

I am in support of HB 2844 as beaver are a keystone species for Oregon's ecological health.

Supporting this bill is a win-win for Oregon. After a devastating fire season that destroyed thousands of acres of land, homes and entire towns we need to do everything possible to stop this. Beaver do this by creating natural firebreaks through their ability to store not only surface water but also ground water through the creation of wetlands and ponds.

Beaver also aid in creating and protecting habitat for salmonid species. The amount of money brought in by the fishing industry has declined considerably. We can correct this by protecting the habitats of our key species.

Please do everything possible for Oregon's future!

Mary Powell your constituent!