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I financially support ONDA efforts to restore beaver habitat along South Fork Crooked River. This riparian restoration work will also help endangered Western Mussels and Greater Sage Grouse as well as the beavers. Beavers are better at maintaining and improving the needed habitat than man. It is already expensive to produce 'shovel ready' plans and apply for permits. When beavers return, all this work will be negated if the beavers are trapped. Restoring beaver habitat is the best way to improve water quality. Beaver trapping should not be allowed in riparian restoration streams. There are no beavers in these areas now, so no loss of trapping areas.

Thank you.

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