

I am writing to share my support for House Bill 4134.

After decades of under investment, this historic legislation would provide badly needed resources to implement the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). Building on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services requirements, the SWAP includes strategies and actions to preserve and restore natural resources across the state, including more than 300 species of greatest concern that face extinction due to threats like habitat loss, pollution, and invasive species.

In addition to critical SWAP implementation, House Bill 4134 dedicates resources to anti-poaching efforts, wildlife connectivity, wildlife rehabilitation centers, and invasive species prevention. The bill also includes stable funding for Oregon's wolf management compensation and proactive trust fund, which aims to improve coexistence and outcomes for both farmers/ranchers and wolves. Furthermore, the bill will support wildfire risk reduction and natural resource workforce development, increasing resilience for both wildlife and communities across the state.

Please vote YES on HB 4134!