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Please support this bill to prevent trapping and killing of beavers on public lands except in specialized circumstances. The water quality of over 1/3 of Oregon's rivers and streams are impaired and beavers are a low-cost approach to doing water quality restoration naturally and for free. Beaver dams both act as natural water filters and slow flows in ways that enhance water filtration by plants and soils. Plus, we should be protecting wildlife on public lands and beavers, in particular, as keystone species are beneficial in multitudes of other ways such as increasing biodiversity, enhancing natural water storage systems (critical as droughts increase), and fostering ecological restoration, stability, and resilience. Please support HB 3932.