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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
DOJ File No.: 634900-GA0095-25

Dear Mr. Browning:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to disclose records pertaining to you. Specifically, you requested "any information that my former management team are holding separately outside my official employee personnel file [including] everything with my name attached." Your petition indicates that you believe OPRD is withholding records responsive to this request.

We contacted OPRD's Labor Relations Manager, Cindy Vinton, regarding your petition. She explained that OPRD has provided you with all responsive records in its custody. She further indicated that OPRD is not in possession of the employment file of your former employer (the Oregon Department of Transportation).

Under the circumstances, we have no reason to second-guess Ms. Vinton's representation that the records you seek are not in OPRD's possession. And because we cannot order OPRD to disclose a record it does not have, we must respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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