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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

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HB 3932, although a step in the right direction, doesn't go far enough in stopping the killing of beaver. I am a private land owner and have transformed an irrigation pond into a wildlife pond where resident beaver live. They live in the creek as well and the cattle rancher who leases pasture from me is pleased with the presence of beaver as they work to keep the water cleaner as well as store ground water. The area in the pasture that are next to the beaver dams along a little seasonal stream, are greener and more moist for longer into the summer/ fall season. Many private landowners are beginning to realize the water storage benefits to ground water levels from beaver activity. If the HB 3932 will be going through any revisions, those revisions should remove the off ramps to the regulations against killing beaver.