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Please support the restoration of recreational Immunity to Oregon. The loss of recreational immunity to Oregon will have devastating effects for all trail users whether using a trail for recreation or for commuting to work or running errands. By not supporting recreational immunity, the organizations who advocate for trails and all the organizations which design and build trails will be less willing to advocate for trails if there is the potential for a lawsuit.

Trails are important as we move away from driving cars, to consider closing trails or not adding on to trails would set back the walkability movement that has been so successful across the country.

By not supporting recreational immunity Oregon will be going backward, not forward in the effort to get people to recreate on trails and to use them in communities as a way to move through their community.

Please consider the ramifications if there is no recreational immunity.