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Good morning,  
Attached is a Letter of Support from the BLM for the recommendations provided by the Beaver Management Workgroup.  
Thank you!  
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Dear Mary Wahl:

I am writing in support of the Recommendations for Beaver Management on Federal Lands, which were developed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Beaver Management Work Group (BMWG). The mission of the BMWG is to develop recommendations to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission to consider regarding ODFW policies, practices, and programs relating to beaver management on federally managed public lands in Oregon. Over the past year, the BMWG met virtually for 12 meetings, which were live streamed for public viewing, to discuss the importance of beaver and beaver habitat throughout Oregon. Darren Bolen, Wildlife Biologist from the Northwest Oregon District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) participated in each of the BMWG meetings along with other members of the work group consisting of scientists, land managers, environmental conservationists, trappers, hunters, and other federal land managers. The BMWG goals and objectives outlined in the Recommendations align with BLM's commitment to landscape restoration and conservation efforts.

The BLM is committed to collaborating with ODFW and other stakeholders to conserve and restore riparian, fisheries, wildlife, and water resources to provide resource values and ecosystem services necessary to achieve the BLM's multiple use and sustained yield mission and meet the needs of Oregon communities. Beaver and beaver modified floodplains can provide many benefits for water quality and storage, climate refugia, habitat for sensitive species conservation and recovery, and improved riparian habitat. Our goal continues to be balanced, sustainable management of riparian, wetland, and floodplain habitat to benefit beaver as well as other riparian obligate species across Oregon. The BLM continues to invest in an array of treatments such as installing beaver dam support structures to encourage dam building, removing invasive vegetation, planting native vegetation, along with other measures to protect and restore critical areas and make remaining habitat more resilient to various stressors and threats.

Conserving, restoring, and protecting Oregon riparian and water ecosystems and the species and local communities that depend on this ecosystem requires efforts across private and public lands to be successful, therefore, the BLM supports the recommendations of the BMWG.

Sincerely,

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