

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting a Temporary Policy  
to Restrict Activities at County Parks in  
Response to COVID-19

ORDER NO. 30-2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 25-2020, declaring an emergency for Columbia County to address the spread of COVID-19 and authorizing the Board to take actions and issue orders necessary to protect the public and minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, to slow the spread of the virus, which is critical to ensure that medical services are available to the critically ill, Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order No. 20-12 ordering Oregonians to stay at home, closing specified retail businesses, requiring social distancing measures for other public and private facilities, and imposing requirements for outdoor areas and childcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County is committed to doing its part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to minimize health risk to its employees and the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Governor's executive order, the County has developed a Temporary Policy to restrict activities at County Parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS, as follows:

1. The following restrictions shall apply to Columbia County Parks:
  - a. Big Eddy Park shall be closed.
  - b. All other County Parks will be open for day use but closed to camping, except Scappoose RV Park and Hudson-Parcher Park where long-term camping will be allowed in designated areas with prior approval of a County application.
  - c. All outdoor sports courts and playground equipment areas in County Parks shall be closed.
  - d. Signs requiring social distancing must be posted at all entrances, exits, and in prominent areas. On-site restrooms must have trash cans, and soap and water or hand sanitizer available.
  - e. Users of open public recreational areas must strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.

2. This Order shall go into effect on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the County's emergency declaration (Resolution 25-2020), and any extension thereof, unless sooner terminated by Board order.

DATED this 24 day of March, 2020.

Approved as to form

By: S/ Robin McIntyre  
Office of County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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