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Our state--among western states--was gifted with an unusually copious supply of clean water, a basic requirement of life. Oregon's citizens rely on it, Oregon's agriculture, salmon, hospitality, as well as many other key industries rely on it. Finally, our state's wildlife and vegetation, upon which we ultimately rely, also rely on an abundant flow of this natural resource.

It is likely that the state's entire budget is not equal to the cost of repairing the damage that man has done to our waterways.

The humble beaver, however, offers to do it for free.

I do not think the Federal government, which is to say the American people, need to offer hunters a recreation that would deprive us all of such an essential resource.