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Beavers are natural engineers that build climate resilience. In my work with the Cascade Forest Conservancy in Skamania County, we carefully evaluated streams and watersheds to determine suitable beaver habitats for successful reintroduction. This hands-on experience has shown me that beaver presence directly improves water retention, reduces wildfire risk, and enhances habitat for fish and wildlife. Oregon should prioritize beaver conservation to support healthy ecosystems.