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To whom it may concern,

One of Oregon's greatest resources is our natural areas, and protecting them for future generations should be goal for us all. It's extremely difficult to restore ecosystems once they are degraded, through the establishment of invasive species, development, uncharacteristically severe wildfire, or other item. As expensive as preservation actions are, they are much less resource intensive than restoration actions, proving true the age-old saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The disruptions that are occurring across the landscape due to climate change, development, resource extraction, and the establishment of invasive species, necessitate investment to protect what we have so that Oregon can retain the values that make it such a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your time,

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