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HB4134

Hello, I'm a resident of Hood River, Oregon. I moved to Oregon in 1974 to study at Oregon State University, and have found Oregon to be my true home. One of life's truths is to pay taxes, and I have chosen Oregon for all the leading, progressive and caring reasons that guide the legislature. And for the love of this land and wildlife. I'm in my 70's, and am still ready to lay out my sleeping roll under the stars, listening to the coyotes howl, great horns hoot, and the breezes blow through the pines. Living in Hood River offers the gateway of the High Desert where we escape throughout the year. I have offered time to service throughout my adult life, but especially to system change, that brings us into truer alignment with creation, following my sacred holy path. I began my career working in extractive and tourist industries, and now see the ways economies should reimburse for the gifts of nature they were granted, paying back toward sustainable funding. That's one thing about aging in a place, seeing the losses over a lifetime, and seeking healing, renewed populations, and a rich life for Oregonians. I think often of "The Oregon Way" stated often by politicians, and by residents alike. HB 4134 would support those words, keep us in the lead in setting examples, proactively protecting land from fire, wildlife from risk, and ecosystems health.

I appreciate your consideration in reading this, and plead for my children, grandchildren, and those precious souls to follow, the young of raptors, salmon, marten and elk. The long life of Mother Trees, and the young they support. The mountain glaciers and running rivers. We are all connected, and the health of one is health for all.