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Endangered and threatened salmon depend upon cool and clean streamflow. Oregonians depend upon rivers and streams for safe drinking water. Diminished streamflows already occur naturally due to global warming and reduced snowpack. Climate change has caused droughts especially in the eastern portion of our state where companies like Amazon have built server farms which require massive amounts of water to cool their computing equipment. In western Oregon, the state's largest employer manufactures microchips, a process that also uses lots of water. Add water demand from Oregon's agricultural interests and one begins to realize how important it is to consider the environmental impacts of increased water demand that occurs as groundwater is disappearing.