

I hope that ODFW will soon be allowed to manage beavers across Oregon. I can't read about this topic without remembering a visit decades ago to a ranch in Klamath County. What had been a lush wet meadow was now dry sagebrush with a deeply incised stream. The owner couldn't understand how his parents and grandparents had made a good living ranching in that area.

We need beavers back to restore the many damaged meadows in our state. Anything we can do to lessen the bureaucratic obstacles to enlisting their help is a step in the right direction.