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Oregon is the only western state that doesn't consider release of liability waivers admissible as a legal defense. This is leading to increased insurance premiums for outfitters, insurance companies dropping outfitters & ski resorts altogether, and even small businesses having to close their doors for good. These costs are being passed onto us, consumers, recreators, and families; all looking to enjoy and appreciate our natural spaces.

These trends of rising costs and increased liability are quickly leading to a future where the average American will be priced out of recreational opportunities, relaxing getaways, and memorable family vacations.

Myself, as an avid outdoor recreation enthusiast hope to provide my one year old child with as many opportunities divulging in outdoor recreation as possible. It is so important to me to pass outdoor education and experiences down to the younger generations especially given the way the world is going. It is outrageous to me that Oregon, with all the state has to offer in outdoor recreation, is so far behind on this one. I beg, please keep it affordable for everyday average families like mine.