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Last month I assisted in the release of a beaver family into an area where they once thrived but now have disappeared. The lead biologist at the release told me that satellite images from the 1960's showed the larger regional area had several dozens of streams and meadows with active beaver dens. Now there is one.. and we were hoping to establish just one more. When you stand in a place that appears to be lovely and wild only to find out it's been severely reduced from a truly wild state, it is terribly shocking. The Alameda fire started on the edge of my town during a drought that severely dried the land. It burned viciously for miles down the Bear Creek parkway. Long ago that was all beaver habitat. Without a doubt it would never have burned if beaver had been allowed there. We have absolutely got to get our logic straight. Beavers give far more then they demand of us. I fully support HB3932.