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I am a member of Oregon Natural Desert Association, and a long time outdoor enthusiast. I spend a great deal of time in the central and eastern side of Oregon, camping, hiking, exploring and utilizing public lands. I am so proud to witness the restoration to the land that ONDA has been able to implement, working along with local tribes, farmers and state agencies.

What has been working best has turned out to be returning the land to the way it was before cattle grazing and erosion changed the landscape so dramatically. And beavers are one of the simplest and most cost effective ways to restore habitat to streams and waterways that are the lifeblood of the high desert. They are literally nature's engineers, building and maintaining the dams which slow and cool the water, keeping it where it can do the most good.

All that this bill is asking is that we prohibit the hunting of these animals within the specific guidelines of HB 3932, leaving them to do the work that they do naturally. It's a win for the environment, and ultimately a win for all the population of the high desert, both animal and human.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue, we hope you vote in support of HB 3932.