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My family came to Oregon in the early 20th century. I'm third generation and have 4th and 5th generation offspring living in Oregon. We love the outdoors and value the flora and fauna throughout the state. A healthy eco-system is needed for our trees and animal friends. It's good for tourism and good for our economy. Our five generations have enjoyed time on the North Fork of the Santiam River. Surrounding property was devastated by the 2020 Beachie Creek Fire; while horrific it's encouraging to replant and watch the land recover. We had federal grants approved that were canceled by the current administration because they included the word "diversity" when referring to trees. With declining/non-prioritizing at the federal level it's critical that Oregon show the way for sustainable eco-systems that will benefit all Oregonians and visitors.

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