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I use Oregon Flora daily for my job as a botany technician in the Siuslaw National Forest. A large portion of my job involves mapping native plant populations for future seed collection and meadow restoration. I also survey for native plants that are crucial to declining pollinator habitat, primarily the Oregon Silverspot Butterfly. The online database is crucial for navigating to these populations, as well as flagging invasive species that require future management. The Flora of Oregon vascular plant keys are crucial for identifying these native and non-native plants.

I had the pleasure of contributing to the Oregon Flora database through my 3 years as an undergraduate employee at the Oregon State University Herbarium. The contributors to Oregon Flora are authentic, skilled botanists with a shared goal of preserving Oregon's native plant species, and they deserve adequate compensation for their efforts and the ability to continue this important work.

Thank you,

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