

The latest science has shown how invaluable beavers are for creating and maintaining wetlands. Especially as our high elevation deserts become drier, we need to store this water for the benefit of the ecosystems increasing the biodiversity of birds, reptiles, and other animals. These wetlands are critical in times of fire as refuges for animals and plants for restoration about the fire but also as fire breaks to prevent the spread of fires. After the fire these wetlands slow the rapidity of drainage and thus prevent landslide. It is critical that beaver are protected and regarded as a benefit to our Oregon wildlands.