



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 John Newbery 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:

- This project involves forests, watersheds, rivers
- Restoration is when things can be fixed, you can be fixing pollution and forests
- Some problems may be how people are using the forest, not enough water for trees, big wildfires
- You are watching over how tall trees are growing
- The smoke can be toxic to people
- Fires can be good to clear out some bad grass, or make it better habitat for animals
- Little trees take away water from the big trees; birds can actually stand on the big trees

We really liked:

- I like that they're trying to help both the community and forests and the environment
- We like that you respect the opinions we have, a lot of times people do stuff in the environment and don't ask if anyone cares about what they do

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

- If you get rid of the little trees the habitat will be better and more animals will have a place to be and won't go extinct
- We want bigger trees so animals can hide better from hunters
- We want to be able to get into the forests, it's important to get our favorite places

- We don't like when people leave litter and snacks on the trail, maybe put out some garbage cans - animals can eat that stuff sometimes and that could harm them
- We really want to keep our places to camp in tents
- Climate change can cause a lot of bad things like big fires, so your help is important

Sincerely,

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