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Legislators,

We farm in Washington, Polk and Yamhill counties. We have experienced, at times, extensive damage due to beavers. The last incident was last harvest season and a beaver had dammed up a creek next to our field. The creek was dammed up to the point that the water extended out into our field and our swather (a machine that cuts our grass seed and clover seed crop) became stuck in the field. It jolted our employee and caused mud and wheel damage to our crop. We had to wait several days for it to dry out before we could proceed again and the deep ruts are still in our field and will impact this years crop, as well. We need to be allowed to rid ourselves of beavers that are causing severe problems. There seems to be a growing population and consequently increasing problems with these animals.

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