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Chair Sen. Lieber, Co-Chair Rep. Sanchez and members of the Committee:
I attended the Ways and Means Road Show at Warm Springs and hoped to give this testimony there, but am submitting it here instead. I am writing to support funding for the Natural and Working Lands Fund. This is a well conceived way to give real support to local people who will work on conservation projects that also mitigate climate change. I'm impressed that it can apply to public schools, community colleges and state higher education as well as tribes, non-profits and other community entities. Grantees can work on watershed health, improving air quality, urban reforestation and other projects with technical help from ODFW. Please consider funding this valuable Fund.