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I am writing to you about the need to finance the Leaburg Trout Hatchery . I am a resident of the McKenzie Vally since 1967 when My wife, 2 Daughters & I purchase a 60 acer parcel of timber land. My environmental credentials include President of the Mckenzie Guardians for many years. A founder & served for 38 years on the Board of Oregon Wild, Member of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Touresum Committee.

I mention this as I feel that there is a sound environmental need for the Leaburg Trout Hatchery as it produces a very high quality fish for recreational uses that assures repeat visitors to the McKenzie Vally and Lane county this is essential to our Touresum based economy & relives the fishing pressure on our most valuable Native Red Side Trout. The east side fish stoking last year was a failure in the the fish are very inferrer to the Leaburg fish & they were dumped in very inappropriate locations at first. They even contaminated the Wild & Scenic area with planter fish.

Lane County & the McKenzie River community depend on Touresum return business & we are losing this as visitors are very disappointed in the fish they catch this do not have to continue Pleases finance the continued operation of the Leaburg Trout Hatchery

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