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Please note our strong opposition to both of these efforts to infringe on private property rights and undermine agricultural operations.

We ranch in southcentral Oregon and have primary water rights from 2 sources for 300 acres. Our property is transected by Cottonwood crk.

We have spent many years and large sums of our own money to protect the creek while improving our property for/with livestock. Having the ability to drill a stock water well (within 40 ft of Cottonwood crk) in 1999 helped us remove stock pressure from a 1/4 mile riparian area on our property. Results have been dramatic - bank restoration is nearly complete with willows and grasses returning down to the waterline. This would NOT have been possible with this type of legislation in place.

One-size-fits-all legislation is counterproductive and reveals an agenda not in keeping with our private property rights.

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