



That's right - it's a Leap Year

We're pretty okay with it. Statistically speaking, not much bad happens on February 29th... and it's a whole 'nother day to get things done, or play in whatever snow is left!

Additionally - Happy Valentine's Day! We hope you're loving this springtime weather! Or, wait... no, that's not right. This winter's warm temperatures are a chilling reminder of a shift in climate norms, showing reduced snowpack in winter and subsequently dryer summers. If only there was a hardy ecosystem engineer, capable of putting in the hard work to store water later in the season, while only requesting tolerance of its existence in return... any candidates come to mind?

Good news! *Castor canadensis* (the North American Beaver) has us covered - but not without **your** help. Beaver can only do what they do best if we learn to live with them, including where our ever-expanding homerange overlaps with theirs. When an unwelcome furry friend starts chewing on your trees, you may be tempted to call the local trapper. However, some hog wire or sand paint is likely a more cost-effective and longer term solution.

Looking for tips and tricks to make your home Beaver-Wise? Shoot us an email or give us a call at methow.beaver@gmail.com, or (509) 289-2770.

Lastly, thanks to all who came out to ***Chew on This...***! We and our co-hosts from Okanogan Highlands Alliance had a great time entertaining y'all, and look forward to sharing restoration techniques and fun songs with you in the future! To revisit the subject matter of OHA's presentation, or to learn more, visit okanoganhighlands.org.

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