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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
DOJ File No. 634900-GA0088-15

Dear Ms. Borrud:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for public records disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410, *et seq.* Your petition, which we received May 26, 2015, asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to provide you a copy of the following records:

- The findings of an auditor /investigator who reviewed the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's grants program in winter/spring 2015.

You advise us of the following: You requested the records that you seek in your petition on March 24, 2015. You have communicated several times with Chris Havel of OPRD. Mr. Havel offered reasons why OPRD delayed releasing the records and indicated that OPRD would soon be releasing the records do you. However, as of the date of your petition, the records had not been released to you. In light of the time that has passed since you initially requested the records and the reasons asserted for the delay, you assert that OPRD has effectively denied your public records request.

For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420; ORS 192.430. Any person denied the right to inspect or copy any public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the public record to determine if it may be withheld from public inspection. ORS 192.450(1). The Attorney General may order a state agency to disclose records only when the agency has denied a request to inspect or copy records. *See* ORS 192.450(1).

We have spoken with Mr. Havel, who advises us that OPRD provided you with the records that you seek on May 27, 2015. Because OPRD has provided you with the records that you seek in your petition, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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