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I had the rare opportunity to participate in a Wildlife Release with Think Wild Central Oregon last summer. Think Wild successfully rehabilitated a Red Tail Hawk and was ready to go back into the wild to be the Hawk it should be. It was an epiphany moment and clearly showed how important their work is and the work of other Wildlife Rehab Centers.

Think Wild is a standout in this area. Their commitment and professionalism sets the highest bar. Contact between humans and wildlife grows daily as humans expand into or destroy wildlife habitat. In most cases, when humans and wildlife collide, wildlife suffers. Wildlife rehabilitation gives these wild animals a second chance to live free in their natural habitat. Now, more than ever before, we need to financially support their effort.

Think Wild offers countless benefits, from saving animal lives to supporting local ecosystems and educating the public. Please pass this bill in order for Think Wild to continue their work which has an everlasting impact with our wildlife and ecosystem.