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Hello,

I am the Landscape Manager at Oregon State University and I am writing this in support OregonFlora. We use this amazing service to help us decide what plant material to invest in. OregonFlora is the academic approach to the work we do. We could wade into the uncertainty of the internet or put our trust in the uncertainty of sales people to make our plant procurement decisions or we can go to this professionally neutral resource that is OregonFlora. Native plant procurement is a good example - not all natives thrive in every Oregon landscape situation. If I am creating a native plant garden on campus I am using Oregon tax payer dollars - the tax dollars are going toward the procurement of the plants - at this level we are talking about thousands of dollars. We cannot afford a failure related to plant selection and subsequent plant performance. Using the research that is embedded in OregonFlora allows us to make confident decisions concerning tax payer dollars. Please continue to support this extremely valuable work - Thanks, Todd Cross - OSU Landscape Manager