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Dear Ms. LeTarte,

I am a seaplane owner and oppose the provision of OAR 250-020-0221 and OAR 250-030-0030 that bans floatplanes from Waldo Lake. This action discriminates against seaplanes, a minority class of boats. I urge that the words "and floatplanes" be deleted, or that floatplanes be permitted subject to reasonable restrictions as to where they land on Waldo Lake.

The rule unfairly lumps seaplanes in with motorboats. It does not consider that:

- Seaplanes do not pollute water since their engines are not in the water, unlike boats with internal combustion motors in the water
- Seaplanes generate noise for only a few seconds and then are gone
- There have been no complaints about seaplanes at Waldo Lake for over three years.

The rule further discriminates against seaplanes by permitting electrically operated boats, while prohibiting electrically operated seaplanes, the first of which was demonstrated at AirVenture 2011 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in July 2011.

Prohibiting seaplanes ignores the positive economic stimulus that seaplanes could bring to the Oregon and it interferes with interstate commerce. I've flown my seaplane as far as 1500 miles from California and am planning to fly to Alaska next summer. I'm more likely to overfly Oregon and spend my money elsewhere if the Oregon State Marine Board promulgates arbitrary and discriminatory rules against seaplanes.

The essence of our democracy requires majority rule with minority rights. Thomas Jefferson referred to this when he said, "...though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect and to violate would be oppression." Please protect the minority rights of seaplane owners and don't unfairly discriminate against me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max Trescott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Max Trescott
2008 National Flight Instructor of the Year