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Currently, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) does not receive any dedicated funds from the state for the recovery and conservation of endangered species and habitats. I think increasing Oregon's statewide transient lodging tax, which is currently one of the lowest in the country, by 1.25%, makes a lot of sense. Oregon's TLT will remain one of the lowest in the country, and the money will provide a sustainable source of funds to ODFW to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity, as well as fund the Oregon Conservation Corps to invest in wildfire risk reduction - all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.