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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water  
From: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts  
Re: Support HB 3142

Chair Helm and Committee Members,

The Harney Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) is a local special district that services Harney County in its entirety. The District protects and enhances soil quality, water quality and quantity, and habitat through supporting voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and managers as well as federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

HSWCD supports HB 3142, which will enhance conservation work done by the district and our partners in removing remove juniper trees. We strongly support water conservation and juniper removal, and the support of HB 3142 will be one more tool in accomplishing this in Eastern Oregon. In addition, our district has been removing juniper to enhance sage grouse habitat, so the additional resource provided will be effective for water conservation as well as habitat conservation.

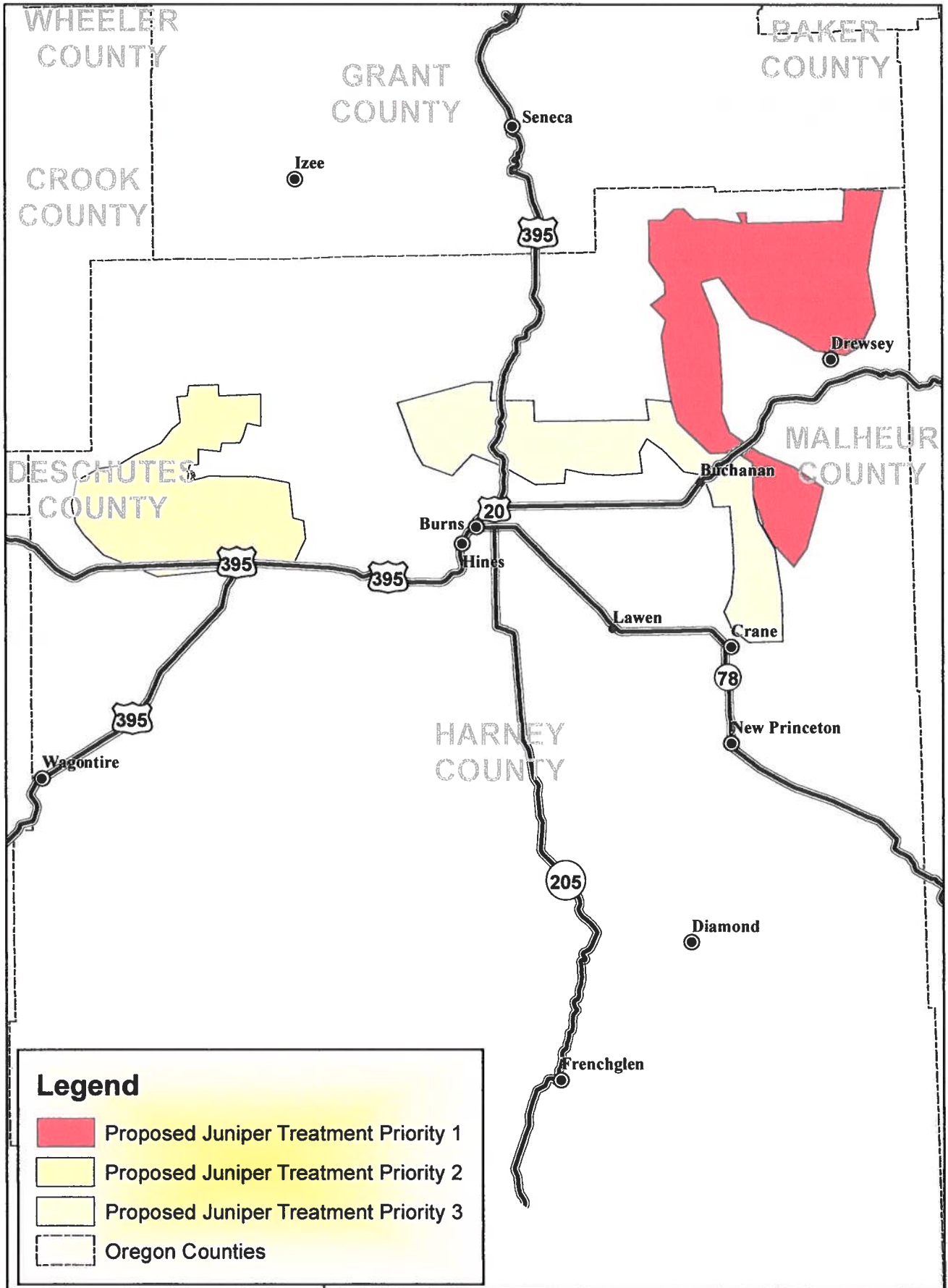
We concur and strongly urge your support of HB 3142. I have attached the HSWCD Board approved priority areas if funded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Kesling", is written over a blue ink scribble.

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# Harney SWCD Priority for HB 3142 Juniper Cutting



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