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Wildfire

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I urge you to impose a moratorium on factory farming in Oregon. Factory farms produce an enormous amount of solid waste that leaches into the groundwater, causing dangerous nitrates to pollute our water and soil. For example, the 11 mega-dairy farms in Oregon produced more than 4 billion pounds of waste in just one year, 2023, according to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The effects of the nitrates that leach into the groundwater from the waste not only effects fish, habitat and the environment but it also results in significant health consequences for humans. It affects human reproduction and infant death. Oregonians deserve better. This is an issue that the legislature can and should resolve. I urge you to support SB 80 to keep the public safe and to protect our environment.