PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: THE CLOUDFLARE CHALLENGE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC RECORDS ORDERS

TO	Public Records Officer, Oregon Department of Justice
FROM	Robert Samuel White
DATE	November 21, 2026
RE	Public records request under ORS 192.314

To the Public Records Officer, Oregon Department of Justice:

Under ORS 192.314, I request the following public records of the Oregon Department of Justice. They concern the Cloudflare challenge put in front of the State of Oregon Law Library's collection of the Attorney General's public records orders this month. This request stands apart from my request dated November 9, 2026, and narrows nothing in it.[1]

Background. The State of Oregon Law Library publishes each of the Attorney General's public records orders as a separate document in its digital collection "Attorney General's Public Records Orders," at cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org, a site hosted for the library by OCLC, Inc.[2] On November 3, 2026, that address answered the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine with HTTP status 200.[3] On November 20, 2026, it refused a request made by a program: HTTP status 403, with a Cloudflare challenge.[4] Between those two days, a Cloudflare challenge was put in front of the collection. This request calls that "the change," whoever asked for it and whoever made it.

Records requested. Each item reaches every record that concerns the change, whenever the record was made. For records that concern the collection and not the change, the period is November 1, 2026, to the date of search:

1. Every communication between the Oregon Department of Justice and the State of Oregon Law Library, the Oregon Judicial Department, OCLC, Inc., Cloudflare, Inc., or any other person outside the agency, concerning the collection "Attorney General's Public Records Orders," the address cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org, access to the collection, the change, or any other change, made or proposed, to how the collection or the library's site at that address is reached, including its DNS records, Cloudflare, a challenge, a firewall or access rule, a rate limit, or a block, and including every such record that uses the word "bot," "crawler," "scraper," "scraping," "harvesting," "automated," or "traffic."
2. Every email, Microsoft Teams chat or channel message, text message, memorandum, note, calendar entry, and ticket or service request sent or received by any employee of the Oregon Department of Justice, including the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, the General Counsel Division, the Public Records Counsel, and the agency's information technology staff, concerning the same collection, address, access, or change.
3. Every record that shows who asked for the change, who approved it, who made it, when each of them acted, and when the Oregon Department of Justice first learned of it.

The search. Please provide, with the records, the records the search itself produces: the log, report, or audit trail that the system or tool used to search creates, showing what was searched, the terms and date range applied, when the search ran, who ran it, and what it returned. That record is the minimum standard of care for any search for public records, and the record of this search is part of this request. If no records are found for any item, please provide the record of the search that found none.

Format and correspondence. Under ORS 192.324(3), please provide records in their native electronic format with metadata intact, by email or secure link, on a rolling basis as they are ready. 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.

Exemptions. For any record or portion withheld, please identify the record, the specific exemption claimed, and how it applies to that record (ORS 192.329, 192.338). Please segregate and release nonexempt portions. A communication with a person outside the agency is not an attorney-client communication. If you claim privilege for any record, please identify the client, the attorney, and the legal advice sought.

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. Please preserve all records responsive to this request while it and any review of it are pending.

Respectfully,

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rswfire.com
openrecordsoregon.org
autonomyrealms.com

Sources

1. My public records request to the Oregon Department of Justice, November 9, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/record/r3/01M70YHQ6GS0JVVMBVW016FGT7/
2. Attorney General's Public Records Orders, State of Oregon Law Library. https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17027coll2
3. Internet Archive Wayback Machine, capture of a file in another of the library's collections at the same address (p17027coll5), November 3, 2026, 14:06:04 UTC, answered with HTTP status 200. https://web.archive.org/web/20261103140604/https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/api/collection/p17027coll5/id/41610/download
4. My request to https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/, November 20, 2026, 9:57 PM Pacific: "HTTP/2 403", "server: cloudflare", "cf-mitigated: challenge". The address resolved that day to 104.18.39.157 and 172.64.148.99.