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TO Director Lisa Sumption
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Director Sumption,

I am writing to inform you that I have completed my documentation of Oregon Parks & Recreation Department.

Below is the opening and conclusion of that archive.

I share this with you so you are aware of what your choices and nearly two decades of institutional culture stewardship have enabled.

I may choose to file complaints with oversight bodies and contact legislators about upcoming confirmation hearings — I have not yet decided.

But I am done attempting to secure accountability from within OPRD.

Your choices are now fully documented.

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This Archive Centers an Open Letter to the Director of Oregon State Parks

I entered the state parks system anticipating alignment —

to protect the commons,

to hold space with integrity,

to support the land,

and to give freely without ownership.

That was the offer.

That was the signal I carried into the field.

What I found instead was conflict I did not create — and had no choice but to navigate.

This archive documents their actions — and what those actions made visible.

On August 25, 2025, I sent a comprehensive
Open Letter to Director Lisa Sumption.

It acknowledged her accomplishments.

It documented systemic abuse with evidence.

It named the power imbalance plainly.

It called for institutional protections for volunteers.

It outlined a clear path forward.

She responded within twelve hours.

Her reply:

Formally acknowledged receipt.

Offered no specific commitments.

Deferred responsibility to "appropriate channels."

Upheld institutional protection over volunteer accountability.

Earlier that week, I filed a
Public Records Request.

I received an automated acknowledgment, then a phone call attempting to narrow its scope.

I declined and requested all further communication in writing.

Oregon Parks & Recreation responded 90 days later —

only after I issued a formal demand for compliance and filed a complaint with the Governor's office.

They claimed they had responded on August 29, 2025.

They provided a screenshot of an internal portal system.

I was never informed this system existed.

I had no access to it.

They sent no notification to the contact information I provided.

For 90 days, they remained silent while I waited at the email and mailing address listed in my request.

When finally pressed, they provided a cost estimate in the tens of thousands of dollars.

I withdrew the request.

Not because I could not proceed — but because their response to the request had become the evidence.

This archive is now complete.

This is no longer just about what happened to me.

It is about how they responded to what happened to me.

It documents:

Systematic abuse of an unpaid volunteer (February-March 2025).

Explicit retaliation for protected speech, stated in writing (March 26, 2025).

Director-level acknowledgment without corrective action (August 25, 2025).

90+ days of public records law violation and institutional obstruction (August-November 2025).

A complete institutional response pattern when accountability was requested.

It stands as:

A permanent record of institutional choice at every level of oversight.

A warning system for future volunteers.

Evidence for future accountability efforts.

Proof that awareness at the highest level did not produce protection.

One day, something like this will happen again.

This archive will be there to meet it.

To prove: they knew, they were told, they were given every opportunity to self-correct —
and at every level, they chose institutional protection over accountability.

Let me be very plain about this:

Humans did this to another human being.

Not policies. Not procedures. Not "organizational complexity."

Humans with names, with faces, with the capacity to choose differently.

They knew what they were doing while they were doing it.

They felt the weight of their choices in real time.

They are responsible — whether they are willing to admit that to themselves or not.

[Park Supervisor] orchestrated it.

[Park Manager] executed it.

[Volunteer Services Lead] weaponized friendship to enable it.

An unidentified operative was deployed to assess me without authorization or explanation.

[Program Manager] formalized the retaliation in writing.

Lisa Sumption acknowledged it and chose to protect them.

The agency violated public records law for 90+ days to avoid transparency about it.

Every person documented in this archive had the power to stop this.

Every person chose not to.

Those choices are now permanent.

They don't fade with time.

They don't disappear with career advancement.

They don't get absolved by silence.

Each person documented here faced a choice.

That choice is now attached to their name.

That choice follows them.

—

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