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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
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I am writing in support of HB 3173 and to recommend a simple amendment to restrict non-professional access to specific location data on rare, threatened and endangered plants. I use the two published volumes of Oregon Flora data and the website and find them invaluable for landscape design and planning. The information already provided by the Flora Project is a necessary baseline; future work will be even more important. As plant communities change over time, this data will be critical for understanding and managing the practical effects of our warming and increasingly chaotic environment. This isn't an academic endeavor but is vital for all types of farming, timber production, fisheries, wildfire management and many other activities central to life and the economy in our state. I urge you to approve this bill in order to support wise land stewardship for all Oregonians.