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I have never understood why Oregon law still allows the transfer of water rights when there has been no determination of adverse stream flows. Water basins have changed over the centuries and we no longer have the luxury of assuming water transfer rights will not harm instream flows. Oregon has a duty to protect the state's water for all users. Lower waters in stream harm fish, wildlife other human users, impairs water quality and diminishes scenic and recreation values.

We need to update the water transfer process now.