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As a decades long advocate for beavers through volunteer work with the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA), Western Beavers Cooperative and other federal and state agencies, I have seen firsthand the importance of protecting this key species from trapping on impotent waterways and streams.

The existence of beavers in an area is known to enhance water flows, restore the water tables and help to revegetate the landscape where there are dams.

I have watched severe drought stricken streams and waterways flourish with vegetation, fish, birds and insects in mere years. This increased water storage helps with wildfire abatement, loss of property due to flooding and so much more.

I am asking that you work harder to support beaver on our landscape!