

Letter of Commitment
Oregon Wildlife Foundation Grant Application

August 29, 2022

To The Selection Committee:

I would like to assure the Foundation that I am extremely committed to removing Ventenata from our property. It has been one of the most invasive species that we have ever encountered. It has essentially consumed the Ukiah valley.

It is imperative that we act in unison to treat this invasive plant as soon as possible. The valley is surrounded by federal lands that are also heavily infested. However, the Forest Service is currently unable to treat with the relatively new chemical Rejuvra. This product has shown initial promise in treating all annual invasive grasses. The unique part is that it actually removes the non-native plants while not hurting the native bunch grasses. This has initially indicated an explosion of native plants.

It is very important to get some additional trial projects initiated as soon as possible to allow federal land managers to begin the process to gain approval for use on the lands they administer. NRCS is extremely interested in getting as many different pilot projects initiated on a variety of land types locally to demonstrate efficacy.

I am committed to seeing this through. I want to try to restore this property to the parcels I remember as a child when my grandfather owned and ran the property. I truly hope that you are willing to partner with us (myself, NRCS and other local land managers/owners) to help eliminate this very real threat. This is a unique opportunity in the weed treatment world – we never have the ability to use a chemical that actually targets a variety of unwanted weeds, while not hindering the native bunch grass communities.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Christian