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I am Jewish, I grew up on a ranch outside of Baker City. I believe that we are to be held accountable for our actions and it saddens me when I see people who don't care for the environment. I believe that we are mandated in scripture to care for our natural resources and the wildlife that God has created.

Over the years there have been many droughts, forest fires and wildfires here in Oregon, last summer there was a very devastating wildfire that burned over 294,000 acres the largest ever on record. The heat and smoke has made it impossible for me to cool my home by having the windows being open at night to bring in the cooling night air, I was forced to purchase an air conditioner just to avoid suffering from heat stroke.

We are a rural ranching community and last summer's wildfire absolutely decimated families livelihoods, crops were burned that were meant to feed the cattle over the winter, many herds of cows were lost as well. After the fire was contained, we then needed to help with finding grazing land for the herds of cattle that had survived the fires.

I simply ask that lawmakers listen to our information and hold the people who pollute and cause problems to be held accountable for their actions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.