



OAR 141-088-0036
Public Restrictions at the
Sandy River Delta

Information Session and
Public Rule Hearing
November 15, 2023
6:00 p.m.

SANDY RIVER

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Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Information Session:
- Overview of Proposed Rule
 - Question and Answer Session

- 6:30 p.m. Public Rule Hearing
- Oral Comments

Zoom Protocols

- Raise your hand to ask a question or provide a comment:
 - Click the Reactions icon near the bottom of your screen and click “raise hand”
 - Press *9 if you are on the phone.
- Participants will be called in the order in which hands are raised.
- Keep your mic muted unless it is your turn to speak.
- Be respectful of each other and DSL representatives.

Information Session



Background

The Department of State Lands oversees the beds and banks of the Sandy River, as well as approximately 50 acres of natural area adjacent to the Sandy River Delta, a 1,500-acre U.S. Forest Service natural area extensively used for recreation.

On August 1, 2023, the Department enacted emergency restrictions on use of vehicles and firearms on state-owned lands at Sandy River Delta to address the health, safety, and environmental hazards created by driving vehicles and discharging firearms in the natural area.

Need for the Rule

The Department and partners are receiving increased reports of vehicles being driven and parked on Oregon-owned lands, and of firearms being discharged. Concerns with these uses include:

- Firearm discharge puts people using the natural area at risk.
- Driving and parking in the natural area creates safety and health risks.
- Additionally, vehicles leak fuel, oil, and other toxic liquids, and introduce exhaust, affecting both human and environmental health.

Proposed Rule Language

- These permanent use-restrictions are meant to protect public health and safety and the environment.
- The proposed rule language restricts the use of motorized vehicles and the discharge of firearms on state-owned lands in the Sandy River Delta from River Mile 0.0 to 2.5, including the Columbia River Side Channel.
- The language provides exceptions to the use restrictions for certain authorized uses, such as government personnel on official business and waterfowl hunters on foot in possession of a legal hunting license.



Sandy River Delta

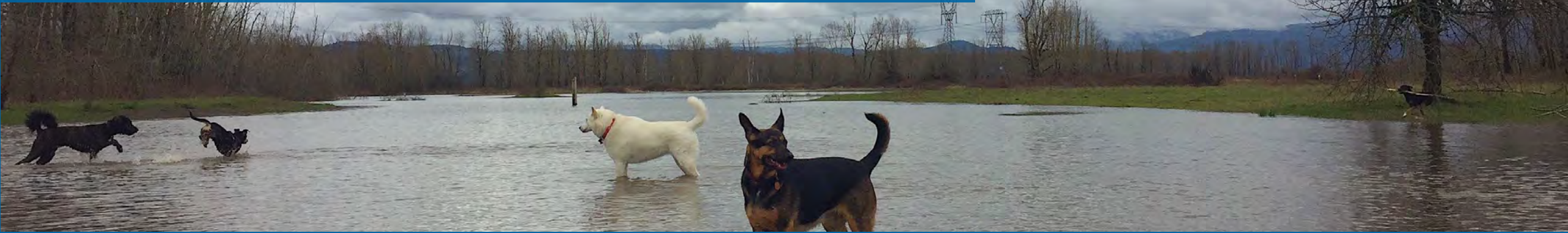


State-Owned
Lands Proposed
for Permanent
Use Restrictions

Questions?



Public Rule Hearing



- Commenters have a 3-minute time limit.
- Please state your name and affiliation.

Provide Written Comment

- May be submitted through December 1 at 5:00 p.m.
- Written comments can be submitted by
 - Email
dsl.rules@dsl.oregon.gov
 - Online form
www.oregon.gov/dsl/Laws/Pages/RuleComment.aspx
 - Mail
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