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The Oregon Flora project is an invaluable resource for all of the work I do with the US Forest Service. It provides an accurate reference I can access anytime to determine species distributions, descriptions and images of plants in Oregon. These data allow me to make informed decisions on restoration projects where I would like to revegetate with appropriate species that are more adapted to our changing climate. As a comprehensive dataset with curated and standardized information from multiple sources, OregonFlora makes work more efficient by eliminating data silos and avoiding duplication of efforts across organizations. The ready access and easy-to-use information on the website promotes scientific literacy and encourages engagement with our state's most valuable asset—its natural resources.