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I raise Blueberries and Hazelnuts, commercially. Our property borders a small creek where beavers have been a problem. There are two primary issues that the beavers have caused.

1) Flooding. They dam up the stream which causes water to spill outside of the creek. This causes water to stand in our production areas and also causes muddy conditions that limit our ability to operate equipment in the area to maintain our crops. This also causes a loss of soil through erosion.

2) The beavers have taken a number of hazelnut trees out. These trees are several years old and are worth hundreds of dollars. The removal of the trees directly reduces our income through the loss of nuts from producing trees, and also causes economic harm by the need to replace the trees and several years of production.

We need the ability to remove beavers to protect our property.