

supported Wildlife Services hunts down the predator and kills it, often killing untargeted animals in the process. Wildlife doesn't have a chance.

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Judy Jarrett
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PRIVATIZING WATER

Despite corrective action, the damage to a company's reputation — if it's seen to be taking resources away from local communities — can have lasting effects on

its social and political license to operate. — Alejandro Litovsky

U.S. corporations' increasingly public interest in water rights and related matters dates back to the early 1990s. Recent privatization schemes and narratives — such as French Suez's and Biwater/Bechtel's 1997 and 1999 Bolivian concessions and Peter Brabeck's assertion "declaring water a public right. That means that as a human being you should have a right to water. That's an extreme solution," have alerted progressives to these strategies' unsustainable basis.

In March, WaterWatch reported on the Oregon Water Resources Department's

final order on the Willamette Water Company's McKenzie River application (see wkly.ws/1q0).

As a policy matter, a comprehensive approach to our forests and economic development will more quickly allow us to find the economic and political alternatives to continue Lane County's tentative yet ongoing departure from the 2008-2012 recession.

Finally, whether using Carnap's classificatory comparative and quantitative or Hempel's confirmation analysis method, the projects highlighted in Anthony Rimel's Jan. 20 story "Mushrooms Used to Clean Up Urban Streams" article in the *Corvallis*

Gazette-Times warrant consideration.

Jose Orta
Blue River

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