

In support of House Bill 4134,

Having recently traveled to Yellowstone National Park, I was once again struck by the awe and reverence that wildlife sightings inspire. One of the enduring disappointments of moving from Wyoming to Oregon years ago has been the relative paucity of wildlife encounters we've experienced. While what are called "Oregon values" usually includes a love of the outdoors, it seems, especially more recently, that the forces of development are overrunning habitat and increasing pressure on the wild creatures of our state.

I won't pretend to speak for Oregonians in general, but give me a spotting of a mountain goat ascending a ridge, the sound of a bull elk bugling, or the sight of a great horned owl swooping down on its prey, over a better choice of golf resorts, or more jobs that attract out of state migrants to new industrial development. A healthy balance between our natural environment and a vital but not over-frenzied economy is more what I thought represented Oregon values, at least when we moved here.

I encourage your support of House Bill 4134

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