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Oregon's high desert is home to some of the state's most iconic wildlife such as, greater sage-grouse, pygmy rabbits, Lahontan cutthroat trout and countless other species that depend on intact sagebrush steppe, clean water, and connected habitats. As federal funding for these imperiled species declines, dedicated long-term state funding is more important than ever.

Once these habitats are destroyed there is no going back. Allow Oregon to show the way in protecting these ecosystems. It's a small price for people to pay to prevent extinction and allow these other species to share this planet. What a sad and diminished place Oregon would be if they were to disappear. Thank you for protecting our fellow species. There's room for all of us if we make that a priority.