

The Record of What Happened

A volunteer, Oregon State Parks, and the year that followed.

For more than a year, I have sought the simplest form of accountability every person expects from a government institution: that it self-correct when presented with facts about a mistake it made.

And for more than a year, I have been met largely with silence, but also with resistance, and with reframing that causes additional harm, and ultimately with police intimidation on restricted federal land.

It sounds insane. It is. What happened to me should not be possible in the United States of America. Worse, this was directed at someone who was volunteering his time and energy to an institution he believed in.

The pages that follow tell the story of what happened, and how they responded to it. Every page carries the evidence itself, and every image and link lands on the public record.

Robert Samuel White

@rswfire · August 2026

THE CHRONOLOGY

The case, in their documents.

In early 2025, I served as an unpaid volunteer at Honeyman State Park. What happened over the next eighteen months is told here in order. Ten of the thirteen that follow are the state's own words.

This archive is not a story about me. It is a story about them — the choices they made when given evidence of abuse, when given the opportunity to stop, when given time to self-correct.

Every mechanism of accountability was used to shield themselves.

Why I built this archive: to correct an epistemic violation.

It is not designed to win attention.

It is designed to outlast denial.

FROM Robert Samuel White
TO [Volunteer Services Lead]
DATE March 2, 2025, 7:57 AM PT
SUBJECT **Trust.**
DOCUMENT 01JNBNSRN04NEM4MEZJG40Q3N5

[Volunteer Services Lead],

01JNBNSRN04NEM4MEZJG40Q3N5

EMAIL

March 2, 2025

I saw the writing on the wall.

One month into my service at Honeyman, trust was already broken. I had an entire year of other parks lined up. I could not simply leave, and I could not trust them with the relationships ahead of me.

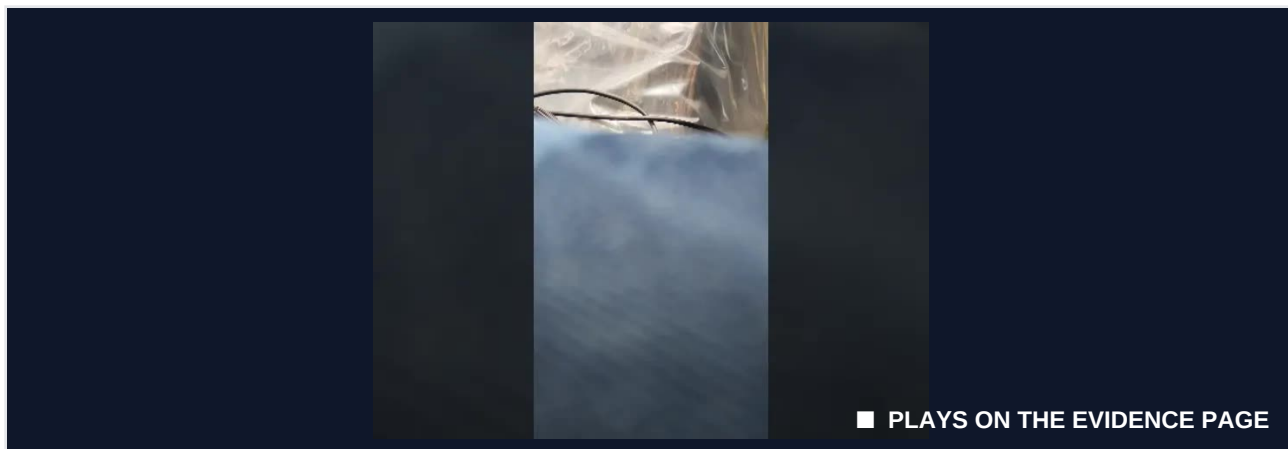
I wrote to the OPRD staff member responsible for the volunteers, named each failure, and committed to finishing my service professionally. I believed putting it on the record would protect my future at Oregon State Parks.

Everything that follows is what the State of Oregon did in response to an unpaid volunteer who kept a record.

“At every critical moment, you have failed to act with integrity.”

EVIDENCE: TRUST → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/trust

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/oprdivolunteerabuse.org/01JNBNSRN04NEM4MEZJG40Q3N5



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VIDEO · 62:12

March 5, 2025

They pressured me to leave.

Three days after my letter, the park manager and the park supervisor called me to a picnic table in the park's public day-use area. Two officials with authority over my housing and my placements, one unpaid volunteer with no protections, no notice of the subject, and no one at my side. I recorded all sixty-two minutes.

The park manager worked from a handwritten list. He presented minor interactions as a pattern of concerning behavior, claimed things were in my emails that were not there, and could not be specific when I asked. He told me to chew glass and swallow it. He admitted he had never given me the benefit of the doubt. And he repeatedly suggested I leave.

The park supervisor was silent for the first nineteen minutes. Her first word was "tone." Fifty minutes in, she reached back to a text message we had already resolved, and confirmed on tape that the interpretation she brought to that table was one she had invented.

WATCH THE RECORDING · 62:12 → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/coercion

FROM [Park Supervisor]
TO Robert Samuel White
DATE March 20, 2025, 3:43 PM PT
SUBJECT RE: Question About Unidentified Visitor
DOCUMENT 01JPTVM380TK5VF35A8TSM9EGJ

Sam,

01JPTVM380TK5VF35A8TSM9EGJ

EMAIL

March 18, 2025

They sent someone to build a case against me.

The picnic table had not gotten them what they needed. I was still there, and sixty-two minutes of their own conduct now existed on tape. The program manager's answer to that tape was a rule: no recording without notification.

Thirteen days later, with every ranger away at meetings, a man with no uniform, no name, and no identification walked up to the yurts I was cleaning and photographed them. Then the questions: how did I like the park, and how was I being treated here.

I reported him the same day. Within two hours the park supervisor had a story. Two days later she repeated it, unprompted.

EVIDENCE: SURVEILLANCE → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/surveillance

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/oprdivolunteerabuse.org/01JPTVM380TK5VF35A8TSM9EGJ



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VIDEO · 16:47

March 24, 2025

Then they dismissed me.

Four days after they sent the man with the camera, they used what they had built. The park manager called and dismissed me, six days before my term was due to end. They could not wait even six days.

Within the hour he was at my RV for the keys with twenty-four hours to vacate the site where I had lived and worked for nearly two months.

And they put nothing on paper. Nothing to sign, nothing to appeal, nothing that would ever have to be defended. His words, on tape: "just the conversation we had."

WATCH THE RECORDING · 16:47 → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/dismissal

THE DISMISSAL LETTER (PDF) → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/oprd-dismissal.pdf



■ PLAYS ON THE EVIDENCE PAGE

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RECORDING · 30:56

March 25, 2025

Then they dismissed the evidence.

Less than a day later, the program manager called from Salem. I told her I was still processing what had just happened and needed more time. She said okay, and in the next breath: “That dismissal is still moving forward.”

Then she worked through the file they had built. Unnamed sources. A found journal. Conversations I never had, including words I never said. I answered every item with specifics, and every answer was filed as “perspective.”

She closed by promising a process, with a determination about my year of placements by Friday.

WATCH THE RECORDING · 30:56 → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/expulsion



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LETTER

March 26, 2025

They put the retaliation in writing.

The determination took one day. On department letterhead, over the program manager's signature: dismissed from volunteer service statewide. The year of placements ahead of me, gone in a paragraph.

The grounds were stated in writing: the public comments made about staff. They named the speech itself as the offense, signed it, and mailed it.

"...the public comments made about staff regarding your volunteer service, were not in line with expectations set forth in the agreement."

EVIDENCE: EXPULSION → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/expulsion

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/oprdivolunteerabuse.org/01JQA2WM60...

FROM Director Lisa Sumption
TO Robert Samuel White
DATE August 25, 2025, 3:42 PM PT
SUBJECT **RE: An Open Letter**
DOCUMENT 01K3HPAXBG8F4QZG4DJNDY5QY8

Dear Sam,

01K3HPAXBG8F4QZG4DJNDY5QY8

EMAIL

August 25, 2025

The director responds to an open letter.

Five months later, I sent the Director of the agency an open letter documenting everything above. Her answer arrived within a day.

It thanked me for my service, said my voice mattered, and declined to respond to a single specific claim. No investigation followed.

“While I cannot respond here to the specific claims you have outlined, I want to assure you that I take concerns about our volunteer program seriously.”

EVIDENCE: CONTAINMENT → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/containment

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/oprd/01K3HPAXBG...

FROM Director Lisa Sumption
TO Robert Samuel White
DATE December 8, 2025, 8:37 AM PT
SUBJECT **RE: There's something you should know.**
DOCUMENT 01KBZ9S95G2W5B44TTGT6HA69N

Dear Samuel,

01KBZ9S95G2W5B44TTGT6HA69N

December 8, 2025

LETTER

Then the director dismisses the matter.

What followed was mostly silence. My public records request sat unanswered for ninety days, drawing a formal notice and a complaint to the Governor. In December I wrote the Director directly. Her answer came the next morning: the documented record answered in therapeutic language, and the channel closed.

"I can see that this has been deeply painful for you... I hear the frustration and hurt in your words. ...we've reached a point where I don't believe further correspondence will lead to the resolution you're seeking."

EVIDENCE: CONTAINMENT → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/containment

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/oprd/01KBZ9S95G...

FROM Deputy Director JR Collier
TO Robert Samuel White
DATE February 13, 2026, 5:23 PM PT
SUBJECT **Oregon Parks and Recreation Contact Information**
DOCUMENT 01KHCRFBDG3DMYZSSTGV5WC7E7

Dear Mr. White (rsw@rswfire.com),

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LETTER

February 13, 2026

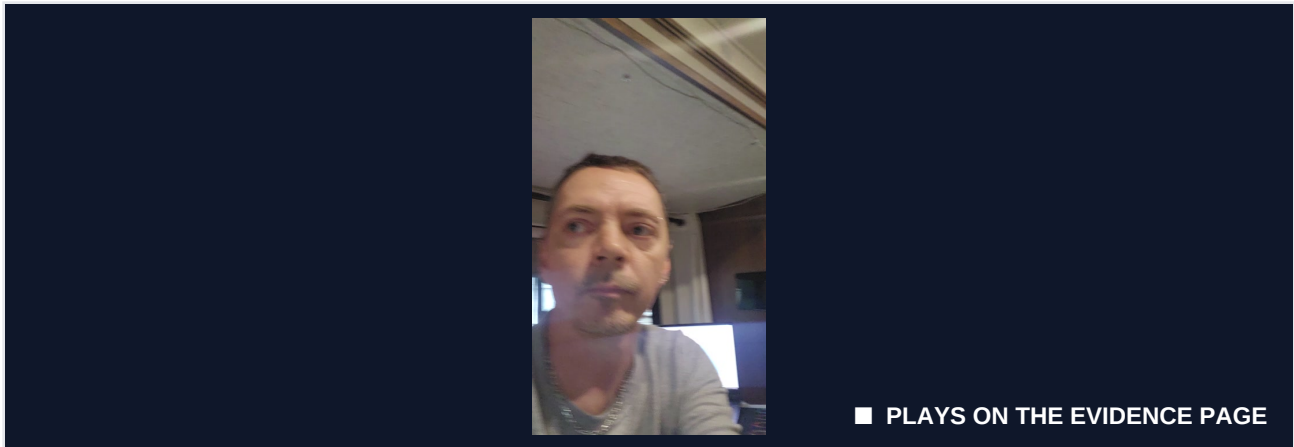
The deputy director tries to isolate me.

In January, I sent the agency formal notice of First Amendment retaliation: dismissal and statewide exclusion for protected speech. Three weeks later the Deputy Director answered without addressing a word of it. He instructed me to stop writing to agency staff. I refused the same day. No official has authority over what a citizen may say to his own government.

“Please do not communicate further with [Program Manager] or other OPRD staff, and please do not expect any responses from them.”

EVIDENCE: CONTAINMENT → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/containment

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/oprd/01KHCRFBDG...



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VIDEO · 0:55

March 24, 2026

The police show up at my door.

Exactly one year after the dismissal, police came through a locked gate posted against public access, onto the federal land where I live and work as caretaker, and knocked on my door. Three officers, no agency identified, concerned about what I was posting online.

I declined to speak without an attorney and closed my door. I recorded them leaving.

WATCH THE RECORDING · 0:55 → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/evidence/police

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Dispatch from CAD Details

Oregon State Police/CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION

Printed: 04/13/2026 13:07 by A89920

Created time: 03/24/2026 10:20

Event details: SP26097765

CAD event #: 2026-00097765

Priority: Low

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March 24, 2026DISPATCH RECORD

The state’s record blames the forest service.

I pursued the record of that visit. The state police answered first that a search identified no records. Ten days later, a record existed, behind a fee. Three months after that, they released it in full.

Officer-initiated. No call type. Priority low. No action taken. Unit type: Criminal. My date of birth, entered ten days before I gave it to them. And the comment field claims who the visit was for.

“FOR THE FOREST SERVICE // FOLLOWUP INTERVIEW W/ ROBERT WHITE”

- EVIDENCE: POLICE INTIMIDATION → oprsvolunteerabuse.org/evidence/police
- THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprsvolunteerabuse.org/accountability/osp/01KXGXZNCREX...
- THE CAD RECORD, SP26097765 (PDF) → oprsvolunteerabuse.org/osp-cad-record-sp26097765.pdf

FROM District Ranger Michele Holman
TO Robert Samuel White; Patrol Captain Felicia Sloan
DATE July 24, 2026, 9:42 AM PT
SUBJECT **Re: [External Email]Fw: Petition for Public Records Order — Robert Samuel White / Oregon State Police (PR27478; CAD SP26097765)**
DOCUMENT 01KYAG3J7GMK1RV66MTGQ2VFN8

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July 24, 2026

LETTER

The forest service demonstrates accountability.

The state record said the visit was for the Forest Service, the federal agency whose land I live on and care for. They are not a party to any of this. I asked them directly, in writing. The district ranger's answer:

"...the Forest Service did not initiate the interview. The agency's involvement was limited to assisting OSP by providing access..."

USFS ACCOUNTABILITY → oprdrvoluteerabuse.org/accountability/usfs

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdrvoluteerabuse.org/accountability/usfs/01KYAG3J7G...

THE USFS INCIDENT REPORT → oprdrvoluteerabuse.org/usfs-incident-report.jpg



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August 11, 2026

LETTER

The state police continue to block the record.

So I kept asking the state police: for the video, the reports, the communications around the visit. In August they answered. Six categories of records exist, including body camera video of the encounter. The video is withheld.

"Body Cam Video – Body Cam video will be withheld pursuant to ORS 192.345(40)."

OSP ACCOUNTABILITY → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/osp

THE DOCUMENT, IN THE REGISTER → oprdivolunteerabuse.org/accountability/osp/01KZS0AAY88A...

The full record is public.

Every document, every response, every silence — archived and citable.
If this archive reflects your experience, or you have information relevant
to this case, you can reach the author directly.

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