



One Planet Club
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Dear Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative partners,

We are a small but passionate club of 4th-5th grade students at Mission View Elementary in Wenatchee, WA. Since this fall, we have been meeting weekly after school to discuss and investigate different topics related to the Wenatchee River Watershed. Our focus has been on looking at the ways that forests, fish, farms, family, and fun are all important, but most importantly how it is all connected in our watershed. We only have one planet and our mission is to be great stewards and make a positive impact starting at home and throughout our watershed.

We explored your story map and videos and learned:

- Firefighters are keeping an eye on fires to make sure they don't get too big
- This project wants to improve the watershed so we have a better place to live
- This will help a lot of watersheds
- We learned that they analyzed the watersheds using science
- We learned a restoration project is when you fix something that might be broken. Technically, it's like taking an old car that's broken and the wheels don't work and the steering wheel doesn't work... you get new parts and fix it. So if trees are having a hard time sometimes we can fix them by using the parts that are good for other uses, like planting a new tree in the forest or taking an old one so a new ones can grow.
- There have been lots of fires, you are trying to help in the valleys to cut the dead trees and let new things happen.
- You are trying to help the forest and the animals
- Fires are causing trouble on the landscape. People can clear the landscape and they are using fire to help. Less trees can help people too so they don't trip when they hike.
- The more the wood the more the fire, the less the wood the less the fire

We really liked:

- Making the world a better place and having people spend less money fixing their homes.
- The firefighters are putting their lives in danger to save everything

- Hopefully this will keep toxic stuff out of the water and less big fires will be better for our air
- You are removing fish barriers
- You are taking down the little trees because when all the little trees are growing too close together it's bad. They will take water away from other trees.

The things that are important to us related to this project are:

- Lots of litter left behind when we go hiking, we stop to pick up trash. Please put signs up to stop littering and keep the forests clean. If people keep littering give them a fine and make them pay.
- When we were outside, people were grabbing dirt and rocks and building dams that block the path salmon need to take.
- Dogs pee and poop while hiking and people don't always have bags, because some people don't pick up doo doo. Dogs can add dirt and poop into the rivers and that's bad because it makes the water dirty and it makes people not want to be in the water. Please give poop bag stations. People also don't bring water for dogs so they drink in the lakes and rivers and that can be bad.
- We don't want animals to go extinct so we want clean air, healthy trees, and clean water with no fish barriers.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR
ENVIRONMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

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