



## RENEW The Water Recovery & Wildfire Reduction Package: [HB3078/](#) [HB3135](#)

Over the past decade, the negative impacts from the dramatic overgrowth of Western Junipers has become clear. Areas of Central, Southern and Eastern Oregon have seen 1000%+ increases in noxious, highly flammable Juniper stands. This overgrowth can consume 100+ % of the precipitation on an acre of wildland, draining streams and critical springs, crowding out native grasses, negatively impacting sage grouse and mule deer, & adding to the huge wildfire challenges. Study after study has confirmed these impacts.



Soil & Water Conservation Districts have worked with an innovative state grant to address this crisis. Combining this state funding with private grants, & federal and landowner resources, thousands of acres of

excessive Junipers are being removed, ***restoring stream flows, Increasing soil moisture, improving wildlife habitat and reducing the risk of dangerous wildfire.***

**This year, this good work needs to be renewed. HB3078/HB3115:**

**Renew the SWDC pilots to remove excessive, harmful Juniper stands & restore water / reduce wildfire risks.**

The essential package **incentivizes continued, collaborative work on water conservation, stream and soil restoration and balance** between environmental & other users of our precious water resources.



### Questions:

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*Restore stream Flows*

*Reduce wildfire risks*

*Enhance soil moisture and groundwater*

*Protect clean air*

*Improve sage grouse and mule deer habitat*

*Restore native grasses*



**Participants in the Juniper Mitigation / Water Restoration Projects:**

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