



**PLEASE VOTE YES! ON SB 1590 FOR US, OUR CHILDREN  
AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN**

On behalf of the Oregon Land and Water Alliance, I am sharing my personal take on the importance of SB1590, protecting federal lands in Oregon.

I was born and raised in south/central New York State. There were no public lands for public recreation and private property everywhere was the norm. After college my husband and I moved onto the Navajo Reservation in Arizona to teach at a small reservation boarding school alongside Navajo staff from the community (Dine). There I learned from my Navajo neighbors and co-workers about the “Beauty Way” of staying in tune with both our community and the natural world that surrounded us.

Eventually we moved to Oregon for its varied and largely pristine natural environment, as well as the State’s commitment to preserve it for future generations. That was more than 50 years ago. Both then and now much of our natural environment was owned by our national government in one form or another. This has worked well for all of us for many years with all of our tourist industries largely dependent upon these public lands.

If Oregon’s public lands are to be sold off to the highest bidder by our federal government, most of what makes Oregon such a beautiful and unique place will disappear. This would be a financial and ecological disaster for our state that could never be remedied.

Please fight to retain that which makes Oregon such a special place for all so that both the wealthy and the poor can continue to enjoy the “Beauty Way” within the natural environment that surrounds us all.

I implore you to vote to prevent the sale of our public lands by the federal government for the continued benefit of all of your constituents and particularly for Oregon’s children and grandchildren.

Thank you.

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