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For all who this may concern:

As you can tell by my address, I am obviously not in the affected land in Hillsboro, or even in the county. I work for a farm in Clackamas County that also does custom farming for other farms in the valley. That being said I do a decent amount of traveling spraying, fertilizing, and planting. One thing I have noticed is how much farm land is being developed in recent years. I find it interesting that most people claim to be environmental Stuards by recycling, combining trips, etc. But just as soon as money is involved everything is off the table. Regardless if this land is in farmland or wetland it's still being used by wildlife. In fact, If you look at all the land in a specific area you will notice that only part of it can be farmed due to terrain, wetlands, or trees. This at the end of the day still gives animals places to shelter and forage. Please consider really looking at this from a big picture, how much land is already in the UGB that is undeveloped and or in vacant buildings as it is.