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With an environmental studies degree and involvement with ONDA for beaver analog dams, I'm very much aware of how beavers can affect the landscape in an extremely positive way, impounding water and supporting riparian plants, helping fish and other wildlife. It has even been shown to help divert wildfires because of the heightened water table, and keeping plants from becoming tinder for spreading the fire. Beavers need the protection and ability to do their good work, it will help all of us in the long run.