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Please pass SB 1576-3 with language that clearly restores recreational immunity for public and private landowners and clearly applies to both improved and unimproved trails. Cities and counties cannot be expected to constantly monitor the trails that meander through nature, along rivers, through our forested landscapes and high deserts and along our the Pacific Ocean. I had a discussion with a member of Yachats City Council, where I was actually asked me if we needed to cut out every tree root that crossed a path on public property. The public has a certain amount of responsibility to keep safe and protect themselves. We cannot go out and destroy nature with bubble-wrap (okay, maybe a bit dramatic, but you get my point) to protect against every potential calamity. I want to be able to keep healthy by walking/hiking our public paths and enjoying what really makes Oregon great. And it does not matter whether I use a trail for recreation, for commuting to work or for any other function. I choose to use the trail at my own pleasure AND risk. The city of Newport case is ridiculous and cannot hold hostage every town and county in Oregon.