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Comments: I grew up camping along the McKenzie River. I moved away from our beautiful forested areas for too many years and then 6 years ago I started taking my children hiking and then camping. We created stories around our old growth trees calling them storytellers. That we were recorded on their rings when we visited. We'd talk about the felled story tellers that were taller than us and wonder at all they had witnessed on those sacred rings. We are deeply connected to our forest through love and appreciation. We talk about living with our wildlife and are so grateful to live in Oregon. We feel in community with others who love our green spaces, parks, public lands, national park. I hope for all future generations to have as much access and more to these sacred spaces. I hope for more. I am devastated at the thought of less and beyond worried about the impact on wildlife and water ways.

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG\_7737.jpeg; Photograph of calm waterbody with trees along the shores

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG\_5843.jpeg; Photograph of shore pines and sand dunes

ATTACHMENT-FIGURE/PICTURE: IMG\_5881.jpeg; Photograph of conifer forest crowns from beneath