

Annual Report of the OSMF Talk-List Moderators

May 23, 2025

This report chronicles actions taken by the five moderators ("Moderation Team") appointed to moderate the OpenStreetMap Foundation-sponsored talk lists at talk@openstreetmap.org (the "talk list") and osmf-talk@openstreetmap.org (the "osmf-talk list") and at three channels ("general", "foundation", and "tagging") on the community forum at community.openstreetmap.org. This chronology omits decisions to refrain from action on forum messages flagged for attention, when a moderator determined that no action was warranted, as no record of such decisions has been maintained. It also omits trivial interventions, such as splitting forum topics, dealing with spam, and routine reminders to adhere to the Etiquette Guidelines.

June 22, 2024 - Moderator Mustard admonished a user for violation of the Etiquette Guidelines on the forum, and hid two posts.

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/etiquette-guidelines/115062>

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/proposing-to-deprecate-railway-razed-and-railway-dismantled/109679/295>

July 29, 2024 - Moderator Mustard, following discussion among and consensus of the Moderation Team, admonished two users engaged in hostile conversation on the general forum to be more polite to each other or face punitive action.

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/admonition-to-be-more-polite/116721>

August 8, 2024 - Moderator McGovern locked a thread when a user became abusive and used obscenity in dialogue with another user. Another forum moderator had previously hidden a message using obscenity.

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/a-post-in-proposing-to-deprecate-railway-razed-and-railway-dismantled-requires-staff-attention/117173/3>

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/proposing-to-deprecate-railway-razed-and-railway-dismantled/109679/344>

October 14, 2024 - Moderator Mustard admonished a user for insulting the intelligence of other mappers and advised said user to be more polite.

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/changeset-discussions-just-dont-work/120040/61>

October 20, 2024 - The moderators voted to admonish two users for violating the Etiquette Guidelines in an exchange on osmf-talk.

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2024-October/008888.html>

October 21, 2024 - Moderator Mustard admonished participants in a conversation on osmf-talk to abide by the Etiquette Guidelines and to be polite to each other. In the wake of those exchanges, at least four members of osmf-talk unsubscribed due to the hostility shown in the affected threads.

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2024-October/008933.html>

October 29, 2024 -- The Moderation Team privately admonished multiple participants in conversations on osmf-talk, and included a community member who posted a defamatory statement on LinkedIn. The

Moderation Team also published an open letter to the OSMF community on osmf-talk. See the AGM, OSMF 2025, and Quality of Discourse threads in this archive:

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2024-October/date.html#8940>

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2024-October/008940.html>

March 7, 2025 – The moderators voted to ban user NinaNesterovaOSM from the forum for 10 years for violating the Etiquette Guidelines. The ten-year period was set to match a DWG ban of NinaNesterovaOSM from editing OSM.

<https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/odd-bot-like-comments-on-changesets/126587/26>

https://osmfoundation.org/w/images/f/f7/20250307_Ratification_McLiquid_ban_NinaNesterovaOSM_Loomio.pdf