

LETTERS

Thoughts from our readers...

"Evaluating Takings and Measure 7"

DEAR MESSRS. WHITELAW, POZDENA, MOORE, TAPOGNA, AND EBENHOH,

Thank you very much for your analysis of Measure 7, published in *Oregon's Future* (Spring '01). I agree completely with your analysis and suggestions, with one exception. From my experience trying to save wildlife habitat in the Willamette Valley, I believe Oregon can make substantial gains in conserving habitat by improving the efficiency of the existing rules for Goal 5. Accordingly, I would hope that Oregon might identify and implement such improvements before exempting them from a prospective compensation system. I find the present rules to be so inefficient as to be counterproductive, at least for saving types of wildlife habitat whose survival depends on active management. I believe we can do better than this. I have been working to bring this issue to the attention of policy makers, and to suggest specific improvements, or processes for finding such improvements. Most recently, I've been doing so under the auspices of Conservation Incentives Bill HB3564, which the Oregon Legislature passed unopposed last year.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Adam Novick
Eugene, OR

DEAR OREGON'S FUTURE,

What I have always appreciated about *Oregon's Future Magazine* is that it connects citizen activists who are passionate about the issues with experts who are particularly knowledgeable about the issues, obviously there is some overlap between these people. This mix of heart and mind is powerful. I think it is important to keep that balance between citizen passion and expert analysis. Both are important to *Oregon's Future*.

Jim Labbe
Portland, Oregon

DEAR OREGON'S FUTURE,

Thank you for sending me a copy of *Oregon's Future* which dealt with "Electric Energy: Northwest Issues" (Spring '02). This is a very interesting topic to me. I especially enjoyed the first two articles, "Introduction" and "Energy Innovator" by Jeff Hammarlund. Jeff is a most knowledgeable person on the subject and an excellent writer. And the articles brought me up to date on what's happening in the Northwest energy field since I was last involved way back in 1973 as Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers Reservoir Control Center.

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