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Our water systems are critical to human and plant life. Unfortunately, waterways on public lands are in trouble. Beavers are ecosystem engineers, and one of our best natural climate solutions. Please support HB 3932 to help ensure beavers can play that role in areas of Oregon where water quality is at risk.

The Beavers and Water Quality Bill would close beaver hunting and trapping in waterways on public lands that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) classifies as 'impaired.' Beaver activities, including canal-digging, dam-building, and pond-filling can help slow water flow, restore impacted water tables and underground aquifers, create natural wetlands that filter toxins, expand riparian habitats for wildlife including sensitive bird species, and incorporate woody debris in streams for imperiled salmon. Beavers play an important role in improving water quality and restoring habitat.?

Please support HB 3932. Thank you!