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I am writing in support of stable funding for OregonFlora. This is a remarkable resource for gardeners, homeowners, academics and anyone interested in Oregon's native flora. I recently converted my home's landscaping to native plants and have been amazed at the increased insect activity. This conversion was greatly informed by using OregonFlora. As a Master Gardener I use it when working with clients who come to our Plant Clinic looking for help with plant identification. There is increasing interest in native landscaping and interest in our native landscapes and I anticipate increased utilization of OregonFlora. This resource has been many years in the making and is now an incredibly useful and accessible resource. This will only continue with continued stable funding. It would be a tremendous loss to let it go now. Finally, with climate change our natural landscapes will continue to change and we will need an up-to-date current resource to map them.