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-I am a retired conservationist and have for years worked on issues related to biodiversity, environmental education, endangered species. I have been a resident of Oregon since 1974 . I moved here because of Oregon's natural habitat and its commitment to its natural land legacy. The 1.25% increase in lodging tax will go to fund and recover the most vulnerable of animals and habitats.

- Oregon needs strong leadership, it needs responsible actions to protect our habitat both for individual health and for the health of the state's economy

- A healthy ecosystem also means a healthy economy for tourism. We need increased income from tourism to keep government finances and local economies afloat.

- SB4134 give stable, long term funding for conservation. Currently State Fish and Wildlife is funded mainly from licence and needs long term funding for non game species and also the state needs long term funding for general habitat conservation including healthy ecosystems, wildlife conservation.

- I currently do hand on volunteering with many non-profits that complete habitat restoration and wildlife conservation and see the daily benefit that a healthy ecosystem can provide Including riparian restoration which is important to decrease wildfire risks.

- Be a leader and a model for other states. The more we improve our habitat, the more we increase human health and biodiversity health.

- LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER - BE RESPONSIBLE