

I love the open farmlands and wild lands of Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon's farming communities, iconic places, and critical wildlife habitats are at risk of being destroyed by large-scale mining operations. Mining is not a farm use. Large-scale mining will negatively impact farming operations and wildlife habitats in Eastern Oregon, with no assurance of local economic benefit. These large-scale mineral mines should not be permitted on farmland without appropriate limitations.

Bills SB 432 and SB 644 will certainly harm eastern Oregon's agriculture industry – These bills will also...

- Create uncertainty and inconsistency in how land is used and what development would be allowed.
- Harm the natural amenities that support other, growing industries in eastern Oregon.
- Weaken the years of effort the State of Oregon, eastern Oregon counties, and a broad array of stakeholders invested in the state sage-grouse conservation plan that can help prevent further decline of the species and the potential for an endangered species listing.
- Possibly cause population *decreases*: The largest source of population growth in rural America is in agricultural products that are traded-sector, and that is eastern Oregon's major industry.

Sincerely,
Jan Moore