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As a sixth generation Oregonian I am very aware of the loss of Wildlife in Oregon especially in the Valley. Habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, and poisons have taken horrible tolls on native wildlife. I have lived on 20 acres next to the Calapooia river for over 30 years. For the first five we saw lots of Beaver, and signs of Beaver on our property. In the last 20 we have seen no sign of them. This is just one example of concern out of many. We have seen reduction of Barn Swallows, Coyotes, Robins, Bats and so many others in the same time period. I want to see scientists looking at species health of wildlife beyond what the Fish and Wildlife do because they are mostly only concerned with deer, elk, ducks, and fish. We need to know more about the health of wildlife in Oregon so that we have a chance of saving it.

Oregon has a history of Republicans and Democrats protecting our environment (bottle bill etc) but it is falling short in the last 20 years and we need to fix that!

Sincerely,
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