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On Behalf

Of:

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Water

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I believe this bill is a high priority must do. On a daily basis I see newly killed mule deer and other wildlife (raccoons, porcupines, etc.) up and down this stretch. Two years ago we saw the one and only Black Bear we've seen in Central Oregon freshly struck and killed by a vehicle in the northbound stretch leaving Sisters, about halfway to Suttle Lodge. That was not fun to explain to our children, who were very excited to see a bear. "Why did those people kill the bear?"

The steady stream of traffic (semis, large pickups, campers, and cars), that is often speeding, makes crossing the road unacceptably perilous for wildlife and extremely dangerous for drivers.

Please pass this bill asap.