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I am writing to express my full support for the proposed initiative to cut junipers in order to conserve and or bring back water. As a community member deeply concerned about sustainable water use and environmental preservation, I believe this effort is a vital step toward ensuring our water resources are managed responsibly.

It's been proven that Junipers are known for their high water consumption, particularly in arid and semi-arid regions. By removing or reducing juniper populations, we can significantly reduce water usage, helping to preserve precious water resources that are becoming increasingly scarce. This initiative would positively impact the region by promoting the growth of more water-efficient vegetation and improving overall water availability for local wildlife, creeks and cattle. Reducing the need for extensive irrigation for non-native or water-hungry plants aligns with broader goals of creating sustainable landscapes and reducing water waste, which is crucial for the long-term well-being of our communities.