

Beaver are not predatory wildlife & need to be removed from this previous status. Frankly, beaver are such important wildlife, their status should be managed by Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission & extend not only from public lands but also private property. Beaver do not cause damage, rather, they prevent ecological/environmental damage. Private landscape can be protected. Beaver offer ecological benefits & their presence should be welcomed. More beaver are beneficial at the intersection of wildfire & public land. Co-existence tools to prevent beaver-caused property needs to be available to the landowners to understand the benefits of beaver before damage occurs. Our planet & Oregon's ecological balance is entirely amiss. Wiping out wildlife over the centuries has presented catastrophic results. We need as many beaver as possible to assist our fire-hungry, riparian zone depleted, water hungry state. I support HB2844 & encourage Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission to pass this most important & timely bill. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.