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Beavers benefit a host of other species, as well as human communities -- they improve stream health, increase climate resilience and promote wildfire resistance. They never should have been hunted to near extinction, and our natural environments really need them to return to the land, where they can create their resilient oases especially during these years of drought.

I urge you to support HB 3932, a common sense bill that prioritizes improving water quality in Oregon streams by protecting beavers. It would temporarily close beaver trapping where they are needed most: on rivers and streams that are contending with elevated water temperatures and high levels of sedimentation, toxins or other pollutants.

Thank you for your consideration,

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