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There are no provisions, requiring sanitation in the areas being allowed for homeless camping. There is an extensive health issue that is not being addressed. I personally observed the most campsites in undesignated areas. Do not have toilet facilities and overuse any trash receptacles sites are often left with trash and defecation by the campers was no accountability. Most homeless that I have encountered are homeless by choice not circumstances. Public areas should be for the enjoyment of all people individuals camping in public parks, create a visual and real threat to average Oregonians, wishing to enjoy our beautiful parks. Families are staying away from our parks because they feel threatened by campers unsanitary habits and presents.

Until the state of Oregon will recognize the mental health problems and create a plan to address these issues they should not lump all homeless people together. Our community addresses the problem of people that are actually suffering from homelessness due to economic or social conditions. There is no program to address the majority of homeless people suffering from mental illness, whose preference is to camp wherever they wish.