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Beavers that are the greatest engineers in nature who play a vital role in creating and supporting riparian environments and water storage systems in nature. They create natural buffers that slow down and stop wildfires from spreading.

Beavers support water quality, water storage and water availability during extended periods of drought. They play a vital and crucial role in protecting our state lands against the impacts of climate change.

They create habitat for aquatic life - plants, fish and reptilian species that are food sources for birds and mammals and thus are a keystone species.

We should be doing so much more to protect this remarkable species and support land owners in land management programs that include this important species.

If we are truly serious about protecting and preserving our Oregon flora, fauna, forests, deserts and ecosystems in between as well as all wildlife species that should start with our state namesake the Beautiful Beaver.