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# Trump policy changes affecting the outdoors

#### Current administration is reshaping public lands in Oregon

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Since taking office, President Donald Trump has sought to change public land management in the United States through actions aimed at shrinking the federal government and reducing environmental regulations.

In Oregon, the goals include boosting timber harvest, expediting geothermal projects and reducing or relocating staff working on public lands. Funding cuts and a slew of regulatory changes are already having an impact on the state, including at nonprofits focused on preservation and maintaining trails. Other shape

maintaining trails. Other changes are already affecting public awareness of projects taking place in the state.

The federal government shutdown, which started Oct. 1, could exacerbate these impacts, leaving widespread uncertainty about how Oregon's public lands will be managed long term.

Here are 11 of the Trump administration's most significant policy changes for Oregon's outdoors.



Mount Hood reflects off of Mirror Lake in September in Mount Hood National Forest. This area is currently guarded by the Roadless Rule. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

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**Cuts to federal** 

One of the Trump administration's most notable actions on the outdoors has been the reduction of thousands of federal workers. The move was done to "eliminate inefficiencies," according to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, who oversees the Forest Service.

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Since February, many who'd hoped to make careers at the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management have been let go. Some were

ultimately rehired while others took buyouts.
In February, the Statesman Journal reported at least 2,000 jobs were cut from the Forest Service, around 800 at BLM and another 1,000 at national parks. The numbers do not in-

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**MARION COUNTY** 

### 9 inmates released early as DOC recalculates sentences

**Isabel Funk** 

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Nine people who were convicted of crimes in Marion County have been released from prison in some cases years before their original release dates after the Oregon Department of Corrections began recalculating sentences following an Oregon Supreme Court ruling.

The list of those released includes people convicted of major felony sex crimes, criminally negligent homicide and attempted murder, according to records released by the Marion County District Attorney's Office through a public records request. Another 29 saw their sentences reduced by up to six years.

The recalculations were triggered by a July Supreme Court ruling about credit for time served.

DOC began a manual review of more than 10,500 sentences statewide, resulting in the release of 40 people and sentencing reductions for another 350, DOC officials said in an email to Marion County District Attorney Paige Clarkson.

About 500 reviews were still pending on Oct. 21, DOC spokesperson Amber Campbell said in an email. The agency began reviewing cases immediately after the Supreme Court issued its opinion, she said.

DOC houses about 12,000 adults across 12 prisons.

Marion County Deputy DA Brendan Murphy wrote in a letter to DOC on Oct. 17 that the office would be seeking amended judgments to correct the sentences in the 38 Marion County

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