

My name is Eva Eagle and I have lived outside of Sisters for more than two decades. Having lived in three other Western states, I have appreciated the care that Oregon has taken to protect our farm and forest lands.

I am strongly opposed to HB3928, which threatens to destroy these valuable resource lands by allowing development to sprawl outside of our urban growth boundaries. HB3928 will destroy resource lands that cannot be recreated.

We need to stop measures like HB3928 not only to preserve our valuable resource lands, but also to preserve this land for wildlife. The sprawl that would be enabled by this measure will increase the threat of wildfire in the countryside and put a strain on groundwater supplies.

In addition, housing spread out across our open spaces is a foolish way to accomplish our housing objectives. People need to live where they can also work, close to city services and schools. Those lands are inside the urban growth boundary, not part of Oregon's rural countryside.

Maybe the worst feature of HB3928 is Section (2)(5)(b) -- that county decisions based on its provisions will be designated as "not a land use decision," not subject to LUBA review. This provision is like lighting a torch in a dry forest and barring the fire department from the area.

Please, please send HB3928 to its well-deserved grave and preserve our current system that balances urban growth with rural needs.

Vote NO on HB3928.

Thank you,

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