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At one time the Applegate River and its tributaries were healthy ecosystems thanks largely to a robust beaver population. Beavers were all but wiped out in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and still struggle to remain viable. What we know now is that the beaver is nature's best engineer for maintaining clean and stable waterways. Beavers fill a critical ecological niche and should be protected.