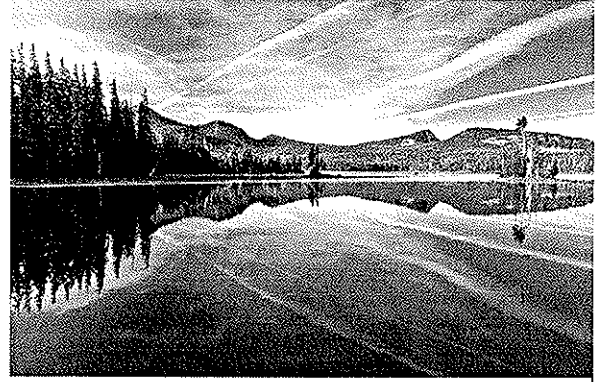




Dear Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

**The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club and Oregon Wild strongly urge you to vote YES on SB 602-A**, which adds Waldo Lake to a list of Oregon Lakes that have been previously designated as "non-motorized" by the Oregon Legislature.

Located near Oakridge, Waldo Lake is a unique Oregon treasure. It is Oregon's second deepest lake and rivals Crater Lake as one of the purest lakes in the world. In fact, Waldo Lake is so clear that boaters on its surface can look down nearly 150 feet and discern the lake's bottom (giving one the impression of floating in space).



Please vote YES on SB 602-A to protect Waldo Lake—Oregon's second deepest lake and one of the three purest lakes in the world.

SB 602-A reaffirms repeated decisions made by the Oregon Marine Board in 2009 and 2012, which prohibit the use of motorized watercraft on Waldo Lake except for boats using electric motors and traveling under 10mph. These decisions were made after a lengthy public comment period that engaged over 4000 Oregon citizens in the decision making process.

Moreover, this legislation has been made necessary because the Oregon Aviation Board issued a temporary rule last year allowing sea planes to land on Waldo Lake. The Aviation Board's decision was made contrary to the Marine Board's determination, even though there are many large lakes near Waldo Lake that allow for safe sea plane landings and sea plane recreational opportunities. Passage of SB 602-A will resolve the conflicting decisions of these two state agencies.

Sea planes and motorized boats present a number of environmental risks to Waldo Lake including an increased potential for the spread of invasive species and pollution of the lake through potential fuel spills. However, Waldo Lake is also highly valued by the public as a place for quiet recreation. SB 602-A will protect the public's expectations and support for the current management approach at Waldo Lake.

According to Forest Service surveys, over 75% of visitors agreed that motorized boating negatively impacts their recreational experience at Waldo Lake. Almost 70% of respondents favored only allowing non-motorized boats or electric motors on Waldo Lake, and 86% favored controlling the level of noise from motorized recreation.

For these reasons, our organizations respectfully ask you to **vote YES on SB 602-A**.

**From the Desk of Representative Jules Bailey**