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Factory farms are having a huge negative ecological impact everywhere, and Oregon is no exception. They are the biggest polluters of our beautiful, natural state. By polluting, these farms are actively threatening groundwater supplies for nearby communities. The nitrates from the waste produced by these mega dairy operations seep into drinking water supplies and strong evidence points to a relationship between drinking this nitrate contaminated water to health problems such as colorectal cancer, thyroid disease, neural tube defects, and infant methemoglobinemia (blue baby syndrome.) Not only is this kind of "farming" not sustainable, it is a proven threat to our lives.