PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: THE SEARCHES BEHIND THE $1,728 ESTIMATE

TO	Public Records Officer, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
FROM	Robert Samuel White, P.O. Box 334, Reedsport, Oregon 97467
DATE	November 13, 2026
RE	Public records request under ORS 192.314

To the Public Records Officer, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department:

Under ORS 192.314, I request the following public records of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. It follows the Attorney General's order of November 12, 2026, on my petition about the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's estimate of $1,728 for my request of September 5, 2026.[1] [2] [3] [4]

The order states: "OPRD states that it has conducted similar searches for records in the past and is basing its estimate on the time taken in those searches." It states that the records "would then need to be subsequently reviewed and redacted to segregate exempt material," and that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department calculated the fee "including a reasonably sizeable portion of time to search through physical and electronic databases."[1] None of these statements is in the estimate the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department sent me on September 18, 2026. The estimate names no earlier search. It states: "Per OAR736-001-0030(2) we have estimated at a reduced rate."[2]

Records requested. Each numbered item below is a separate request.

1. The records of the "similar searches for records in the past" on which the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department based its estimate of September 18, 2026.[1] For each search: the public records request it answered, with its date and the records it asked for; the records of the search, showing the systems searched, the terms, the date range, and who ran it; the staff time it took, as recorded in any time record, log, or tracking entry; and the fee estimated, invoiced, and charged for it, with any fee waiver or reduction decided on it.

2. The records of the estimate of September 18, 2026:[2] every calculation, worksheet, note, draft, and communication used to prepare it, including the records that show the hours for each item, whose time each hour is, and the rate applied to each.

3. The record of any determination by the Director or a designee under OAR 736-001-0030(2) that a waiver or reduction of fees on my request of September 5, 2026, is in the public interest, with its date and the name and title of the person who made it.

4. Every record of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's response to my petition to the Attorney General of November 4, 2026, DOJ File No. 634900-GA0226-26:[4] every communication between the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the Department of Justice about the petition, with its attachments, and every record the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department sent the Department of Justice.

5. All communications about my request of September 5, 2026, its estimate, and my petition, from September 5, 2026, to the date of search, through every channel the agency uses: emails, Microsoft Teams chat and channel messages, text messages, voicemail, and notes, and every entry, note,

assignment, and status change in any system that tracks a request. This includes communications within the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and with any other public body, including the Department of Justice.

The search. This request also includes the records of the search conducted to answer it: each search as saved by the system that ran it (for example, a Microsoft Purview eDiscovery search), with its query, terms, date range, the locations searched, and result counts, and any export or search report it produced. Those records exist once the search is run, and they are public records of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department like any other. A response is complete only when it provides all requested records in your possession (ORS 192.329(2)(a)). That includes these. If there are no responsive records for any item, the search records show it.

Format and correspondence. Under ORS 192.324(3), please provide records in the form requested, native electronic format with metadata intact: emails as .eml or .msg with headers and attachments, Teams and text messages as exported by the system that holds them, voicemail as the audio file, and search records as saved or exported by the system that ran them, by email or secure link. Please conduct all correspondence about this request by email, including acknowledgments, estimates, and payment instructions. Under ORS 192.324(1), this letter is a complete written request. It does not need to be resubmitted on a form.

Redaction. Please redact the names, home addresses, personal phone numbers, and personal email addresses of private individuals. No other redaction is requested for privacy. In any fee estimate, please list redaction time separately from search and production time, with the hours and the hourly rate of the employee performing it. Under ORS 192.324(4)(b), a fee may not include attorney time spent determining the application of the public records law.

Exemptions. For any record or portion withheld, please identify the record (date, sender, recipients, and general subject), the specific exemption claimed, and how it applies to that record (ORS 192.329, 192.338). Please segregate and release nonexempt portions. A fee estimate is not an exemption assertion. Item 4 asks for what the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department sent the office deciding my petition [ORS 192.411(1)]. If you claim privilege for any record, please identify the client, the attorney, and the legal advice sought for each record.

Timeline. Please acknowledge this request within five business days and give an estimated completion date as required by ORS 192.324 and 192.329.

Preservation. A litigation hold applies to this matter under DAS Risk Management claim P195403. Please preserve all records responsive to this request while it and any petition for review are pending.

Respectfully,

Robert Samuel White
Public Records Requestor
rswfire.com
openrecordsoregon.org
autonomyrealms.com

Sources

1. The Attorney General's order, November 12, 2026, DOJ File No. 634900-GA0226-26

2. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's estimate, September 18, 2026
3. My request, September 5, 2026
4. My petition to the Attorney General, November 4, 2026