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High fertilizer, weed killer, diesel, labor, and maintenance costs, plus increasing property taxes, and now this insanity. We're already on the edge of survival. Kindly let us make a living, let alone survive! We already have an out-of-control government with so many regulations the average citizen cannot know all of the laws that he/she lives under. Our freedoms are rapidly disappearing, and this is one more example of non-farmers not understanding what is happening in rural Oregon. Legislators need to realize how important agriculture is to our economy and collective survival. Making it impossible to continue in our livelihood is NOT going to benefit the general public, to the contrary. Look at your county political maps--Oregon as a whole is NOT in favor of all the irresponsible schemes proposed by metropolitan area people who simply do not understand farming. Leave us alone! The best thing legislators can do for the farming community is to start repealing the many statutes that restrict our operations and cost us to the point of bankruptcy. Thank you.