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## Please support Amendment #2 to SB602

Thank you for your time!

I am here today because something very dear to my father and I has been taken away. Banning 4 stroke motors on Waldo Lake has taken away a family tradition that dates back to the 1970's. Waldo has been an incredibly special place to my family (which includes brother-in-laws, son-in-laws, nephews and childhood friends) and a highlight every year for elk hunting in October. We are drawn there every year not just for the hunt, the fishing at our lying lakes, but for the bonding we get as a family.

In particular we love the northwest corner. Access to that portion of the lake offers a solitude not easily found. We boat our gear across the lake to our favorite camp spot, then hunt and fish from there. It is incredibly disheartening that this beautiful tradition is being taken from us for reasons that seem so selfish.

In the Analysis section of the OSMB Staff Report, from the April 10, 2012 Waldo Lake Public Hearing, point #1 states:

“Staff could expend many pages describing the earlier reviews, appeals, studies and processes, including those on pollution and noise level, some of which support past agency efforts to maintain motorboat use on Waldo Lake. However, it is also clear that for the vast majority of commenters, empirical data regarding measurable impacts are not the reason to support a motor restriction.”

In the Summary section of the same report, point #3 states:

“Generally speaking, some recommendations have the luxury of being based on the objective review of accident, injury or boating violation data. The public comment process clearly shows that the issue of motorboat operation on Waldo Lake is driven by the subjective expectations of a population of resource users...”

In other words, there is 80 years of motorboat history and 50 years of float plane history with empirical data that supports their use. However, the majority only offers up feelings and fear tactics in order to garner your vote. There has been no testimony in prior meetings that has reported any past problems or issues, only testimonies that take the “what if” to the nth degree. They don't want to see a motor or hear a motor. That's it.

Waldo Lake is a tradition for my family like none other. We start talking about the next years camp before the current one is ever torn down. I realize this area is special to others as well, and sharing the wanders of the lake doesn't have to be all bad. Of course I would love access by a gas powered boat any time, but I appreciate that there are others looking for their own kind of experience. That is why I support, and hope you will support, Amendment #2 to SB602. Having Sunday through Thursday access with a 4 stroke motor would give everyone opportunities to access Waldo and would offer the motor free experience the paddlers are looking for.

Thank you so much for your time and your consideration!

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Notes\*

In the past meetings a float plane accident has been referenced in order to incite fear. This accident was indeed horrific and sad as the parents of two young children were killed in front of them when struck by the plane while they were canoeing. On July 31, 1994 a 31 year old man was performing touch and goes on the Willamette at Wheatland Ferry. The river there is about 500 feet wide (a much smaller landing width than Waldo) and he was performing a maneuver that is not allowed at Waldo. Although I appreciate their argument, it does not apply to Waldo Lake.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in the City Region of the Register Guard an article about Waldo Lake appeared. In it was this quote. "It appears that the greatest threat to water quality in Waldo Lake is from the heavy recreational use of the area," DEQ water quality specialist Avis Newell said."

It hasn't been the motorboats or the float planes. It has been the majority, the heavy users of Waldo Lake that has had a negative impact. And for this negative impact, there is empirical data!