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My Legislators:

I more than strongly support much more funding for ODFW Water quality/Quantity Program (POP 123). Without long term adequate funding, we have no science on which to base decisions which concern allocation, permitting, fish survival, logging, agriculture, recreation, and tourism dollars. This is being magnified by Global Warming and it would be negligent not to be prepared.

I have lived 30 years in AZ and now 40 years in Oregon. In AZ, I was president of a local Water utility as was my Father before me. I know the short and long term consequences of mismanaging our water resource. It is hard to undo poor planning such as in the Klamath Basin, dam projects, development. Without science to base decisions on, they remain political. There are many, many best practices water conservation, reclamation, incentives, etc that will not be implemented in Oregon unless we pay the true cost of the water we use. The goal should be to pass on the State sustainably to generations to come.

I ask that you be far sighted and fund POP 123 far above what is currently budgeted. This will save money in the near future. We must be proactive rather than reactive to crises local and regional.

Thanks for your ear.

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