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I am a field botanist living in SE Washington but doing almost all of my research in montane wetlands in the Blue Mountains of Oregon. I use the Flora of Oregon resources at least 3 times a week currently and use it many , many times a week during the field season. The Flora of Oregon database and website and the soon to be completed 3rd and final volume are of immense importance to the very important documentation and and knowledge of all of Oregon's vascular plants. Amateur and professional botanists are constantly submitting observations and using the population records and species information in their research. This flow of information must continue if Oregonians and others are to meet their challenges to be proper stewards of the federal, state and private lands within its borders, during this time of ecosystem instability caused by many factors. Together with the University of Washington Burke Herbarium website that covers plants within Washington's borders, the Flora of Oregon is indispensable for those of us who work in ecoregions on both sides of the border. Also note that the major written Flora of the Pacific Northwest Volume 2, 2018, does not have treatments of plants for Southeast Oregon, so the Flora of Oregon is the only regional resource for this data.