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My name is Chris Wright. My wife and I own a small business on the Mckenzie river. We sell pet food and fishing tackle. I also guide fishing trips part time. Oregon needs the hatcheries we have to be repaired and functional! We need the 20 million invested back into our hatcheries! Both of my businesses benefit greatly from the hatchery trout, salmon, and steelhead. There wouldnt be enough fish in the river to guide for and keep for clients if we immediately ended the hatcheries. That would be a massive strain to the wild fish. Most folks that live on the river fish and enjoy the hatchery viewing ponds. The hatcheries provide local jobs. The buildings are old, but totally repairable. If we let them further into disrepair and then close. The cost to rebuild would be impossible to overcome. We must act now to save them for future generations!

Thanks and blessings!

Chris Wright