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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I am an almost retired 65 year old teacher who lives in Eugene but finds the Eastern Sagebrush Sea to be my spiritual place. I am asking the legislature to support this tax to preserve our sagebrush landscapes in Eastern Oregon. These place are replete with subtle and powerful beauty. I have tent camped in Eastern Oregon dozens of times and each time I go, I am struck by the beauty of the land and sky and the bounty of wildlife. Eastern Oregon requires a patient eye and an immersion in the place. Hiking around allows me to find so many interesting and exciting plants, animals and formations. The Sagebrush Sea is our treasure. Raising funds to help preserve this great beauty will insure that this place remains a thing of beauty and wild-ness. Having a healthy and thriving ecosystem can only bring people to our state as other states embrace developing their wilderness. Please, please let's cherish our wild areas, and in particular, our Sagebrush Steppes with its Crown Jewels of the Owyhee, of Malheur, of Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, of the Alvord and other places. Thank you for considering this request. Tim Meinzen