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As a longtime member and former president (2004-2019) of an Oregon canoe club with over 200 members, I personally know the risk that government bodies, recreational resorts, clubs and others take in making land or other resources available to the public for sports, fitness or other recreational use. Activities, like canoeing, skiing, cycling, all entail risk. Daily life does. And it is up to individuals to recognize risk and take responsibility for the fact they may be putting themselves at risk by doing an activity and/or using a land or water resource. To ensure the public continues to have these opportunities for recreation open to them, it's vital that we protect those that provide them from claims involving ordinary negligence. Personal responsibility and judgement are crucial to and part of every sport. And operators of resources providing the opportunity for such sports and recreation deserve support, not unfair lawsuits.