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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of HB 3932. I have been actively working to enhance beaver habitat in eastern Oregon with Oregon Natural Desert Association for the past 20 years. I have worked in stream locations all over Eastern Oregon every year since joining this fine organization. The manifold benefits of our natural allies - Beavers - clean streams, erosion control, riparian health and fauna, flora diversity are clear and unmistakable. We must therefore support and PROTECT these god given helpers if we are to realize healthy lands in our State. It is a true joy to witness these positive health giving developments over time as a back country volunteer. Their hard work is foundational for sustaining the health of the land.

Beavers (our state animal for heaven sakes!) are Oregons quiet Heros and should be revered and protected at all costs.

They represent our lands salvation, thus do not allow them to be wantonly trapped!

Thank you for taking my comments.

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