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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

Dear Representatives,

The Siskiyou Crest Coalition is a grassroots organization of Rogue Valley residents who support the protection of the natural resources of the Siskiyou Crest. In addition to advocacy for resources we conduct an array of public education programs and support research about the extraordinary biodiversity in our region.

OregonFlora is an essential tool for all people who seek to understand the extraordinary natural landscape of Oregon. That understanding will enable better management of our state's resources, in particular the protection of the most precious and rare botanical resources. The accessibility and integrity of OregonFlora has made this tool invaluable for the public, nonprofits and public agencies.

HB 3173 provides both statutory standing and essential funding to ensure the ongoing stability and reliability of this important program. The Siskiyou Crest Coalition heartily supports HB 3173 and urges the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water to approve this important legislation.

Sincerely, Liza Crosse
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