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I want to provide comment at (select one):	OWEB Rulemaking Advisory Committee (Small Grant Program Division 35)
Agenda Topic / Item Letter	Beaver Co-existence Funding Needed
Type Comment Here (comments may also be uploaded below):	Marys River Watershed Council would like to see the OWEB Small Grant Program recognize the importance of beaver co-existence work in our communities by including co-existence measures as an accepted funding opportunity. These measures include things such as flow devices to manage pond levels, fencing to prevent beavers from building on culverts and wrapping of trees to prevent beaver herbivory. There is currently no funding source available for watershed councils to assess or respond to issues created by beaver-human conflicts in our area. This gap in available resources for affected landowners can lead to beaver being trapped off the landscape. We feel it is imperative to get ahead of this issue by having the resources available to proactively assist landowners with beaver co-existence resources rather than having to respond to degraded ecosystems caused by the removal of beaver. Additionally, we would like to see the Beaver Restoration Guidebook (USFWS, et al.) added to your list of accepted

	<p>technical resources. This guidebook, which is currently undergoing updates led by Dr. Brian Bangs (USFWS), is widely accepted as best practice by both scientists and practitioners in the field. Finally, we see that changes to the funding cap for the Small Grant Program are under discussion. While we think it would be very beneficial to raise the funding cap, we also feel it is important to keep a cap in place so that one project cannot absorb the entirety of the available funds. We are also concerned about the additional time required for Small Grant teams to review and process applications if they are made available to a wider applicant pool, and encourage OWEB to support staff time for this purpose with additional funding, while maintaining the available project funding for each region. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
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I want to provide comment at (select one):	OWEB Rulemaking Advisory Committee (Small Grant Program Division 35)
Agenda Topic / Item Letter	Small Grants budget limits
Type Comment Here (comments may also be uploaded below):	<p>I have applied for, received, and completed over 40 Small Grants over the duration of my career with local watershed councils and would like to support increasing the limits of these grants as well as increasing the budget for each Small Grants Team. Increased costs for materials and labor have made these grants. I have repeatedly used these types of grants to fill instream habitat restoration projects on individual properties within the Williams Creek Watershed. This has been adequate until recent years that permit fees and time consuming application processes have increased, especially FEMA flood plans have identified locations where engineering for no-rise evaluations within the stream system. Engineering could add up to \$5K report and survey mapping and could be more. So many of these type of habitat projects are not feasible for funding because of the unknown costs.</p>

	<p>Basic material costs have doubled within the last two or three years. Consequently I am reluctant to continue to apply for these quick or local reviewed grant proposals. The limit for the Team biennium budget should be increased to \$200K and encourage Small Grants to be awarded to spread these improvements more widely. These and some other aspects of Small Grants are important to review so contact me if you want to here about any other aspects.</p>
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I want to provide comment at (select one):	OWEB Rulemaking Advisory Committee (Small Grant Program Division 35)
Agenda Topic / Item Letter	Water protection, enhancement, regeneration, resilience
Type Comment Here (comments may also be uploaded below):	<p>John Wesley Powell suggested all political boundaries should be based on watersheds. I believe we need policies and rules that encourage aquifer recharge and large natural filtration basins/floodplains in any available area, beginning at and prioritizing the higher elevations of our watersheds, leaving the maximum opportunities for more retention at each successively lower level. Gravity and erosion will tend toward rapid and concentrated drainage of watersheds. Thankfully beaver and buffalo helped brake this process until they were considered more valuable skinned. Hooved grazing animals, constantly moving, herd trained by predators or otherwise, leave in their wake a lightly tilled and manured stubble, not excessively harvested, ideal for enhancing grass production and cover. Man-made means for spreading, retention and recharge are merely modern extension of the beaver’s eco-knowledge. Artificial waterway channelization, for various purposes of convenience, has been way overdone. Compared to the 19th century, we have very little healthy functioning floodplain where waterways are constantly changing course, spreading and slowing the water, recharging our aquifers. I believe we need policies and rules that tend against rapid channelization and encourage the slowing and spreading of early spring thaw, as high in watersheds as possible. We can no longer depend on or expect a slow melt off of winter snow pack.</p> <p>https://www.bluemtnranch.com/water-concerns Is it too late to regenerate the earth? Call of the Reed Warbler shows the way forward</p>

	<p>for the future of our food supply, our Australian landscape and our planet. This ground-breaking book will change the way we think of, farm and grow food. Author and radical farmer Charles Massy explores transformative and regenerative agriculture and the vital connection between our soil and our health. It is a story of how a grassroots revolution – a true underground insurgency – can save the planet, help turn climate change around, and build healthy people and healthy communities, pivoting significantly on our relationship with growing and consuming food. Using his personal experience as a touchstone – from an unknowing, chemical-using farmer with dead soils to a radical ecologist farmer carefully regenerating a 2000-hectare property to a state of natural health – Massy tells the real story behind industrial agriculture and the global profit-obsessed corporations driving it. He shows – through evocative stories – how innovative farmers are finding a new way and interweaves his own local landscape, its seasons and biological richness. At stake is not only a revolution in human health and our communities but the very survival of the planet. For farmer, backyard gardener, food buyer, health worker, policy maker and public leader alike, Call of the Reed Warbler offers a tangible path forward for the future of our food supply, our Australian landscape and our earth. It comprises a powerful and moving paeon of hope. Gary Young Box 13 Paulina, Oregon 97751 541-279-7572</p>
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