

March 13, 2013

To: The Oregon Senate Committee on Environment and National Resources

Re: SB 602, Bans use of motors on Waldo Lake

With family and friends, I have been a visitor to Waldo for over 25 years. I have advocated for the effort to ban motorized craft from the lake beginning with the US Forest Service request for public comments on their proposed management plan in 2007, and continuing with comments at the Oregon State Marine Board meetings in November 2009 and April 2012, and written comments to the Oregon State Aviation Board in January of this year.

Throughout this time, the overwhelming support has been on the side of maintaining a motor-free experience at Waldo. It has also been clear that the patchwork of decisions from federal and state bodies, and conflict over their respective jurisdiction has failed to settle the matter of a motor ban, and I fully support the passage of SB 602.

Waldo Lake is the only lake that is part of the State Scenic Waterway system established in 1983. Its unique clarity and undeveloped shoreline leave an unforgettable impression on any visitor, and compel the protection that SB 602 can afford. We are privileged to have an embarrassment of beautiful lakes and recreation areas within a short drive of Waldo, all of which are fully accessible to users of motorized craft, but only on Waldo could one expect to spend a day without the roar and whine of motors. There are too few quiet places left in our world, and no place quite like Waldo for people who kayak, canoe, windsurf, sail, row, or SUP.

Thank you for your efforts to protect Waldo Lake.

Kind Regards,

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