate in these activities and we plan to do so in the future (i.e. next summer). More locations for motor homes with electrical units would be most helpful. We like outside camping and everything natural. However due to conditions of health we must use more comfortable and accessible accommodations. Therefore the RV we drive along with many other Oregonians have respiratory problems requiring outlets for nebulizers. XX ordered 4 times daily, we also need exercise and the great outdoors. Thank you for doing the survey-good to know our best interest is being cared for.

2585

Am new to Oregon as am still discovering all there is. So far I'm impressed!

2583

1. I wish that the agencies involved would quit closing all the access roads that affect someone my age not able to use them for easier hunting and fishing.
2. I am greatly against imposing fees on access to trails and roads.

2579

I haven't been to a state park within the last three months. When I go to state parks though, I feel that the campsites are too close together.

2577

We live in an unpopulated area and get to do most of these activities in our own backyard.

2573

Oregon has some of the finest recreation sites in the country. State parks are clean and well maintained, sometimes hard to get a space, rates are reasonable, most lakes have good campgrounds and boat ramps and there are some fine remote sites if you are willing to travel some dirt roads. Oregon has some of the most beautiful scenery and sites to see of any state. All you have to do is get out and go.

2664

I feel that it is excellent I'm alone. On trips I use the parks to rest up or to exercise use the bathrooms etc. Our parks are wonderful.

2663

The Dalles Chronicle runs very informative articles on hiking and nature walks weekly. When family visits we always go to Deschutes Park, Celilo Park, Sorosis Park and walk around the Discovery Center in Wasco and Sherman Counties. Then we stop at Multnomah Falls on way to Portland. Always.

2644

Note! In the past years we would go to Oswald West State Park for picnics and to be on the shirt sands beach. The last few times there was not a picnic table available due to the surfers had camped in the picnic area. We quit going to that beach. At Indian Beach (Ecola State Park) the surfers have almost taken over the park. A few tables are still available. There should be some facility for the surfers to change their clothes.

P.S. Our activities are not what we used to be able to do. I am 71 yrs and my spouse is 79. Walking and picnicking are about our limits. Sorry that this is not much help to you. Excuse the delay in sending this back. Oh yes, we have a summer home at Gearhart and spend our winters in The Dalles. That is why our travel time is short.

2638

This is regarding Sections 6 & 10. We live in a rural, woodland setting and participate in these activities on a regular basis.

2636

We live in such a beautiful state-and we're all so lucky to have uncrowded places to go. It's not like this in the East where millions of people travel to the same, limited number of areas. Try to get ready for more population growth because of this, however!!

2634

I wish there were a few more yurts available.

2633

Stop trail use fees by the damn Forest Service.

2619

While deer hunting with family in Diamond, Oregon, we had difficulty accessing government land behind the Otley Ranch on Cucumonga Creek. I approached the owners for permission to use a county road and was denied. I was told that they had 6 parties of friends already camping (in a very large area) approximately 10 square miles. I was told to call back after opening week for permission. I called on Tuesday and was brushed off. I had believed this area had been traded for public use and access, but found local residents to favor their friends for access to public land. Also earlier in August 2000, my two teenagers obtained elk tags for High Desert. We hunted between Juntera & Crane, Oregon. I was denied access on the County Road up Coleman Creek by the ranch foreman Shane Otley (Colman Creek Ranch). Then I was told for \$100.00, I could drive up road (county) and if I harvested any elk the cost would be \$300.00 per elk.

I approached the next neighbor, Mr. Ott, and received permission to camp & access free!

I felt some owners in these areas are using Government Land and Animals for their own profit.

Thank you.

2614

I believe the following to be true regarding both state and federal forest and rangelands:

A. Roads, vehicles and people do not significantly upset, alarm or interfere with wildlife.

B. Closing roads in these areas, paid for with taxpayer's money, will eventually make it very difficult to contain wildfires.

C. Limitations on access to forest and rangelands will decrease support for maintaining these in the public domain.

1688

It would be much to every ones advantage if there were public pools where people can take swimming lessons and they learned about water safety. I was a lifeguard and swimming instructor in San Diego, California and I am appalled that there is no place to lap swim.

1693

Just recently I camped at Emigrant Springs in a Forest Service cabin. I just happened to stop there week before. I noticed these wonderful cabins you can rent for \$35 a night! The cabins were very nice and the hosts and ranger very helpful. The park was in excellent condition. It seemed secluded and rustic, but secure. I hope to do more of this camping. Wish I had known they were there before. Next year I plan to go to coast and forests more often. Oregon is great! I just need more time!!!

1695

10-30-2001

I haven't done too much camping, fishing or sight seeing or hunting in the past 3 months but before my husband's death several years ago, we went to a lot places in Oregon, camping, hunting, fishing, etc. But of course I can't go anymore as I'm alone so much and at 89, I've slowed down some! We had a trailer and went many, many places in Oregon. All great!

1708

At Union Creek Campground, sometimes the police boat ties their boat to the dock, and not as many boats can come in or leave at once.

1710

I feel day-use fees are unreasonable and discourage families from using the parks, viewing vistas, boat ramps, etc.

1719

The prices for “day-use” areas are too high...if I want to go to a park to hang out for the day, I would rather not pay anything...especially not the high prices at there right now!  
However, I see that the money is being put to good use (for the most part) on our state’s parks. Most are beautiful!

1722

Try to make all recreational facilities accessible to all types of persons with disabilities. Deal with knowledgeable organizations/persons. Do not expect one persons disabled needs to fit all types of disabilities.

1725

Living in North Central Oregon all of our lives leads us to believe most people do not know what opportunities for fun can be found East of the Cascade Mountains. Please do not let the rest of the world know what fun is available. Over the years we have availed ourselves to State Parks, the Oregon beaches and numerous trips on the unused portions of the Oregon river systems. With a minimal amount of planning we have had pleasant trips with few people to bother us. Hunting has become less fun with the rule making of ODF&W. Parties that hunted for years together have been broken up by their rules. The ODF&W rules have made many farmers/ranchers go to fee hunting. I have been a farmer all of my life so, I write this with some experience.

1731

I have lived in and played in Oregon all my life. I have seen parks go from no fees to \$18 to \$20. What I can’t understand is why are they charging to go into a primitive area? My wife and I are always driving around and visiting local parks or local sites. What I would like to see is a guide to all places of interest in the state, and also a list of all the parks used for camping and/or picnicking.

1745

We have camped at Oregon State Parks many times in our lifetime. In general they are ok. However, we have observed a trend to over-govern the parks to a point where we feel our freedoms are being taken from us. We would much prefer to camp where State Park employees are not checking up on us all the time. We prefer to stay in U.S. Forest Service parks where fees and registration is done on the “honor system.” Our favorite thing is to camp on public lands with no service provided.

1747

The past 12 months are not reflective of my usual activity. Usually, I hike, hunt, and participate in more water and snow sports. I think some of the wilderness areas should be reaccessed by the public. Some of the best natural areas have been too restricted by the government. In general, Oregonians

seem to have respect and appreciation for its natural resources, unlike residents of other states. So closing areas to the public has been numerous and restrictive.

1752

I would like to receive your over all findings from this survey with my answers compared to the others.

Thanks.

1754

I am very fortunate to have been born and raised on the North Fork of the John Day River in Grant County. My children are the 7<sup>th</sup> generation to be raised on our small family farm on the river. I wish people would have a little more respect for private property when they come to our area for recreation, it only takes a few minutes to ask permission before traipsing or driving across someone's property, most people allow hunting or fishing, when asked. And their garbage and broken bottles can be very damaging to our animals and pets. This summer our 9 year old lab was taken by a fisherman, we found him 3 days later 30 miles away trying to get home. Our cats have been shot, and people turn their dogs loose, only to chase our sheep and cattle. People need to learn respect or they ruin it for everybody. Thank you.

1758

Hunting is going to shit. There is becoming less and less to hunt. Fish and wildlife workers need help. They don't know what they are doing in keeping the animals around. Less hunting is not the answer.

1760

I feel that I would participate in a good deal more in outdoor activities except for my family's income. Some of the places that I would like to visit are too expensive to spend an enjoyable amount of time at, especially during the summer months.

1770

We visited some parks in Deschutes County early in the summer. All were clean and well attended but not over crowded.

1779

Develop better habitat for wildlife and make some of that area accessible to hunting.

1783

State parks are very expensive compared to other places a person can camp, fish, canoe or just day visit. State park camp areas should not all be reservation. Could some not be just first come first served? Some years we have lots of family come visit to camp and fish and motor home camping. We never take them to a State Park.

1792

I was born in Marion Co. in July 1911 have lived in Oregon my entire life. Came to Klamath Co. in August of 1941 and have been here since that time. Diamond and Suttle Lakes were my favorite parks of the past. I loved to fish from a boat. Hunted in the John Day Country, also around Burns. My daughter provides my transportation but she doesn't live with me. Now all I can do is picnic, bird watch and go to museums!

P.S. We don't go out on weekends. I think the parks are great.

1794

At any other time in my life I would have had TONS more input re: backcountry backpacking, skiing etc. Because of a new baby that came in April we did very little camping, etc. this year-we usually go every weekend and we are avid cross-country skiers and hikers. Great survey! P.S. I'm also a Master's level Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and work with disabled folks with recreation.

1798

1. Why should I have to pay to park a pickup at a place like Howard Prairie or Lake of the Woods?
2. Why should I have to pay to hunt at a Federal hunting area?
3. Why should hikers have to pay for hiking?

We have been in Oregon since 1847(Applegate Trail) and resent the above costs. We pay all kinds of taxes, look at the taxes on timber harvest I am not trying to be negative, but these things bother me. Thank you.

1799

I am extremely concerned about the State and Federal government's practice of putting gates on roads. This effectively closes large tracts of public lands to the public. Existing roads on public lands should not be closed or gated off. Roads are how most people enjoy the public lands. Not everyone has the time or is physically able to enjoy these lands on foot. There are ample wilderness areas in the state for those wishing to get away from roads and motorized travel. I am surprised that no one to date has challenged this practice of closing existing roads under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I'm sure (and hope) it will happen eventually, the sooner the better. Public lands are for all.

1802

We enjoy using the facilities in Oregon! The last 3 months have not been good for us because of health problems in the house, so that has affected the answers to this survey. We do use facilities year-round.

1809

We like to snowshoe at Crater Lake and we like to sled and snowboard at Hamaker Mountain.

1820

Most of us snowmobile people are retired and elderly; some with old injuries, and these machines are our only way to get out and up the trails and hills to enjoy our last lap of life. After the snow has melted from the trails there is no evidence or marks left and the grass springs right back up. We try to be polite to ski people and slow down to pass. I feel it is unjust and wrong for certain groups to try to bar us from riding in parks, and etc!

1823

This questionnaire is a bit skewed this year because my husband had terminal cancer. Had it been a year earlier, there would have been more hike and biking answers.

1836

I do not believe they should charge day-use fees for the non-camping areas. To fish etc. or picnic-or just to rest while on a trip.

1839

Cheaper rates for camping sites for seniors 55 and older.

1851

I just wanted to say that this survey is one of the best that I have taken. This survey is all about what my family and I do for our hobbies. I hope this information helps you and makes Oregon a better place to do all types of recreation. More and more people are going to keep coming.

1852

We are tired of paying for day use. We love Oregon and we try to go places as often as we can. But in the last three months we could not afford to go anywhere. But we are planning to go somewhere in the spring. Thank you for asking us to help.

1854

If you had extended the time period to have included last winter I would have told you we ski, go sledding and snowmobiling all in Klamath and Jackson Counties.

1857

Better forest roads needed.

1858

Trips to National Parks and museums need to be an inexpensive way for outdoor recreation and entertainment for families with children and on low budgets. The higher the fees go, the less trips are planned.

1877

Unfortunately, I am not a native Oregonian. I have been in every state except Minnesota and Maine and arrived in Oregon via the USDA Forest Service. During my travels, one thing has become exceptionally clear-Oregon has the best of everything including politics and recreation. Recreation facilities in this state are the best, bar none. Citizens nation wide as well as foreign visitors are recognizing this and make outdoor recreation for a resident most difficult during the summer months. Hence, we do most of our outdoor recreation from late fall to late spring. These are the times in which we engage in cross country skiing, fishing, crabbing, claming, canoeing, hunting, camping, spending time on the ocean, and some backpacking. ERGO. Your survey was a little premature to capture the true picture of the outdoor recreation activities of this family.

1880

We have camped in a number of states but Oregon is our favorite. The choices are many and varied and usually crowds are very rare except on certain holidays. We avoid holiday high-use times. The weather is usually bad anyway except for July 4.

1886

I would do more camping and traveling if the price of gas in Oregon wasn't the highest in the North West. Thank you.

1885

Thanks for your studying-we have a beautiful state and our caring for our natural resources is so important.

1898

More restrictions on ATV use (especially off road usage). Better designations between what is private land, BLM, state land/public land. Private lands posted as such if access is to be limited or not allowed. We have a great state with many opportunities for virtually everyone in our state. Keep up the good work.

2752

I enjoy our parks here on the central Oregon coast and would not hesitate to stop at any of them. However it would be nice to have more parks with security checks as they have had some car clouting problems at a couple of them. The ones I heard about was Peterson State Park and the park in Seal Rock. I don't go far from my vehicle for long but I set my alarm which is loud enough it would hopefully scare would be burglars away.

2754

Not much has been going on because of the rain. My brother did the snow boarding and I don't know what county or where. I'm sorry I couldn't answer a lot of these questions. Maybe you can send one to my mom and she can help you. But she hasn't and doesn't do a lot of the activities I do.

2760

Access is most important to all facilities. The beach is no exception. Please don't close the beaches to vehicles. Oregon's beaches are located in poor rural areas. Homeowners-except for the wealthy vacation visitors, have little or no recreational options. Soon the only way to enjoy the beach will be to visit a beachfront park. Maybe holiday closures could be considered or local passes such as is available at the Cape Cod N.R.A.

2763

We have yearly passes for Federal & Oregon State Parks. In last month we have visited 3 lighthouses, 4 coastal state parks and 4 county parks. Wish more stable financing was available for rural counties parks.

2769

I would like to be able to bike on trails around the lakes at Fort Stevens State Park. I can't afford to do this anymore because I have to pay a parking fee every time I use this. And I would like to use this approximately 5 days a week. This used to be my favorite ride but now I love to use the Seaside boardwalk or Astoria River walk. Clatsop County is still the best place for outdoor activity.

2770

The fees should not be increased for use of boat ramps, state parks etc. Its very important that people on limited income are able to use these facilities as they are very important for teaching young people about our environment. A lot of people with large families need to be able to take their whole family on a camping trip or fishing and will not be able to do this if fees continue to increase. We have wonderful parks and beaches and they need to be available for all to enjoy.

2796

At my age (85), I now make limited trips. I only visit very primitive remote desert sites doing research on early history. Ancient Indian campsites for basic photography of petroglyphs and pictographs. Also dune sites and associated “what-why-where and where.” I do not disturb sites only record. XXX retirement (25 years ago) worked the Eastern Oregon desert-know it and still respect and love it.

2801

I am an Oregonian from Lane County. In a normal year we usually enjoy outdoor recreation activities more often. Predominate-hiking, beach, biking, sight seeing. Beautiful state-will always consider home.

2806

Oregon has many excellent places to visit. But, living in Washington, there are many places in this state as well. How I divide my experiences depends on time available.

2809

You have a nice name, anyway. I only shop, surf, skateboard, snowboard in Oregon. Thanks for the survey.

2814

Having recently moved to Oregon I have found it difficult accessing concise information regarding fun family outdoor activities available over weekends. A simple brochure, mailing, website would be greatly appreciated. Lack of time and initiative to investigate options are the reason for our underutilization of facilities. Presented simply and information that was comprehensive would have encouraged more outings.

2815

People need to know that activities are available. Most new destinations are discovered through newspaper and local magazine articles. We do a majority of our family/outdoor activities in Washington, but truly enjoy the Oregon Coast.

OS 261

To bad this was referring to only the last 3 months. We enjoyed the entire Oregon Coast within the last 6 months. RV camped in State Parks every night. Love to come to the coast as often as possible from Boise, ID. Thank you.

3033

Would like to see a trail to the waters edge for hiking below Hells Canyon Dam and a 1-800 number cancellation list for Wallowa Lake reservations.

1483

We are too busy to do most of the activities mentioned in this booklet. We generally don't do recreational activities inside the state of Oregon.

3326

We have been going to the Oregon Coast for the last 30 years. We love the coast and most of our visits have been from Astoria down to the Newport-Florence area. We used to camp a lot at Cape Lookout when our children were young. Now our children are camping with their children and we stay at motels. Thank you for letting me fill out this questionnaire.

3870

All areas need to be opened up, so the older and disabled can use the forests. Only some people can hike and back pack to the backcountry. The environmentalists have been in charge of our forests too long. I am a U.S. Forest Service employee and have been for the last 26 years. The forests area belong to all, not just a few.

2281

We rate the daily use fees at trailheads and the beaches.

1795

A lot of the State parks have their campground too close together and they are too small. There is a need for campgrounds big enough for a family of 3-4 and about 8 people.

3545

You picked an interesting time of year to do this! It's rainy and fairly cold so we don't get out as much as in the summer. We're a very active family and get out a lot. We all love the outdoors and try to spend as much time as possible out there. We constantly watch wild life-are surrounded by deer, birds and turkeys. Oregon is a fabulous state to live in to be a part of "the natural world." We love it!!

3538

I feel the fees are a bit high.

3469

The previous 3-months activities have not been typical for us. Family emergencies-severely curtailed daily and weekend hiking and boating activities.

3444

I like the fact that a lot of the locations that we visit do not charge a day use fee.

3501

We basically only do day-trip activities during winter. We take much longer trips during spring, summer and fall. The timing of this study only reflects winter months, so our usage of Oregon recreation opportunities would be much greater and more varied during non-winter months!

3779

Where we live the last 3 months have not been weather for any kind of activity.

3766

We don't like the 9-month wait for reservations. The January 2nd reservation time for all year was much easier for us. I can say that when we stay at Oregon campgrounds they have always been polite and helpful. Whoever chooses the employees does a terrific job.

This survey would be more helpful if it was conducted during a different time of the year-most people use the parks other than November, December, and January (your time frame for questions).

3379

I think there should be more severe rules against littering. Everywhere I have gone there are always beer cans or candy wrappers along trails. My family and I always carry a trash bag to pick these up. Perhaps there could be a position for someone to do this regularly in the parks. I would definitely be interested in such a position. We believe in respect and love for our great gift that is the earth and are sadden to see such disrespect of such beauty. Perhaps ban alcohol in parks? Those people always make such a mess with cans! More garbage cans maybe? Please don't ever sell land to the logging companies!

3754

Be careful your fees don't get too high or only the rich will be able to come.

3622

This survey came to me in February 2002. If I recall the things I did for the past 3 months they haven't been a lot because it's the middle of winter! We use and enjoy many more recreation sites though out the summer and fall (when its warm). So these numbers are skewed. Also, we have dogs-so being able to take them with us is important.

3589

Since I was limited to Oct, Nov, Dec activities, I was not able to list all of the activities my household participated in. If this survey had been for the months of June-September, I would have had significantly different answers. While I fully support this survey, maybe you should conduct one when the summer months end and compare it to this survey. My guess would be that the number and varied activities would increase greatly. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this survey.

3587

This survey does not accurately reflect my activities as at the end of January, many of my frequent trips have not occurred "in the last 3 months." Its winter! Fishing, camping, etc., are warmer weather pursuits. Thanks.

3571

Oregon is a wonderful state. I have been in about 24 different states and Oregon has them beat hands down. I am sure that Oregon is going to stay this way also.

3535

Cleawox Lake is a very nice place to go just to relax and fish also nice trails to walk on. Eel Lake is another fine place to go and I fish there a lot too. I would like information on how to get a job working for the Forest Department.

3508

This survey covers the period of November to January. This is a period when I do fewer outdoor activities. I'm more likely to visit parks and take advantage of other facilities in the summer and fall.

3483

Do away with state park fees. Or at least decrease fees. Private parks are better and less expensive than our state parks. Generally make parks and beaches more user friendly, and affordable.

3467

Our recreation level is much higher in the summer months when the weather is better and the children are out of school. User fees in state parks have been a deterrent to stop at many times and use and enjoy a facility around the state. We have been asked to pay a fee even though we have stopped for less than a half hour. This survey would be more extensive if it would include some summer months to include our many camping trips that we take up the Clackamas River Recreation Area.

3844

The 3 months limit makes a lot of my answers low I live outdoors in the Fall for 3 months. In the summer time I'm always in a boat. The survey is in the wintertime. I don't do much but work.

3767

I plan to do more activities in the summer months when the weather is warmer. The state has much to offer in the way of friendly people and a lot of open areas at reasonable rates.

3811

Survey responses are limited by questions. For the last 3 months, outdoor recreation in this household is limited by fact that it is winter, and most recreation activity is inside. You would get very different response from me (and did in phone interview) at an earlier date with different time frame. Unless you are conducting this written survey over the course of an entire year, your results will not be representative. I'm not sure I see the value.

3807

Where you can camp. I do love all the bike paths that have gone into Benton County! We have not had a bad experience with any campground that we have made reservations for, and have enjoyed camping throughout the northwest.

3876

Oregon is great. I especially enjoy the State Parks on the Oregon Coast. Would like to see new campgrounds developed. We use the system year around.

3854

I have only moved to Oregon within the last 2 years.

3936

I love the Oregon park system. They are typically well maintained, attractive and enjoyable. Park personnel are attentive, intelligent and aware of personal privacy. During the spring/summer seasons we utilize the parks, trails, etc, weekly at a minimum. I would to offer that the season in which the 3 month period falls in this questionnaire are cooler, wetter months. Which minimizes our outdoor

activities. In other words our responses are not necessarily representative of our actual use on a state wide scale. Thank you!

3905

Answers would be different during summer months.

3431

I don't feel like this is an adequate representation of our usage of Oregon outdoor areas because we had a death in the family in the last 3 months and therefore we lowered our use substantially. We usually are very active. Also we just moved to Colorado and haven't been in Oregon since beginning of January.

3906

Actually it's nothing really I just want to say this rock and I love filling out surveys. Thank you for picking me! Peace out sista! Or brada!!

3369

Filling out this form in Feb. doesn't give a realistic view of our household activities. We use more facilities in spring, summer, and fall!

3374

During winter months we are less apt to picnic, fish, hike than when it's warm. My husband plays golf year-round.

3580

We think our State Parks are more secure and better kept up then some of our neighboring states.

3900

Since I am 90 years old, I no longer do any of these things. If I did I feel there are plenty of choices and opportunities in Oregon, which make Oregon a wonderful place to live.

3752

It sounds like we don't do anything, but this last 3 months haven't been normal. We were out of state for a long time, then when we came back my husband fell and broke his leg in 2 places. He has been in a cast for about 6 weeks. We usually do a lot out, including camping, fishing, etc. Sorry we weren't more help. One comment is that the lonely state parks aren't as advertised as we would like. We do find them, eventually. Also along the coast anyway, if we need to use the bathroom, we have to pay to get in. That wouldn't be bad except that we have to pay the same amount as people who are saying for hours, and maybe making trash, at least using the rest of the activity area-in other words, really expensive pay toilets!

3668

We do more outdoor activities in the "summer" months-rather than in the last 3 months. There is too much snow in the winter to enjoy the outdoors.

3663

Due to shortage of funding in all state agencies I feel that there could be a lot of extra revenue generated to improve Oregon's outdoor facilities by setting up a program for Oregon taxpayers that

use firewood to heat homes, etc. Could cut up down wood in our forests for a set amount per cord in certain areas. It would clean up some of the over dead wood areas and help take away unwanted fuel in case of forest fires.

Conclusion: Here's a potential source of income to state. Clean up forest floor somewhat, still leave some for wildlife provide heat supply for those needing and relying on wood improve relations between taxpayers and state agencies. Could use certain prison inmates work parties to set up areas to be cleaned.

3650

This questionnaire asked only about the last 3 months, which in Eastern Oregon are very cold. Unless you are interested in snow sports, outdoor recreation is limited.

Had this survey included the last 6 months my responses would have been very different. Our family regularly picnics, hikes, and takes day trips to parks and historic sites during the summer in Union, Baker and Wallowa Counties.

3590

I don't know if our responses would reflect a "normal" family. My son is in Boy Scouts so there are all kinds of outdoor activities he can choose to participate in 12 months per year. Therefore, if we were responding to this questionnaire during the spring and summer months, our responses would be significantly different due to increased use of Oregon areas. Thanks for asking! P.S. Our congratulations to the state of Oregon and the park facilities available to the handicapped at Yaquina Bay and lighthouse. We don't have a disability but we saw individuals in wheelchairs accessing the tide pools. It was wonderful to see. We should have more facilities like these.

3494

Too damn much petty bureaucracy- charges too high for access to beach areas, parks etc.

3648

During the last 3 months it has been winter. I'm sure this survey would change greatly if it were during summer months.

3387

Reload walker or wheelchair and nine times out of ten your spot has been taken by someone else. Please excuse the writing this has been a bad week for me health wise.

\*Comments entered on Q22 survey code 4.

3384

You should send this out so people are responding to summer months or not limit your questions responses to the last 3 months. Many activities you list are seasonal activities. You should have questionnaire so that we can respond to all activity use throughout the year. If you want to know what time of year, then add a column for that.

3714

I usually use the outdoors in the warmer months when I camp, hike, bike, fish, etc-I also believe there should be a short time allowed in state parks to use the restroom without charge.

1709

My boating and fishing activities were curtailed this year due to a severe lack of water in the local reservoirs. In a normal year, I spend much more time boating and fishing.

1714

Higher quality over where I was raised (Washington - less people).

3513

We have recently moved from Bend to Eugene so our outdoor activities have been limited.

3695

I apologize for the delay in returning this. The first copy was lost during a recent move.

3454

My wife and I do a lot of car camping in the summer. We feel our state parks are too intensely managed, lawnmowers plus park employees riding all over in motorized vehicles. Another thing that irritates me is the five dollar charge to leave your vehicle parked overnight at Deschutes crossing when you ride your bike up the trail and don't use any park facilities. My wife and I are Oregon natives and are having a hard time adjusting to how busy our state has become.

3529

Thank you for caring about the environment in this beautiful state.

3451

I am impressed with the quality of things (structures, trails, map boards, etc.) I find in Oregon State Parks. Keep up the good work.

3909

I love Oregon and am pretty proud of our state. People just don't know of the diversity of recreational opportunities that we have right here. Of course there can always be improvements but after visiting other states we rate pretty well in my eyes.

3859

This is March. We do most of outdoor recreation in the summer. Therefore, this survey is not complete as it could have been.

3633

I do most of my camping in California in the spring or fall. I hike extensively in Oregon in the summer.

3618

I can't be of much help as most of our recreation is done during summer months, not in the last 3 months. (fishing, camping, hunting, hiking and sightseeing)

3481

I was as honest as possible filling out this questionnaire. However, I felt limited because of it being for the last 3 months. Being wintertime, my activities are way down compared to the rest of the year. I spend most of my free time outdoors except for the last 3 months.

3471

For the outdoor activities I prefer, running this survey at the end of the summer would provide better results and more accurate results.

3690

Because of the snow and cold I don't do much from November until late March.

3442

Most of our camping occurs during fall and summer months. This questionnaire excludes those months. I have lived in Oregon since 1939, camping, fishing and hunting a large share of the time. Because of increased population the outdoors has changed considerably (sorry, arthritis took over). Still Oregon has many lovely places to camp and do my photography. We use Forest Service, BLM, and Oregon State Parks-the smaller and most of the way we try to find. A questionnaire covering the months of April-October would have for more answers from us.

3712

I think there are too many tags awarded to out-of-state hunters. I understand the need to manage our big game populations. I support the controlled hunt program, but I would like to see hunting opportunities in controlled areas for those people who are not successful in the draw, perhaps a 1 or 2 day general season, for state residents only. I also wanted to clarify on section 12: recreation settings. By your definitions, the place I used was semi-primitive because there are roads. These are all closed roads except government or law enforcement or logging companies could legally use them. The roads are gated and closed to all public motor vehicle use. There is also a lot of primitive area in our hunting area where we travel many cross-country miles without ever seeing a road. We have harvested game and had to pack it out for approximately five miles. We camp in a Forest Service campground and walk directly out of camp into our hunting area.

My husband [Names and Addresses Removed] filled out this survey out and I wanted to add a few comments. As a mother of 3 young children, I would like to see more "family" oriented parks in rural communities. Here in the city of Madras, we have 2 approximately ¼ acre grassy areas that have the label of park. There is nothing there but grass, shrubs and a tree or two. There are 2 other "parks" they are city parks, one is Iahalee Park, the other is Bean Park. I can count the play structures in each park on one hand. Most of the time the parks are used by teenagers playing basketball as that is about all there is to do. The picnic tables, less than 10, are all on concrete. Recently, more than a couple thousand dollars was spent to add a nice bathroom at one of the parks, which is nice to have, but there is no place for the children. One park has a set of monkey bars (too large and dangerous for small kids) and some swings (no safety seat swings for little ones) the other has 2 teeter-totters, a couple of plastic sheep on springs, a small plastic tube and a slide (one) and a swing set. I worry about kids in communities like these as there is very little for recreation. No public pool, no skate park, no family parks. In Sandy, Oregon which is about the same population as Madras, there is a wonderful forested park with great play structures, and forts. It's great to live in a small town, but our kids and families like outdoor recreation too and it would be nice to have.

3922

I am disabled and have noticed a lack of handicapped campsites on R.V. handicapped designated R.V. sites in campgrounds.

889

We just don't do much in the way of recreation or traveling.

953

I have had no outdoor activities in the last 3 months.

OS112

I like trees. But I don't get sad when you have to cut them down cause I like firewood too. I wish there were more ball fields everywhere. I wish there was more sun. But you can't do anything about that. So I say listen to Dave Matthews and have a good day. My nephew [Names and Addresses Removed] likes the shade.

3565

This survey would be more effective in November-get all season use-summer, fall and early winter-we are much more "outdoorsy" before its 20 degrees.

3419

We love the outdoor parks and use the state parks more frequently in the summer, when we frequent lakes and camp. Thanks for keeping our State Parks maintained and as primitive as possible.

3760

I realize things are tough and the big city guys love to visit this part of Oregon (Portland people), it would be nice if someone would educate them on how to behave when they visit another part of our state! Thank you.

3761

I lived in the state of Indiana about 7 years and became accustomed to their state parks. I loved to visit them. They usually had different campsites available from primitive spaces to spaces with water and electricity. They also had clean showers. They provided places to rent bikes or boats (if by water, of course). They had a small shop like a 7/11 for small items needed or a drink, etc. They had miles of trails that were marked for mileage and level of difficulty. They were pleasant for a day or a week whichever amount of time we were able to take. I think that providing equipment & facilities for the "quick trip" or "last minute" get away is what is needed. So if you want to take the children & get away don't have time to prepare everything-the recreation should have basketballs (and courts) boats, ski equipment, quick food, showers-Also they had summer programs with crafts for kids where they learned about nature.

1087

I would really like to see jet skis prohibited in the state of Oregon!!! More often than not, when 50 or more boats are on the river, lake or bay they will be in a tight group either anchored, or trolling at approximately 1-2 mph. (I am referring to boats with people fishing). Then a jet ski shows up and will run back and forth through the boats by the hour, at as fast as the jet ski will go. I understand that fishermen do not have special rights on where they go. But I will try to give you some examples of what I'm trying to say. Take the Willamette River from the Columbia River to Oregon City. There are three areas (mouth of Willamette at the Columbia River, Selwood bridge area, and mouth of Clackamas River and Willamette) where fishing boats will cover approx. ¼ of a mile. The rest of the Willamette will be completely open. When a jet ski takes to the river it most often comes right into the middle of the fishing. Take 50 fishing boats which usually average 3 persons per boat, can have a very bad day because of one ----- jet ski trying to swamp boats someplace. As I have already said ----- fishermen should not have special privileges, but I think they should be better protected from high-speed vehicles on the water. One last comment about this, Recently I read

where the state of Oregon figures that a boat owner will average spending \$103.00 each day he spends fishing. What does a jet ski contribute besides a lot of hostility?

1089

I love Bryants Park in Albany Oregon!

1098

I moved here because it is a wonderful to be outside here. The geography is diverse and the scenery is incredible. Now, if you would just warm up the ocean a bit, we'd have it all right here. I don't even mind paying for my trail pass. Please encourage safer bike paths near roadways.

1100

My husband, [Names and Addresses Removed], was not at home when the interviewer called and I was the one interviewed. I tried to tell the receiver that because of my husbands Parkinsons Disease--plus our ages (69 & 70) we no longer engage in recreational travel and/or activities—and would be poor subjects for a survey looking for XXXX suggestions or improvements. We wish you well in your endeavors--- [Names and Addresses Removed] 10/28/01

1111

Sorry I was late in getting this information back to you, hope it helps. Thank you  
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1116

Please read my comment on back of cover letter.

1117

I love this state and am glad we have so many opportunities for outdoor recreation with relatively few participants. If we just had a little more sunshine here in the coast, we could participate in many more activities.

1125

The state park system deserves taxpayers' support. We have wonderful treasures that need to be maintained for future generations. We also need nature sites close to urban centers for daily use.

1132

Please limit use of jet skis and four-wheelers.

1137

Oregon has the cleanest and best-kept recreation facilities of any state I have been in.

1141

ADA adaptations geared to wheelchairs. My husband is deaf/blind and we go with groups of blind friends and their spouses. Provide audio information—what direction toilets are, information about attractions etc. Texture with triangles on paved sidewalks as direction indicators to restrooms about to enter traffic, etc. KEEP DOGS ON LEASH!!! Loose dogs, and dogs left in the backs of pickups interfere with our guide dogs. Remind staff that blind people are not deaf, you can talk to them, not about them and you don't have to yell. Also deaf people are not retarded and most can read lips.

They can also read. I would be glad to talk with folks about these areas. [Names and Addresses Removed]

1143

We are pretty much semi-primitive or private campers. We really enjoy our county and all the family activities it provides. We take care of our camp sites and often leave it cleaner than it was when we got there. We just hope that our kids and grand kids will still have access to the mountains and water. Rules and regulations seem to get stronger each year. We would like to see the road for chair lift expansion at ski areas. Easier to negotiate. Closed roads have severely reduced wood cutting opportunity. Open these roads, seasonally. Revisit bicycles and wilderness trails. Remember, climbers and hunters are often better conservationists than arm chair environmentalists. To us the wilderness is our back yard and we have no intensions of ever harming it. We just want to enjoy it.

1155

As our population ages, roadways need to be kept so older folks and handicapped people can experience the outdoors even if only by vehicle. Toilets in state parks need to be handicap accessible with higher toilets making getting up and down easier. My dad, with an artificial limb, couldn't rise from one of the toilets. Explanatory signs of geology features, including place names, are interesting and helpful to everyone. Large crop areas with signs designating the crop are really nice. Low or no fees encourage family use. Camp hosts are very good. Cabin rentals at group picnic areas provide a great place for reunions. The existing group picnic areas are in demand. Short trails, off of main roads for walkers who cannot go for, provide mini environmental use, but bring great joy to those folks who use them. Putting these at rest stops, where space permits, is welcome too.

1156

We're so lucky in our Oregon Parks & Recreation sites!

1165

We are actively converting primitive areas to developed areas, and thereby displacing those who want that.

1168

Answers are not at all indicative of past activities when we actively pursued camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, horseback riding, etc. Age and health disabilities have dictated a much more sedentary lifestyle, but we still enjoy the outdoors in any way we can.

1177

Our family usually never camps at campgrounds. We have relatives that own property in the Sixes River Area, & relatives that have a cabin in the Klamath Falls area. We usually take drives 1-2 times a month. In our area we drive south to Curry County up Sixes or the Elk Rivers.

1184

I dive for clams in Tillamook Bay for a living. Occasionally (4-5 times last 3 months) I will dive recreationally. You cannot improve the weather or waves which would allow better surfing in the areas; but thanks for asking. Tillamook County is beautiful and we have lots of areas left to explore here. We do a lot of Beach walking picking up stones & driftwood. We also will hike back in on logging roads and unimproved trails just for fun.

1187

Very few neighborhood parks few easy access beaches.

1188

I appreciate that the county of Washington has provided many areas for nature as housing developments have increased, however there are few locations with park equipment for children to use as well. I would appreciate playgrounds planned as housing is planned.

1191

I don't like the development that's going on at Mt. Hood, or for that matter anywhere. I wish we could leave what old we have left, intact. I'm against better roads into wilderness areas. Its all about money.

1192

I am 80 years old. My wife is 76. Our interest in most of your queries flagged long ago. I'm afraid we were not much help.

1197

I feel areas for all present outdoor activities should be provided and maintained. I feel very strongly that wildlife should receive a higher priority of protection. Wildlife areas should be closed to access other than foot travel. Wildlife areas also should also be closed to any motorized vehicles. Certain areas should be closed to hunting periodically, so the wildlife populations can recover.

1207A

We would have done snow activities but August through October are not conducive to that sport in Oregon. We would have also done more water skiing but there was not enough water in the lakes this year.

1209

I'm guessing here. During the approximately 30 minute phone interview, this year's trips were still fresh in my mind. I believe I've given enough of my time already in the phone survey. I don't remember the details as well now, I suggest you refer to the phone survey. I will however, move through this written survey as quickly and accurately as possible. Many of these activities overlap! When I agreed to a written survey after the phone interview, I had no idea it would be as much or more detailed and lengthy. Had I known, I would have recorded the phone conversation for purposes of accuracy in regards to my memory. Any further surveys I may receive will disposed of in my round file.

1214

I am opposed to the trail fee system. There is little evidence that the money collected has been used to improve the trails. It has impacted my family by discouraging us to take outings to areas that require a fee. It is inconvenient to always have the cash on hand to either pay at the trail head or to go out of your way to a location that sells passes. When we first moved to Bend 10 years ago we would frequently take walks along local river trails or visit Smith Rocks. Now instead of going on an outing 3 or 4 times a month, it is a rare and special occasion when we go to a fee area. We have not been to Smith Rocks for 2 years now. We love the beauty of our state but it takes away much of the pleasure of enjoying what is in our backyard when we have to pay for it.

1216

Isn't it time to start thinking about some of the people in Oregon other than the wealthy yuppies. Some of us like going somewhere to relax & enjoy nature. I don't think the State of Oregon has any place like that. You always put in a playground, paved sidewalks, and lots of stores & you still call it camping! I gave up on you about 15 years ago.

1227

Most trails I've been on, are in good shape, mostly clean & secluded. All places I have visited are spectacular and worth seeing.

1234

The snow/skiing activities are the wrong time of the year to be included in the past 3 months. We participate in snow skiing (downhill and cross-country), and snowmobiling.

1240

I don't like the trail parking pass. It is a pain in the rear and really expensive for me because I am a poor college student.

1242

In the past 3 months – is not a great time line for general information on snow activities- unless you do this every three months & part of the purpose of this survey is for seasonal information. I would have had a much more to enter last year—this year my wife is pregnant & many activities have temporarily slowed down especially camping and horseback riding - you may want a question that would allow for temporary changes in outdoor activities.

1244

Much too long of a survey!

1247

The parks are very nice, quite and good place for children.

1252

I was not a very good candidate for this. I have M.S., and so we don't do much "outdoor" activities anymore- except go fishing & crabbing. But we have property on the coast so we don't go many other places.

1255

I learned a lot from Oregon Field Guide. (Thursday, OPB, 8:30). The person who called was very polite.

1259

I moved to Bend last November to a retirement complex - [Names and Addresses Removed]. This was a dramatic change. I am an 82 year-old single. There were organized "trips" directed to older less active people than myself. I am learning to be near a son and look for more independent living (and better food). The cost or increase in cost at a retirement apartment complex at 5% a year discourages living in this kind of place when retirement income does not increase and one can anticipate more medical expenses. I have participated in bridge at the Senior Center. This is a great way to meet people—the greatest difficulty for older single people is meeting others. The Senior Center in Bend

is a great improvement and I have been delegated to contribute. More activities could be arranged such as Audubon trips, Conservancy Garden Clubs (Flower Shows, arrangements, etc.) and Book Clubs.

1265

There are practically UNLIMITED recreation opportunities in Oregon, which is why we choose to live here. However, the past year has been extremely busy with work, business, and personal obligations, which has caused our recreation to be drastically reduced this year. This is NOT a typical year!

1267

We wanted to camp at Detroit Lake with our friends but didn't because it was \$50 a night and there were too many rules and the water wasn't even high enough to take a boat on so it wasn't worth the cost to us.

1272

Thank you for letting me do this activity survey.

1280

Being charged \$10 to visit a state park is ridiculous. It should be \$5 no more per car.

1288

My wife and I are 75 and the only thing we do is fishing at Timothy Lake, but haven't gone there this year.

1292

Do I do any of the Activities that I want to do? P.S. my name is spelled [Names and Addresses Removed]!!

1297

We did not do much camping this year. We do own a mini motor home and we normally use the Oregon State Parks more often. We hope to do more camping next year. In the past we have camped in different states and we found that Oregon State Parks can't be beat. Sorry for being late with this survey but we went away on vacation. Yours Sincerely.

1300

We are "Beachin'" people who are proud to live and work in Oregon. We try to do any and everything Oregon has to offer. We here in Oregon truly have it all. Because our parks are so well maintained; sometimes out-of-state guests neglect "us," always commenting and complimenting, returning every year.

1302

Travel Guide (Location to get one?) Thank you for asking, I'll not wait for action.

1304

This past year has not been a good one for these questions. As a rule, my Husband & I go fishing, clamming, camping, etc., most of the time. But I moved my parents in to take care of them. Dad died. Mom broke her hip had a stroke and has moved back to live with my brother. My husband

has been working 6-7 days a week. So our recreation has really been put on hold. We hope this next year we can get back to doing these things again.

1310

Some facilities/ocean view sites in Curry County seem to be poorly maintained and neglected. With the amount of traffic along US-101, there is a need for a better effort by the State to encourage tourists to stop & enjoy the many viewing sites. It would slow the travel and result in increased spending in the communities along US101.

1315

All our walking is for exercise and pleasure. We often wish we had a biologist along to explain what we see in simple terms. Brookings has had a long season of Pelicans this year. That fact could be advertised more. We did attend a church camp near Sweet Home in the South Santiam in September. The salmon were spawning. We don't have a to travel far in Curry County to enjoy Oregon at its best.

1320

The price for camping needs to go down. I've talked to campground hosts and they say when the price goes up, attendance drops.

1321

This is not a fair survey for I'm 66 years old and don't get out that often.

1322

Note: Star & sky observation. Most of the public facilities & lands do not allow nighttime use!

1323

Oregon State Park system is over-all always an excellent experience.

1324

There are some smaller State Parks that lose there mystique when they become popular attractions. It would be nice if they weren't listed as attractions in area phone books. If many of these types of parks become over-used I fear that restrictions will increase and actually restrict the enjoyment of these places. The solitude is probably the most enjoyable part of most of them.

1335

There are too many state parks! Any place that has a garbage can is designated a state park.

1342

We love where we live in the State- very rural- lots of nature so most is at our fingertips- for others we believe Oregon does a great job with parks, camping facilities etc.

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Please keep up the good work that you are doing for this state

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In the last 3 months, there is not enough snow to go snowmobiling. In the winter, we snowmobile about 4 or 5 times on the weekends in Lake County. Thank you. Beverly

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I feel that we should have more places & things for people to do, and see, and more secluded.

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I don't trust the ODFW to honestly and appropriately manage hunting tag awards.

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The "Valley" People should investigate the wonderful recreational opportunities East of the Cascades, in particular, Christmas Valley.

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1. One particular reason I do not use Oregon Parks is Cost. 2. RV sites should not be the same cost as a tent site. Tent sites should be away from and a lot less expensive than RV sites. 3. No trail fees.

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Comments after Q22 (add)

1405

On a normal year I would fish in ocean and bay as well as fish the rivers (Rogue and Umpqua). We would also use our travel trailer at Federal, State and private campgrounds 4 or 5 times in past 3 months. The campgrounds in Southwestern Oregon aren't as crowded as those in Northwestern and Central Oregon.

1416

I do wish that fees weren't being charged to take some roads leading to beaches and dunes in our area and nearby areas (Coos Bay, Florence etc.).

1417

Oregon has so-o-o many fascinating areas to enjoy. I can't wait until I retired to enjoy being a tourist in my native state.

1434

I want to let you know that this is not a sample of my usual activities. I broke my ankle a year ago June, have had 9 surgeries and so far I am still wheelchair bound. I am an outdoor person. I love the ocean. I have a boat & usually I crab about every weekend, on days off, and whether permitting. I also just enjoy being out in the bay, just enjoying "mother nature". I like undeveloped camp sites- sometimes I tent, others I have a motor home. I like exploring; "mother nature" always rewards you with a gift- a rock, shell, plant, animal, sunrise and sunset, moons & stars & clouds & images. I enjoy hiking, I enjoy oceans, photography, rocks, boating on rivers, bird watching, animal watching, waterfalls, trees- anything outdoor except guns. I wish there were no charge for tent camping, it has become so expensive that many people can not afford to take the children- they miss out on so much. I wish the dumps were free (paid for on taxes) I feel that would make a big difference on roadside dumping, a real problem here with large items as stoves, freezers, tires, chairs, beds- just about anything. I guess if you can't put food on the table- you can't pay \$15 to get rid of a bag of garbage! Oregon is the best state- Oregon has everything to offer. This is "mother nature" at her finest. And most of this is free, so to speak, so lets not over develop, and lose "mother nature" forever.

1437

Our area (Coquille) is a lower income area. We do not have many family recreational facilities in this area serving the Myrtle Point and Coquille area. People walk and run for exercise next to Hwy 42. I know that a bike trail & walk path would be used. It is very unnerving walking next to a 4-lane highway. I have had a few close calls with vehicles not watching the road and almost being hit.

1440

This last year has been a very busy year for me because of a new job. We normally participate in more activities but most questions stated in the past 3 months, so it looks like we're not that active. We hope that we will have a better summer next year and get out more.

1441

Most of our families activities happened prior to the 3 month time frame. Thank you [Names and Addresses Removed]

1443

Day use fees suck! I'm taxed enough!

1448

I didn't understand one of the questions but it wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be. But I hope that I was of help. Thanks!

3002

I would participate in more out door activities in Oregon but time doesn't generally permit. I enjoy hunting, fishing, off-road motorcycle riding, and many of the other activities mentioned in this booklet but generally do them in Idaho. If time permitted, I would go to Oregon more often. In some other trips my family has taken to Oregon in past years we have enjoyed the Wallowa Lake area with its excellent camping facilities, beautiful lake, wilderness areas, gondola, and many other activities. We have camped there 3 separate times. I have also enjoyed visiting the Oregon Coast at Seaside, Oregon 4 times over the past 10 years. The large beach & little shops were a wonderful, clean place to visit.

3003

We enjoy visiting Oregon very much. We especially like the State Parks that have facilities for RV camping. We've never been able to get accommodations at a State Park near the ocean beaches because they're inevitably full but we've stayed at State Parks inland (Hood River) and they have always been very well kept.

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What we've seen we like. We just haven't been to enough areas yet. We will... We would like information about park passes or savings for people 65 and over. [Names and Addresses Removed]

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Campgrounds and parks are too expensive.

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We love Oregon State Parks! Wish California would do as well at developing their park system.

3062

I was born and raised in Oregon and love to visit and enjoy the greenery of the outdoors. I like the pride that Oregon takes in its roadways/paths (well kept, litter free). I also love the easy accessibility to nature and the diversity of Oregon's regions. When I visit, I usually do not camp. This is primarily because of the rain, and because I have many relatives in Oregon.

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I have enjoyed all parks visited over the years my family has vacationed in Oregon. Each park has mentioned superior standards of cleanliness.

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We started visiting Oregon because Idaho was too improved and crowded. Idaho charges too much for an overnight trip. Oregon is close with a lot of history, we love what your state has to offer. Just try to keep the cost down for the poor camper who just wants to relax before going back to work on Monday.

3084

We spend about a week on the Oregon Coast every year. It is one of our favorite places to visit, with so many things to do.

3107

We like and use the State Parks as much as we can. Farewell Bend Park is great, its just too small for the growth in Eastern Oregon. I also feel the fees are in a good range. Farewell is one of those parks you can use all year, but April to December it is just full.

3115

Oregon has done a good job of keeping it's beautiful coastlines available to the public.

3116

We need more full hook up campsites in the forests, like Anthony Lakes Campground. There are a lot at the beach but very few in the forests.

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More hiking opportunities promoted.

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We enjoyed our trips! Thank you for sharing your state.

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Oregon is a fun filled state, and nearby.

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Some campsites are hard to get into because they have little or no spaces for big trailers (30 foot trailer with full size truck) larger availability of longer spots would be nice.

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We enjoy Oregon's various types of beauty, oceans, mountains, the Valley, the Gorge and Southern Oregon. We also go to museums, then end of the Oregon Trail Museum, Crown Point, shows at the Museum of Art in downtown Portland, the zoo & OMSI and day-trip drives.

3371

Since it is February it is not likely that, given the climate in most of Oregon, I would have participated in any of the predominantly summer activities asked about in the survey. Good luck to your project team, I am sure that the results will help Oregon recreation!

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It would be helpful to have access to more information on park usage fees. Such as yearly or semi-annual use fee. Visiting in one day with \$3-\$20 in cost, is a bit daunting. My companion and I love the Oregon State Parks and the National Parks. We appreciate the upkeep and access availability to these wonderful places we plan to visit the historic covered bridges in the spring. We have visited all the accessible lighthouses from the tip of North Oregon to Coos Bay.

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If this survey is for the purpose of gathering information on winter month activities, then it is appropriate. If not, then the timing is bad. There is a vast difference in weather conditions in Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon that have a bearing on recreational activities. This winter, which is the 3 months covered in this survey, by mid-November weather conditions shut down half the activities available in Eastern Oregon. Try a similar survey midyear.

3396

Sorry it took so long to get this back to you. Hope it helps. Thanks, Kathy Lange

3405

It is extremely disheartening that one must pay for nearly all outdoor use on public lands through the charging of park fees, use fees, trail fees from both state & federal lands. As a teenager I could not have had access to public lands because our family was poor. Now I can afford the fees, but some people cannot and this takes away access to our heritage. This is very sad!

3408

On a personal level, outdoor recreation is for more a way for living, a perspective, a state of mind- a "being- with-nature, " a necessity- than it is recreation. I am not a "weekend warrior", I choose to seek out and promote low-impact experiences in our environment; I believe that there are sound scientific and social reasons for this to be a quality thing to be doing. Changing demographics in our state, however, are forcing recreational planners to make difficult decisions- often times trying to cater to various user needs while overlooking the needs of our natural surroundings. A lot of this is driven by money, if not the whole damn thing. Recreation has become a huge part of our American "economy." I put quotes around this to emphasize that our financial greed and drive is not very economical. Webster's describes economy as the "careful management of wealth, resources, etc.; avoidance of waste by careful planning and use; thrift or thrifty use." Our current federal administration, ie. George W./ Dick Cheney, does not promote this notion of economy, and they do not value our natural inheritance. Their policies and efforts mock sound American intelligence and values. My greatest concern is that recreational planners will fall ever more prey to top-down mandates and financial motivations, rather than find creative, ecologically-minded, ways of

providing user opportunities and access that are not at the expense of natural places, clean water, and wildlife habitat. Academia should be playing an important role in this evolutionary process-as it is the environment in which many voices may be heard, a forum for protest, a platform for revolutionary imaginings and a catalyst for the evolution of social consciousness. The era of computers and the cyberworld has stifled academia in these capacities. Just a lot for us all to think about really we must have sincere motivations to make quality decisions.

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I would like to see the use of hounds brought back for bear/ cougar hunting along with bait. Thank you.

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Trail fees (ex'd out)

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It's been winter for the last 3 months. We have small children and can't get out much in cold weather. Survey would be better in summer or fall.

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I think you would get a vastly different response to this survey if it were mailed in September. Most of the outdoor activities our family does is June through September. The need for a safe sledding hill in the Deschutes /Jefferson /Crook County area is very urgent.

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I love all of Oregon-it's great beauty. However, I have been to some places in Oregon that have been spoiled by over crowding, which has lead to a high amount of litter. It seems you could be in the most remote, beautiful place and you still find garbage and toilet paper. It's very disappointing. Is it possible adults and children need more education on disposing of one's rubbish? It seems like common sense to me! Thanks for including me in the survey. Nice job!

3436

Within the last 3 months, it's been winter, so we haven't done much. If you give out this survey at the end of August, you might get a better response if that's the information you're looking for. Sorry I couldn't help more. By the way, Oregon State Parks are great! Lots to do.

3437

I have enjoyed the trails both in and out of wilderness areas in Oregon. It has always been difficult to find out which trails have been cleared of down trees until we arrive and find the trails blocked. My suggestion is at each ranger station posting a cleared trail list for their area that is accessible for anyone (past problem is when I've called the ranger station, no one seems to know or the one that does is out of the office.) Parking passes. I don't have a problem with the fees if used to improve trails. So far all I've seen is toilet paper in the bathrooms but the dangerous places on trails still remain a hazard, and the trails remain blocked with down trees until late in the trail riding season.

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The enclosed information is not complete. We live in the Deschutes National Forest. We have adequate facilities for most of the mentioned activity. The past three months have been very cold and several feet of snow, rain and ice. It curtails all normal activities in this area. Snowmobiling is

the norm, with cross-country skiing on Forest Service roads not ploughed. My husband and I have traveled to many states and Canada and we are from Europe. We have traveled to Innsbruck, Salzburg, and other snow regions. The recreational facilities, parks, rest stops are the best we have ever seen. We believe that Oregon has done an outstanding job of providing such wonderful facilities. We are proud to say, we appreciate the agencies responsible to the general public. Suggestion: For all the mountain bike enthusiasts, construct a common trail for bikes; from north to south of Oregon would be a masterpiece, also, for our disabled citizens. Create access to park facilities for some of the enclosed sport activities. Through providing trail access, the process has worked well in the U.K. It removes people away from hazardous road conditions in summer seasons. Thank you, [Names and Addresses Removed]

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My participation in outdoor activities is much greater during months other than November through January.

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In the past three months it was too cold to do things I like to do like swimming, fishing, and camping. Thank you!

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All the questions were about the last 3 months, when my family doesn't do a lot of outdoor stuff.

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We are probably not a very good candidate for this survey because we own a cabin on a lake and run a lodge on the Rogue River, so that is where our outdoor life takes place.

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A few years ago my "boy friend" and I spent nearly every weekend driving around the mountains behind Reedsport. It's so beautiful up there—masses of wild flowers, mushrooms and wildlife. We saw more deer and elk than we could count. We picked wild blackberries & elderberries in season. We seldom saw anyone else. But then he died and I don't like to go alone. This is the most beautiful state in the Union. We both felt it was ours, so we never left any trash behind, and in fact we picked up any litter that others had left. I feel the same way about Bastendorf Beach, which is "my" beach. [Names and Addresses Removed]

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We generally do not do a whole lot of outdoor activities in the late fall and winter.

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Most of the activities my family and I participate in are during the summer months, due to poor weather where we live. Most of your questions would have been yes if during summer months.

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The trail park pass system is a source of significant confusion and frustration in attempts to responsibly access hiking and recreational areas. Misinformation is prolific and double-charging becomes a discouraging aspect of many outings. Each official seems to have a ready explanation of why the pass isn't valid in their area, with a lingering suspicion being generated that the system is intended to confuse in order to maximize receipts or discourage use and justifying closure of little

used areas. In short, an unhealthy atmosphere to cast on recreational activity. I find the back country of northern California less encumbered with these jurisdictional issues, and thus more enjoyable, although the increased distance of travel requires longer outings. Again, I note, responses on this survey are seasonal and would vary significantly in spring and summer.

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I feel your survey would better reflect my use if completed at the end of summer.

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Semi-retired and living on a ranch, I am blessed with space and ability to see the kinds of natural things others seek on outings. That said, I visit my county parks and make journeys up into the mountains on a periodic basis. In Oregon we are so lucky to have the number of parks that we have—[Names and Addresses Removed]

3502

Our family really, really likes to go sledding. But, we have difficulty finding any areas that provide this kind of activity. We would like to see park-like areas that provide parking and is safe for children. –Thank you!

3507

We used to go on the dunes & beaches and other sites very frequently until all the areas started being fee areas. We resent having to pay additional fees in addition to taxes to use public lands. One of the reasons we moved to Oregon years ago (1970's) was because of the wealth of outdoor recreation without being changed to the hilt. We are also concerned that the environmentalists will continue to push to shut down recreational areas to snowmobilers and off-road vehicles, etc.

3511

The camp parks aren't crowded during the winters, but this state needs more campsites during the camping season. Good luck getting a good campsite some weekends during the summer unless you make reservations a year in advance. Especially for parties of 2-4 campers camping together.

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We use them a lot more during the summer and fall months.

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Sorry for the delay! I broke my leg skiing and I have been distracted by the adjustments to the challenges that go along with that.

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Thanks!!

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Outdoor recreation has been severely hampered by the illegal parking fees on trails & parking lots. This may not be you guys- but we all need to work to reverse this practice!

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It's upsetting to be the only car in an often-full state park day-use or Forest Service park that has a park permit hanging in the window.

3542

I don't understand why the parks along the coast don't except Golden Age cards. And I don't see any reason to fill out these forms until May.

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Restrict and control ATVs. They are ruining the quality of hunting in remote areas of Southeast Oregon as well as damage to the ground.

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I don't feel my answers adequately represent our average activity & park use. I am filling this out in the winter for only the past 3 months...come March we will be extremely active until about October- we use parks and such for our activities a great deal during the summer.

3559

For the past three months our area has had basically none stop snow. I live almost at the base of the mountain that goes up to Anthony Lake the ski resort in Eastern Oregon. So I prefer not to go out in the mess of weather we have right now.

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Keep Oregon as natural as possible!

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I have camped and enjoyed outdoor activities in Oregon for fifty years... Many wonderful memories of my family camping and hiking, fishing, snow skiing together. For the past ten years I have ridden by horseback over trails in Eastern Oregon and on Mt. Hood. My husband surfed so he spent a lot of time on the Oregon Coast. We raced sailboats along the Columbia River. I'm not sure we ever stayed at a state owned moorage, but used many docks along the river.

3574

I hunt deer and elk and I see a need for more roadless areas me and my dad walk when we hunt. This year we hunted the Maury Unit we would take off hunting and every ¼ to ½ mile you would see a road. You can't go anywhere without running into road hunters. I think that every unit should be roadless, except for 3 or 4 main roads the state should make all units like the Starky Experimental Forest Also I think that deer hunting should be held in late October/ early November, so that more does will breed. Also we have noticed the doe to buck ratio on public land is much higher than private land we hunted for 3 days and observed over 100 does and no bucks. The major problem is the bucks we saw tagged was 6, none were over 3 years old. This was in the Maury Unit, Grizzly Unit. Ochio and Sledsprings are the same. Lots of bucks on private land, none or few on public land. Thank you. [Names and Addresses Removed]

3581

In the mountains where we hunt (Heppner Area) the logging has disrupted the animal habitat and I feel they should have to clean up the forest a lot better. The lands are being shut off because of logging and the changes aren't acceptable to the local hunters.

3582

I live in the Rogue River National Forest and some of my answers show this. Also, my answers would be different if not for last three months.

3608

My main comment is that this survey needs to be conducted about 3 months earlier (with one exception to snow activities).

3621

It is hard for me to list my outdoor activities because of our winters here. I am more of a summer and fall activity person. During the last 3 months our activities in Klamath County are mostly winter activities. Thanks

3624

I certainly hope that this survey only reflects the winter activities. Outdoor recreation is utilized more in the Summer and Fall and I think a survey done at that time that correlates with nicer weather & vacations would be more accurate. This is why I didn't return this survey sooner. Thanks, [Names and Addresses Removed]

3627

The areas along the coast are special and often awe-inspiring. Glad they are available to the public. We used to go to the National Forests more often for day hikes. We enjoy the grandkids on easy hikes to places we enjoy. Oregon has tremendous variety and availability. Hope this survey helps in planning.

3630

I live in Klamath County and our snowfall was very good this year with near freezing temps. I could find at least one activity on each page that my family has participated in for the last year. We enjoy the outdoors. We travel quite often to Northern California to do our outdoor activities. There is one thing I am upset about as far as with the state parks and that is in some parks the day-use pay stations are not visible from all areas in the parking lot. I visited a park in Deschutes about 4 years ago and got a ticket for not paying the fee. I didn't see the pay station, it was all the way at the other end of the parking lot from where my car was parked. I only saw it because the ticketing officer pointed it out. Thanks.

3631

I am discouraged by and opposed to the closing of roads and restriction of access to roads and areas that have previously been accessible. We have historically enjoyed many remote areas with limited access for some activities, but don't desire extensive expansion of the number of such areas.

3636

We do like to camp, fish, canoe, walk, bicycle and golf. But all of your questions limited to the last 3 months. In Klamath Falls the last three months have been winter. [Names and Addresses Removed]

3638

I'm an older widow so do not use outdoor recreation like I did previously. In past we often camped at coast or other County and State Parks. I feel it is very important to keep XXXX recreation areas

available for all to use, especially young families and teens. Also since this is February, I haven't done as much outside in past 3 months as I did in past 6 months.

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I would like to see more areas set aside for watersheds, and areas- large areas that are primitive with no motorized vehicles allowed. I like to go to Lake of the Woods to swim and walk around and I would rather there were no motorized boats on the lake. I would like more forest land preserved. I am also concerned about the diseases or whatever it is that happens to deer in the greater area around Klamath Falls. It seems that the deer are affected by pollution, perhaps from the farmers this causes deer to loose large patches of hair and to get open sores. Plus we need (pathways) areas where the deer, antelope, and other wild animals can travel through protected corridors. There are Native Americans who know the migration routes.

3649

We aren't into very many winter activities, but we went camping and hiking in the summer months, we enjoyed ourselves.

3651

ATV use should be illegal during deer & elk season. The people abuse the privilege of riding everywhere on them.

3654

La Grande gets too cold during winter and it is practically impossible to do most outdoor activities especially water related activities (kayaking, etc.) My answers would probably change if I did this survey around August or September. Thank your and I hope my answers help!

3655

Need more pull-through sites at State Parks. Many RV'ers have motor homes and cars. We can't back up without unhooking the car. Wallowa State Park has a campfire smoke pollution problem. We don't enjoy that campground in the summertime.

3662

My husband and I do not do any of the activities in your survey. We do ride Harley's around the nation during summer months. We do a lot of riding in Oregon as well. And we do a great deal of walking for exercise and a lot of gardening in season.

3664

Too much river frontage and BLM lands being sold to private owners, which seriously limits hunting, fishing, hiking etc.

3672

I think 3 and 4-wheel ORVs should have a designated area and not allowed to carry a rifle in any area where deer or elk are being hunted. There could be a law that disabled hunters could get a permit to ride an ORV or ATV when unable to drive there. Sorry for the delay. I hope this helps.  
[Names and Addresses Removed]

3674

As this survey only asks about the past 3 months it is skewed towards winter activities as the months represented would be November through January. Although our family enjoys outdoor winter activities, we participate in outdoor activities a greater proportion of the time during spring, summer and fall. The availability of various outdoor opportunities was a factor in our decision to move to Oregon.

3675

Goose Lake has no boat launch. Next year I will do more. Hope for 2002 Fish & wildlife refund fees if not successful.

3676

All of the questions asked about the last 3 months, this hardly takes in hunting season (mule deer and elk) which I participate in. Summer camping was also not included and we enjoy that about every weekend. Timing of the survey could be chosen differently and give you a better understanding of Oregon recreation use. Thanks!

3685

In my view, the leasing of private land is becoming a problem in Oregon. Montana has recently passed state legislation that limits the days that non-residents can hunt in that state. South and North Dakota also have limits. For example, an upland bird license (non-resident) is good for 10 days only in South Dakota. The intent is to reduce the amount of leasing by non-residents which thereby prevents them (locals) hunting access to those private lands.

3689

Rebecca,

Being that this survey covers only the last 3 months, there weren't many activities that our family participated in. If you asked about all year or the summer months, we'd have done almost everything on your survey. Sorry I couldn't be more of help. Thank you. [Names and Addresses Removed]

3691

Keep prisoners out of our State Parks- use labor by Law-abiding citizens at a decent wage. The bureaucrats need to move away from the desk and go out and do some physical labor in our forests and partnership with private entities. To: Prof. Rebecca Johnson—I have lived in Eastern Oregon (Lake County) all my life. I am 60 years old. My great- great Grandparents came to Paisley, OR in 1880. I treasure our natural resources and have witnessed a greed by Big Business, namely, Weyerhaeuser, and now JXX-Wen Corp. to misuse & take over our natural resources. I am speaking of clear cutting and not putting new seedlings in the ground 50 years sooner! JXX- Wen is grabbing up land and making profitable deals for its stockholders in recreation condos, resorts, golf courses, time-shares, etc., for exclusive use of natural resources for those who can afford to pay. In Lake County, the economy is being repressed by federal and state bureaucrats. This is to make way for a new construction economic project called prison. This prison will make agreements with all federal & state natural- resource type agencies to secure jobs for the prisoners. The local law-abiding and tax-paying citizen will be out of work because prisoners will be working in our public parks, national forests, desert lands and all state lands. This affects our local college-bound students and gypo-contractors who might otherwise have a job in contract for the summer. Our son helped himself one year after college by working for ODOT (picking up highway litter) Those jobs will go to prisoners now- our State Labor Force (SLAVE). As a Dept. of Forest Resources, I urge stopping the

practice of agreements with other agencies to employ at below a minimum wage a State Slave Labor Force. This is beginning to feel like the old Russia (Stalags for all of us!). Bureaucracies out of control! Thank you. Diana L Adams Lakeview, OR. P.S. By the way our son went on to graduate from college with honors!

3708

Overnight camping in state parks usually start at \$8 per night. An average family in our area has to travel about 60 miles, \$8 X 2 or 3 isn't feasible, after other expenses.

3709

Even though I buy the sports package hunting/fishing license each year, I normally don't go fishing or hunting. I also live on a well known fishing river, South Umpqua, and have a 44 acre truck farm. I have lost thousands of dollars in income due to the vast number of deer, nutria, beaver, raccoons and sometimes bear that frequent my property. I have counted (stopped counting) over 40 deer in the field at night. Oregon Fish & Wildlife tells me the only thing I can do is to fence in the property. That is cost prohibitive when you are a truck farmer, or if I can find 4 hunters who want to kill a black tailed deer at certain times of the year then I can do that, but these deer are so small, sick and interbred that no one wants to waste their hunting license for one of these critters. We find them dead from a wasting away type of disease or parasites. We do have at least 2 cougars living near the property, but they can't eat enough deer to help the situation. I could go on and on about the lack of game management in Oregon.

3715

Survey should include more than last three months. November through January are good for winter snow activities, not so good for many other activities.

3721

I wasn't very happy with this survey because it wasn't very fair to my family. Our vacation time is June- August and your survey was November through January during which my family enjoys snowmobiling. They have a great time at it, but we also spend a lot of time at the ocean. Section 3- We love to fish from a boat and shore when we can get away sometimes lakes others river always on the weekends. Section 7- We love the ocean beach activities we go to the coast for our vacation we spend a lot of time on the sand dunes, with our all-terrain, we play on the beach with our dog. And we go deep sea fishing, we camp in our motor home and have a great time. Section 8- Like I said before we love to camp it might be the beach or trailer camp. We just go and see how much we can do in a weeks time and then whenever we can get away from work throughout out the summer. Thank you. [Names and Addresses Removed]

3723

I am a hunter and a fisherman. To do this study in last 3 months doesn't give an accurate survey for what I do. I fish from May through September, hunt from September through November, and go camping in summer. To ride ATV is limited or closed in most areas. I haven't ridden ATV in 14 months due to restrictions and environmental closures to forests.

3732

My husband was badly injured in June of 2001- otherwise we would have been in the water and camping much more. Most places we have gone are kid friendly and the trails are stable. Hope this

has helped. Sincerely, [Names and Addresses Removed] P.S. We usually 4X4 and there isn't much space for that!

3742

If this survey weren't so long I would have returned it sooner. I don't spend very much time outside in December, January and February.

3756

The forestry campgrounds should be made larger for big RVs with a dump near by. Thank you

3765

We feel from extended traveling that Oregon does an outstanding job in furnishing and maintaining facilities for outdoor activities! Thank you.

3772

I have mental health problems and am afraid to go out, but want to. I live in Ontario, Oregon, which has little or no recreation facilities available. No bus systems here.

2217

I am concerned about reports of car break-ins in State Park parking lots. State/local police should have an increased presence or visibility in park and recreation areas to deter criminal activities. Hidden cameras should also be used where possible to catch and prosecute those who take advantage of recreational facilities users. Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments.

2218

I feel that Oregon, and Oregon State Parks provide great opportunities for outdoor recreation. As an ODFW employee, I talk to many people in hunting, fishing- all sorts of fun things done on our public lands and parks. Continued support and improved funding of our parks and public lands will be critical to preserving outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations.

2223

My daughter uses her mountain bike frequently in Lincoln County. I'm not sure where she goes— sometimes on roads, sometimes trails, more times off track. I didn't get it adequately entered. She is associated with a high school bike club.

2226

We feel fortunate to live in such a beautiful state. We love Oregon State Parks and want to keep them as natural as possible. We are particularly concerned about the intrusion of vehicles into natural and beach areas.

2231

We feel out-of-staters should pay a fee for crabbing & clamming.

2233

When I am camping, I don't like being asked, When are you leaving?

2236

In past years I have greatly enjoyed MANY of the outdoor recreational facilities in Oregon and am very grateful for the beauty of this state and its parks. Mostly I have enjoyed the coastal parks, living in North Bend. Sometimes, I do feel annoyed by the vehicles on the beach, but have never been in any direct conflict with them. Usually I am at the beach early morning, before there is much activity.

2244

This came at a time when we will be changing our lifestyle considerably, which gives problems filling out. Since we are quitting farming, we will be able to take days or weeks off. In summer and fall, we will be camping, walking, biking, sightseeing, photographing, bird and nature watching, picnicking and much more. We try to avoid holidays- don't like glitz, crowds and extra expense. Because of where we live, we bird watch (and other animals) sightsee, enjoy nature all the time. Really enjoy that. We take the trailer camping with the grandkids & canoe as an annual event. We would like to see more camping available for families pricewise, so young ones could learn to enjoy and appreciate wildlife and trees, etc. Perhaps it could help the hideous stress families have to deal with these days. An investment in these things: Crime prevention & criminal facilities, etc. down the road. We used to ski, now it's just take the kids.

2247

I work outside on a cattle ranch in Eastern Oregon. I love it outside and I am writing like a 12 year old. Whatever you do, keep it improving and where everyone can enjoy it. [Names and Addresses Removed]

2264

I would like to visit a lot of Oregon. But, I have some disability of my own. I do what I can. Oregon is a beautiful state. I was born in Oregon and lived at Pilot Rock for 17 years before coming to Eastern Oregon. I like camping, picture taking and wildlife. I don't hunt anymore. I like to see all wild life. I do fish some. We need to take care of Oregon. Thank you.

2266

Since we reside in Eastern Oregon, on the Oregon/ Idaho border, nearly all activities are in Idaho.

2282

Provide trails, lakes, meadows, etc. Wilderness areas for hiker only, there should be no horses. Purchase land and old mining rights to provide areas for rock hounds. The Prineville Chamber of Commerce has done this.

2287

I plan to travel to the Oregon Coast & thoroughly enjoy some hiking and lots of sight- seeing, tour the African safari out of Roseburg, the Oregon coast and it's many attractions and everything else between. I'll do this next spring... Oregon is truly the most wonderful state & has more wonders to see than any other state I've been to. I came from Colorado in 1961. Just wanted to add this to your survey. [Names and Addresses Removed]. XXXXXXXXXXXX

2145

Outdoor recreation in Oregon is basically good. However in the last 15 years areas to get out & roam in Southern Oregon close to urban areas has shrunk greatly.

2146

I live in a retirement residence. The facility has a bus and they take us for a pleasure ride once in a week for an hour or longer. And I drive my own car.

2148

I think the recreation areas should have areas that are accessible to wheelchairs, so that people with these needs can also see the areas.

2160

We're farmers so we are outside most of the time, and the growing season isn't a time that we can "get away."

2167

I'm sorry for my previous lack of cooperation. I hope this will help in your studies of our wonderful state. -XXXXXXXX

2173

I live only 2 miles from the Washington border. All my news and television are from Washington. I live in Oregon, I have a business in Oregon, but I do not know much about Oregon because I live in Milton Freewater. I live 53 miles from Ice Harbor Dam and Charbonneau Park. I camp there at least 3 different 2 week periods every summer. Love it, it is clean, has full hookups, it's peaceful and a beautiful park. However, if there was a nice park in Oregon near me I would gladly go there. I would love to live near the beach but I don't! I am an avid camper, love to hike but all my older friends live in Washington so we monopolize Washington Parks that are close. I wasn't much help I realize, but if I lived more into the interior, I think I could answer Yes to a lot of your questions!

2178

Camp hosts are a good idea. More education on use of "beepers"- "locaters" for people who hike alone in remote areas (Display at outdoor-type stores). Provide some way to educate kids about our parks and outdoor activities. Maybe use volunteers (like people who are camp hosts). Provide more information about ways such activities can enrich a person's life.

2194

I live with my sister and brother-in-law. He camps frequently in undeveloped areas only. They walk at least 5 days a week. I'm living on the farm where I was born and raised and they just bought it when my mother passed away. I've been living here for the last fifteen years. I'm now disabled, so I'm not capable of any outdoor activities, but I used to and loved it. My granddaughter visited for a short time.

2195

If the state of Oregon ever goes through with making many of our forests "pristine" areas it would cater to a very few. Most of us have neither the means or the time to hike in when we want to picnic for a day, or camp for any length of time. When I go for a picnic, or to the beach, or camping, I don't mind sacrificing a little privacy and quiet, or even at times, availability for accessibility. What good is a primitive or semi-primitive setting if I can't get to it with my children? Reasonable people understand that the customary course of progress will, over time, alter the setting of nature, and expect only that others are responsible to not do unnecessary damage.

2196

In my younger days and when our family was growing up, we used Oregon outdoor facilities extensively. However, at age 73, and living alone at this time “walking” is my main outdoor activity. Thank you [Names and Addresses Removed].

2103

We would do more but our problem is a lack of time. We enjoy doing things in Oregon and have done more in the past.

2106

We use outdoor recreation mostly from May to October, but this year were unable to get out much during August through October (survey months) due to illness, work and major house remodeling. We also have 2 skiers in the family but they ski from November through April. We find that there are lots of inexpensive and free outdoor activities all over the state.

2125

I think it is a shame the way the state rips people off with these user fees. We pay taxes already, almost the highest in the Nation. Too much government waste, such as these studies!

2129

I really appreciate the camping, boating, hiking and skiing opportunities at the parks. I'm most grateful for the Emigrant Lake Park where my rowing club is located, that is, where the container and the boats are permitted to occupy space near the water. Up until recently, we were using this facility 3 times a week. This is a constant and valued part of my life in Oregon.

2130

We routinely travel to the Mt. Shasta area to enjoy the swimming and wind surfing at Lake Siskiyou and cross-country ski at Mt. Shasta because trails are groomed. We might consider similar trips to the Running Y, but currently summer lake conditions and winter facilities don't entice us. Water facilities are generally designed for people who fish, not more sophisticated users.

2134

We appreciate the good condition the State Parks are maintained in. I would like to see limitations on off-vehicle use, especially in hunting seasons. I would also like to see more road closures in effect during hunting seasons.

2140

The past three months are actually the slowest for outdoor activities because of our work schedules. We hardly have time to hunt. Thanxs

2141

This questionnaire doesn't give a true look at where my major recreation time is spent throughout the year. By limiting the Questions to the last 3 months It doesn't give a consideration to the winter month sports that I spend most time and money enjoying. I feel that if this questionnaire is used to make any decisions as to where and how the public uses public lands it must review all seasons of the year and not just the last 3 months to be fair. Thank you [Names and Addresses Removed]

2075

All of this hang glider stuff is nifty- but those pilots need to learn the difference between a field of recently mowed and baled hay where they can land without damaging the crop and a field of good almost mature meadow grass hay where landing in it and stomping it down ruins a portion of the cattle's winter feed. City people want to kick cattle out of the open ranges they've used for years. What city people don't understand is how much fire prevention work and natural fertilizing cattle do through managed grazing. Cattle are an asset to Oregon, and so are sheep.

2099

Even day hiking is expensive now.

2670

I'm very sorry this is so late! [Names and Addresses Removed]

2688

Thank them for internet access, we use it every time we want to go some where. It helps us a lot. Maps help/ directions/ pictures of sites. We take advantage of the great outdoors as often as possible, rain or shine during the spring and summer season. This year we camped with a new-born baby, which was a challenge.

2694

I had ruptured my Achilles Tendon back in May. I enjoy camping, hiking and many more outdoor activities. But haven't been able to enjoy myself like I normally would. I just wanted to let you know that my usual activity is much higher than what I have filled out (answered). Thank you!

2695

Oregon has a variety of recreational sites and activities for an outdoors oriented person or family. As long-term residents, we've been to a large number of Oregon State Parks throughout the state. Unfortunately, budget constraints have had an impact on park access and facilities. Erosion and nature has had its toll on our favorite park at Cape Lookout.

2697

I do most of my fishing at PrXXX Hollow Lake.

2700

Suggest a questionnaire be sent to my son @ [Names and Addresses Removed]. They horseback ride, camp, boat, etc. more than I do.

2706

The whole idea of charging people to use parks is acceptable BUT it is unfair and wrong to charge people to use the National Forests. The "Northwest Forest Pass" is a joke. Recreation is expensive enough, and we all pay taxes. Why should we have to pay for what is ours to start with?

2707

You may thank me for my help—but I feel that too many of the items I'm expected to reply to here—have been answered over the phone!! The phone thing was longer than I wished—this is brutal! Tonight I am more relaxed, and calmer, and note, I have completed this form—I do believe this process is too time consuming—and I am quite tired-- cross country end of 9 wks/school state

cross country elk hunting wood cutting –Holidays—I hope you find here what you want and need—as for me--? Am abed!

2708

Our park system is in trouble because our state tax system is in trouble! Parks are not just for city people- who bring their brand of garbage into these special places and don't take their garbage back to the city. We need to teach the city people how to respect nature before allowing them to enter the parks! Attn: Mrs. Johnson: Please excuse my delay in responding for you. I have been fighting bladder cancer since this summer. Happy Holidays [Names and Addresses Removed]

2710

No state park should be closed to campers until after all hunting seasons are over and closed. I was very upset that Redbridge State Park on Hwy 244 was already closed and gate locked before general elk season was opened on Sat. 11-3-01. We had planned to camp there for 3 days of our hunt, but could not.

2713

Questions to ask what you have done in last 3 months. Not much snow sports take place in last 3 months.

2717

We have enjoyed every campground we stayed at. We do more camping in the late spring-early summer! We have camped the whole Oregon Coast. Thank you for the great spaces!

2726

Too many game officers trying to make a name for themselves, turning everyone they see in Eastern Oregon into a criminal. They are making everything you do in Eastern Oregon against the law.

2733

Please don't close any more roads. Q14. This is not always my performance, but I feel its important not to limit my parents and grandparents ability to use the forests and deserts which they do on a regular basis, where they can gain access. We seem to be moving to the point that only the young table should be able to enjoy the Oregon forests. Thanks

2738

Sorry but we haven't been anywhere this year as I had broken ankle and have been hospital and house bound for four (4) months so I am sorry. [Names and Addresses Removed]

2741

I loved all the time we spent on the coast and towns and places in between. We will continue to enjoy Oregon as much as possible.

2742

We enjoy the outdoor recreation places. But keep the four wheelers, motorcycles and snowmobiles off the land they are not supposed to be on. Allow them on land only marked for that purpose. We enjoy walking, hiking, picnicking, camping and sometimes fishing.

2749

State Parks are missing an opportunity to include camping clubs such as the Good Sam, FMCA, and others in their programs. They (the clubs) represent a large volunteer force that is dedicated to the outdoors and have financial investments to prove it. They may be able to clean campgrounds, do maintenance, conduct programs, etc.

520

This is not a typical year for my family. We are usually more active, taking advantage of many Oregon State Parks. We believe in taking care of them! [Names and Addresses Removed]

751

The past several months have been unrepresentative for us. Two dying cats and lameness of one horse have kept our recreational activities to a lower frequency than normal.