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As a 5th generation small Oregon Farmer, we need to be able to transfer our water to different fields we own within our district. These fields have the same point of diversion. Each crop has different water needs, but many can not be grown on the same ground year after year, without a rotation with a different crop. This keeps the nutrients from depleting, as one crop can naturally build the profile of the soil for the next one. Most crops also have different water needs. Without the ability to transfer water ground, it will sit fallow. Without producing marketable crops there is no income. Not allowing transfers will cause many small Oregon family farms to go out of business.