



We asked the community: **what is your vision for the future of Skyline Forest?** Here is what they said:

I want people to help save skyline forest and protect the habitat, water source, and nature. From: Ariana, age 7. - Ariana Falb Yue

Trails for hikers and bikers. Signage on shorter trails to educate kids. Maybe a dispersed picnic area near the shorter educational trails. Other than that, leave it alone! - Karen Trachsel

A community forest that welcomes cycling of all varieties, mushroom foraging, and trail running. A place to go birding and see wildlife move without fear of vehicles. A connection between communities, an uncommon gem. - Serena Gordon

Issue a bond measure that will allow the City of Bend/Parks and Rec to purchase the land and keep it in a protected conservation easement that will allow public access for hiking and mtn biking. - Nicholle Kovach

I want to preserve the nature that the forest has for as long as possible and minimize the amount of development that happens. - Matthew Wells

Keep it open for recreation and wildlife. We don't need more development in that area. - Eric Lagerstrom

I want to see the forest maintained as is for all the reasons that have been posed, with preserving beauty, mitigating fire, and recreation being at the top of my list. - Jonathan Enns

Keep it pristine! Protect the outdoor space as it is, free from development. - Stephanie Howe

Honestly, I hope to see nothing! Skyline Forest is already just a wonderful network of forest roads for gravel biking and nature viewing, I just want it to be left alone! - Jake Kenobi

Other than kept most wild, with some trails, serving the Central OR public's desire for recreation & as greenspace needed for wildlife and environmental health. - Sandy Thompson

I want to see recreation balanced with wildlife habitat and wildfire safety. - Kim McCarrel

My hope is that it will be a protected natural area that provides habitat and protects the water quality and supply by NOT becoming a development or a golfcourse. I'd love to see some human access allowed on hiking trails or biking trails. Mostly I hope to keep a bit more natural forest intact and alive, preserved for generations to come. - Suzanne Johnson

It is a treasure to protect from further fire damage and development. I hope it can remain as is for generations to come. - Kim Campbell

I just want Skyline Forest to remain as it is. We already have enough development in the Bend area, we don't need another large high-end neighborhood, especially if this means bulldozing a beautiful forest like Skyline. - Davide Bergamasco

My vision is that the forest regenerates and remains open to public low impact use like hiking and horseback riding, the creeks recover, and the forest remains a safe haven for wildlife - Betsey Nelson

I want the area protected for outdoor recreational opportunities, wildlife preservation, and water quality. - Brian Martin

I hope it is left alone overall to be wildlife habitat and healthy forest for watershed health. Simple trails throughout for hiking/recreation opportunities so folks can spend time outdoors close to home. A place to take students during outdoor education programs to learn environmental science. - Amelia Corbari

Restoration and conservation of this unique eco-region. Limit development and require that wildlife corridors and wildfire safety be first priorities. Recover fragmented habitat and develop connectivity between habitats for mule deer and other wildlife. Stop development affects this. - Suzanne Linford

I hope it can provide the many benefits of a mature forest. - Alice Elshoff

Would like to see it preserved, undeveloped and accessible for recreation and nature. - Chris Capdevila

A local opportunity for continued access to unique resources for current and future generations to explore, nurture, and respect. - David Bredendick

To be maintained in as wild a state as possible. - Barbara Andrew

An undeveloped park for wildlife and where people can recreate. - Ben Taber

I want to preserve public access to this area, preserve wildlife habitat, and prevent further development west of Bend. - Alan Vaughn

I think the forest should be preserved for wildlife and the fragile ecosystem. - Jacqueline Wilson

My vision for the future of Skyline forest is its preservation and proper management. - Diana Brown

A place for people to enjoy the great outdoors. Biking, running, hiking. - Zach Rickenbach

I want to see this beautiful forest kept untouched, wild, and free. Its deep value means the world to the Central Oregon community. Plus, the numerous benefits it serves for the local wildlife that call this area home. - Matthew Oliphant

To keep the natural habitat intact for the public to access and to protect the wildlife and clean water. To control wildfire with the land not built on. - Julie Mills

To maintain it as a healthy open space available to humans, animals, and nature's elements. - Jeanine Lacore

To continue as a safe haven for wildlife and outdoor use by folks in Central Oregon. - Susan Keys

Refuge for native wildlife and plant species and important air and water filters. Invaluable access to nature, exercise, and educational opportunities for the region. - Susanna DeFazio

Preserve as natural as possible. - Angela Reeves

Either stop a sale or raise funds to purchase and keep it a safe, public space. - Todd Kane

My hope is that it would be preserved and managed and much the same way the forest service manages the lands around Bend. Most important to me is to continue to allow the traditional outdoor recreational activities, development of new mountain bike trails and have the property thinned much like they've done around Bend. - Scott Cunningham

Preserve it in its natural state. - Theresa Gosslee

Don't change a thing! - Jordan Muller

That it remains as it is. - Lindsey Grover

Hopefully this area can be open to public access indefinitely. I enjoy hiking and biking in the Skyline Forest. I've taken visitors and relatives there, all of whom enjoyed the experience and remarked at the beauty of the landscape. - Owen Morehart

I would simply like to see it stay as is-properly managed, protecting wildlife in an area that has close proximity to our city, and to continue thoughtful development of outdoor opportunities that foster respect in future generations, for our natural environments. - Patricia McDonald

An open space for wildlife to be wild in their natural environment. Uninhibited by human development. A space to take a quiet walk, not battling crowds of people. An added layer of protection for the community regarding wildfire resiliency. So many of these areas have been lost over the years to development, poorly managed logging operations, and/or devastating wildfire. - Sarah Brown

I would like to see it saved and kept in as natural a state as possible. We are losing forests, trees and open space at an alarming pace due to over development. This not only decreases the scenic beauty but also contributes to accelerating climate change affecting wildlife and humans. It is also a valuable asset for recreation near both communities. - Joanne Keen

Prevent housing development from going deeper into the west side forest and cutting off access for recreational use. - Mark Seabourne

Leave it alone for hiking and recreation. - Mayme Trumble

I would like it to stay natural for wildlife as well as human recreation. This is a beautiful area that should stay preserved from development that is going crazy and becoming a life of its own in Central Oregon. - Rachelle Tanner

I would like to see it as a learning experience for students. It would make a wonderful teaching area. I think allowing it to age and develop into an old growth forest would be ideal. Allowing access for activity is still important but I think it is more important to use the land to learn and to allow wildlife a safe place. - Sarah Bigbee

I want this landscape to stay just as it is! - Emily Lutz

I would like to see Skyline Forest stay the same. No changes. I would like to see it just like it is for the next 20, 50, 100 years and beyond. - Janice Davis

To see it continue to grow into a mature forest. - Alexis Martin

Expand Shevlin park into the biggest best park in the country. - Eric Alston

In my opinion it's very simple. It needs to be protected as these kind of lands are dwindling very fast and if we want generations to come to be able to see and appreciate this God given area then we must do what is right by not letting it fall into the hands of big developers or other money hungry interests. - Bert Tilander

To see it protected from being over harvested and developed. There is plenty of land north and east of Bend and Sisters for developers to target for development without taking a toll on the raw beauty of this parcel. Surely we can rally some of Central Oregon's wealthy to put their money to work keeping Central Oregon a great place to live and work. - Edward Kruskan

Relatively unchanged - public access to the outdoors, protect the current landscape and habitat. - Nicole Hough

I want this forest to be safe from development of any kind for the benefit of its wildlife and also for the residents of Bend. - Gisela Ryter

I want the public access to remain, the animals and plant life to do what they want/need. Forest road 4606 needs to be open to the public. It's a great way to cycle between Bend and Sisters. - Max Anderson Young

A place where people, nature, and wildlife commune together in a pristine environment, forever protected - Raul Fiol

That it be protected from development. - Janet Campbell

I want to see the Skyline Forest area change as nature intends, with the exceptions of responsible public access and scientifically-sound fire management. In short, I believe our community and the surrounding natural environment are best-served by having Skyline and the adjacent forest be seamless. - Tim Seeberg

Keep it undeveloped. - John Nyaradi

Long term preservation. - Kathleen Kelly

Earmarking specific use seems less important at this point than preserving this land for future open spaces and all the benefits that brings. First step must be to prevent private development. - Anna Andersen

Outdoor access and wildlife. - Shannon Hinderberger

Bend needs to keep what local and accessible forest it has nearby in this desert climate. - Amee Reese

Protect the natural environment and prevent developers from building! - Beverly A Tyler

My vision is to retain the natural beauty of the skyline and allow respite for humans and wildlife in an area that is, for all intents and purposes, being paved over and built without concern for the culture that was Bend. - Janice Schock

I want Skyline Forest to remain exactly as it is for the wildlife, water conservation, air quality, our children and their children. - Cindy Beard

Undeveloped, network of trails and access points where it makes sense on the perimeters so people can access its beauty (and proximity to Bend) for nonmotorized recreation and wildlife can thrive. - Julie Howland

Public ownership. - George Wuerthner

This area needs to be preserved for wildlife, clean air and water, and a healthy forest. We must do this for our future generations. - Susie Wittwer

I hope Skyline Forest is protected for all the reasons listed above but I also hope that children can learn about nature and the importance of conservation there. - Sue Gordhammer

Some kind of conservation easement or park designation for ultimate protection. - Monica Welch

A protected home and travel corridor for wildlife, and a quiet place for humans to connect with nature, learn about their wild neighbors, and experience humility as part of a greater than human community of life. - Malia Matteson

It would be nice to see it taken over by the Deschutes National Forest or maybe Oregon State Forests. Then managed by traditional agencies so that there is equal opportunity for a variety of outdoor pursuits. Maybe by permit, or seasonal use for different modes of outdoor recreation. - Kris Jamieson

I would love to see this critical habitat for mule deer winter range preserved for future generations to enjoy wildlife viewing and other outdoor recreation. Mule deer are declining rapidly in central Oregon and habitat loss, climate change and human development in the areas have not helped them one bit. I would like to see this parcel of land managed for overall ecosystem health with an emphasis on wildfire resilience to help protect the communities of Bend and Sisters. - Irven Coulter

I would like to see this land protected and undeveloped for the future. This habitat is crucial for wildlife, water, and outdoor activities. - Erin Kilcullen

Keep it wild. Allow for native species to continue, and for Central Oregon residents to respectfully recreate within. - Briana Alston

Habitat for wildlife and recreation for all including biking, off road motorcyclists, hikers, and equestrian. - Jeff Johnston

A safe habitat and ecosystem for all life forms is my main priority! - Caitlin Kelly

To leave it as is. - Craig Crockett

I want to make sure the public can continue to enjoy these lands. - Samuel Pyke

An intact forest system and wildlife corridor that can be managed for fire safety and outdoor opportunities. - Kerie Raymond

Maintain the area as natural and accessible to hikers and bikes with trails. - Jym Bridger

I wish it remains essentially undeveloped and a recreational jewel. - Douglas Graham

I've lived in Bend for 25 years and over this time span I have developed a near and dear friendship with this forest, its trails, and all of its inhabitants. This forest has belonged to its creatures for far longer than any human has claimed ownership over it. There is no excuse at this point in time for displacing the few wild creatures that we have left. They deserve refuge and a home. I believe that Central Oregon is a community that cares about its wild open spaces and will stand to protect them. Skyline forest should be reabsorbed into the surrounding National Forest system and designated for non-motorized recreation. - Stephen Thompson

Leaving it as mother nature intended. - K Buxton-Shaw

Similar to what's been done by Deschutes Land Trust on the Metolius. Create a resource for wildlife, water quality, recreation, and wildfire break. - Rob Knoth

Wildlife habitat, managed forestry. To be protected forever. - Tamera Bell

Federally or privately managed under a land trust. - Carson Fraley

I'd love to see it be realized as the outdoor trail system and playground it was always meant to be. I have used it as such for years and would be heartbroken to see it become anything else. I know it's an essential part of our natural area, a green wildlife habitat, an important fire barrier, and an incredible view. How it is not part of the national Forest already is baffling to me. The foothills are just as important as the mountains. - Kelsey DeHaven

I would love to see it managed primarily for wildlife and environmental preservation, but also have some judicious recreational (non-motorized) use by humans. I would hate, hate, hate to see it developed for commercial purposes or in any other way that makes poor use of water, habitat, and other precious resources. The earth and the animals on it need us to stand up and protect what's still wild, and rehabilitate what's been impacted. - Leslie Lawrence

Leave it alone. It is great as is. Maintenance is the key to avoiding wildlifes. - Fernando Herrera

A conservancy area with protection for wildlife with certain areas available for hiking trails, and mountain biking. - Carol Moorehead

To leave it wild and undeveloped. Central Oregon can either maintain its unique character or become just another Boise, Medford or Grants Pass. Developing the Skyline Forest would denigrate the quality of life for all of us who live here for in exchange for the financial gain of developers. - Peter Fox

A wild park, maybe some protected areas... with trails for all - especially horses :-)- much like it is now... - Kimry Jelen

Untouched, mature wilderness with little to no roads or development. - Matt Muchna

Skyline Forest should be preserved because it is part of the beauty of Central Oregon. Without it we will lose more of why we live here. - Mona Daly

Stewardship of the land in as much a natural state as possible. Care for it with fire safety measures. Prepare it for recreational use which can preserve wildlife habitat as the highest priority. Allow no residential or commercial development. - Janie Boyl

Keep it as an area for locals to get out and enjoy the wilderness close to home. - Rowan Scharf

I want it to stay as is, an untouched sanctuary for wildlife that would allow us to pass through only as visitors who take nothing but photos and memories. - Warren Godridge

A protected area for the community to enjoy. - Javan Ward

To have it preserved for all the current wildlife and vegetation that inhabits the land. We, as a society, need to prioritize wild spaces to stay wild and discontinue the destruction of these beautiful places by building homes/resorts/etc. in these areas. - Dyan Roth

I hope it can be protected and responsibly allow public access. - Kolette Schneyder

Leave it be except keep it clean to protect from wildfires. Wildfires would destroy so much that if it's not protected in this way, nothing else matters. Wildlife would die, water would be contaminated. - Lani Hotchkiss

I want to see this area preserved to support wildlife and to reduce additional human activities that also increase wildfire danger. I'd like to see the mountain biking and hiking trails supported and I'm ready to help with that! Central Oregon should not be choosing growth developments like these when we are facing a drought, high fire risk year(s) and we can predict the shortage of water now. - Karen Whisler

A beautiful and renewed natural landscape. A place to recreate, for wildlife to thrive and manage wildfire risk to the surrounding areas. Losing this land would be catastrophic for those living in Bend and wildlife living in the forest. - Randy Fitch

To be left alone and allowed to flourish in its natural state. - Savanna Scheiner

We need to set an example that we care about our natural places, so that future generations can enjoy what us Central Oregonian's love about living here. - Tiffany Lemmons

I see the forest growing and remaining here as one of our precious and protected places where we can let wildlife remain untouched by us. - Emily Ziegler

It needs to be preserved, protected and gently harvested to keep the forest healthy and help protect from wildfire. - Bill Pettit

I would like to see it purchased by Parks and Rec or a national organization equipped and financed to pay for appropriate management. - Brenda Pace

I hope to see it remain a natural area, where wildlife can flourish, as well as humans. I believe it can be a great tool to introduce preservation of the earth for all generations. A place where a love of the outdoors can be founded and continued. A place where we can make a difference in our community. By standing up for our wants and needs. Becoming an example for others! - Emmett Arana

I want Skyline Forest to stay a forest! - Sandra Wilcox

I want Skyline Forest left as it is! - Bonnie Rose

I would like to see Skyline Forest achieve a similar protected status as Forest Park in Portland. - Anthony lanuza

Preservation of the forest is essential for wildlife and water quality. Central Oregon is and will continue to be in a state of drought with increasing demands on the water supply. We need to preserve our resources for our current needs, not increase the strain on the system. - Lara Dorvilliers

I want our future generations to be able to enjoy the natural world as it is today. - Tim Cotter

I don't want it to change unless by means of Mother Nature. We can't keep destroying all that is healthy for our own gain as a singular species. We share this planet and we need to start acting like it. - Anicka Hicks

To have it left alone for our wildlife and for locals and others who travel here to enjoy for many years to come. - Jennie Wickersham

A place of refuge for humans and animals alike. Protected, clean, and wild. Available for all of us to share. A community space where kids are exposed and taught about the environment and its importance. A place where we can all connect back to nature. The proximity to wild places is the sole reason most of us moved to Bend. - Elisabeth Ross

I'm a frequent visitor to the area on my bike. I'd love to see the area conserved for non-motorized recreation with seasonal restrictions as elk / deer move through the area. - Brian Neumann

In this difficult time, observing deer and elk feeding, birds of prey riding the wind, and swaths of wildflowers blooming in the shadow of our beautiful mountains is a much-needed natural respite. Skyline Forest is a very special place to enjoy these wonders, and I would like to see the area protected for the future of copious natural plants, wildlife, fish, and birds who call it home and especially to support the health of our threatened watershed! To me, it is not a safe or appropriate place for human development and the ecological impact of such construction would detrimentally disrupt the natural balance of this key habitat. I hope to see it purchased and managed by a local land trust who could ensure its protection and well-being for many generations, while still allowing responsible access and enjoyment. - Nikki Romick

To be protected land for all to enjoy. - Stephanie Doidic

To be the same forest it has always been. - Alexandria Calande

Skyline Forest is a gorgeous habitat that has been around for a very long time. All the animals know it as home. Skyline has allowed us to walk in nature and enjoy all the different sounds of nature that you don't get to hear in town. Skyline is the place to go to get away from the city. - Angela Ipock

To preserve this area for primarily wildlife and minimal outdoor recreation (walking trails/hiking). - Patty Mallory

I think it should be left as it is. Places to go out and find nature are important. - Michele Macy

I just want to protect what we have left. By not developing this area we leave a wonderful beautiful landscape for many to enjoy. - Tosha Long

I don't want to see the native animals being pushed out by a high-end gated community that essentially destroys the natural landscape. - Megan Joens

In the future, the Skyline Forest will be a model of public ownership of critical natural resource lands in Oregon and beyond, serving both nature and people in the emerging era of the climate change—protecting wildlife and biodiversity, conserving and enhancing precious water resources, helping make our communities more firesafe, and promoting compatible public uses for recreation, health, wellness and education. - S.C. Ames

Leave it untouched & pristine for future generations & everyone now to enjoy. Protect the forest & all wildlife living there. - Patricia Kingery

I'd like it to stay natural and not developed. - Carina Kozlowski

To keep it undeveloped, and managed to support wildlife, wildfire protection, recreation and other similar goals. - Rick Lengele

Left as is to preserve the beautiful landscape we call home. - Brahm Turner-Schaefer

No doubt due to the proximity of Skyline forest to large population centers, it should be managed in a way that allows for healthy fire protection. But more importantly, this forest should act as a haven for wildlife and residents to escape and be in and a part of an undeveloped area. This is not only critical for the health of the forest itself and wildlife inhabiting it, but also for the health of

people in the area....increasingly important as Central Oregon's growth continues at such a rapid pace. - Katie Sheldon

To be preserved and watched over for our future generations and wildlife. - Jason Deymona

I want the Skyline Forest to be placed in a Trust or controlled by the USFS. - Clark Aungst

Keep it undeveloped and natural. - Kari Zartler

I would love to see it stay exactly as it is; untouched by development. - Alexandra Jeffers

I personally would like to see it untampered with, the least amount of building/construction possible would be ideal. - Brenden Orton

Too much of the beautiful woodlands surrounding Bend are being cut up into high end subdivisions. Even though I am a real estate broker, I am a protector of the environment & the forest habitats for the wildlife, first and foremost and am really disillusioned with what Bend has become. The wildlife areas must be protected...we do not need big multimillion dollar homes spread out in the forest! I am upset that our county is not doing more to protect the wild spaces and stop the encroachment of big developments. My vision is to stop further growth into the pristine areas while there is still time. Destruction of these areas to build big homes only complicates a furtherance of the fire dangers we face in our area as well as destroy the habitat for species who have no voice in the destruction of their homes. Those monster homes are not good for the environment nor are they safe from the ravages of what is happening in our area due to global warming. - Kim Kahl

I hope we can preserve as much of the wilderness around us. Right now we are seeing unsustainable over growth and over building destroying the beautiful and iconic landscapes around us. I hope we are successful at preserving this precious land and all the creatures that live within it. I hope we will always have beautiful wilderness trails we can still hike through and that we can leave it so future generations also get to enjoy that same beauty. Water is going to be critical in our future and we need to protect the sources. We can't keep tearing down everything in order to build more houses and make rich developers who don't care about sustainability, even richer than they already are. Our collective city, state and federal government officials must also be held accountable for their decisions and we all need to be good stewards of land by protecting the wilderness that surrounds Central Oregon and throughout the State by preserving and respecting it. - Mitzi Kawakami

To preserve this Forest for wildlife and people alike. And to preserve our natural resources. - Will Oheim

Forest, not luxury homes. - David Anthes

Leave it the hell alone!! - Nichole Smith

I want to see the landscape stay mostly the same. Some trail management could be helpful for those of us who venture out, but other than that the plants and animals should be left alone. - Karissa Olson

Healthy habitat and healthy animals. Healthy forests for our next generation to have. - Debi Cook

Forever left to be a forest. For nature to be a part of our experience as residents of Central Oregon. - Monica Giamellaro

Preserved for future generations to enjoy. - Jenna Richardson

I want to see it preserved and not developed for luxury homes and resorts. Every day is a fight to preserve the things that make Central Oregon so special in the first place. - Ashlee Gruver

I would like to see Skyline left as it is so animals can seek refuge. - Jill Tinker

It is an essential piece of the outdoors for central Oregon residents. Take it away and you completely change the character of the region for the worse. - William Robinson

Remain wild/natural habitat. Forest management if needed for wildfire mitigation with health of the forest as priority - Catherine Platt

A place to hike and enjoy more of our beautiful central Oregon with my family. - Megan Reinhardt

Protected and no development. - Elliot Reed

I've spent a little time here since moving to Bend a few years ago, and it's a beautiful area. My primary goal is just to preserve the natural aspect and ability to recreate in this area, and not put in more buildings/housing. - Christopher Bailey

This is a sacred and memorable piece of land for me. - Isabelle Barrett

We need to preserve as many wild spaces as possible. I would like to see this preserved as a wildlife area, with some recreation. We don't need more homes destroying our forests. - Jason Bailey

Preserve it for wildlife with limited recreation areas as well. - Emily Woodworth

Let it be. - Kate Shea

Preservation. I would love for it to become public lands or for it to be protected by a nonprofit like the land trust - Nicole Gricius

I hope that it can be preserved in its natural state as much as possible while also being open to outdoor recreation. - Evan Schreiber

I would like to see it remain as it is. - Melina Moran

Create a fire resistant forest and prevent development; maintain water quality. - Penny Radtke

I want Skyline Forest to become a protected park, or part of the broader National Forest. - Brenton Allen

Skyline Forest should be managed so that wildlife habitat, wildfire safety, and water quality are its top priorities to protect those that reside in Central Oregon, human and animal. Of course, having outdoor access is also an important part of managing a forest because if there are those who recreate in those areas, there is more incentive to save the forest from development. There should be areas for mule deer, elk, coyote, wolf, cougar to have sanctuary from the increasing population of Central Oregon. We need to protect the watershed in that area from human recreation and development because we are in the worst drought in over 1,200 years. Also, we need to reduce human impact on wildfires so having a properly managed forest for wildfire risk so close to Bend is extremely beneficial for all of us. - Ashley Boeckx

I want to be able to explore and reduce the risk of wildfires! - Taryn Cuen

No changes! Keep it wild and undeveloped. - Stephanie Hahn

Preserved land for wildlife, natural habitat and recreation. Please do not develop! - Rex Shepard

To keep it preserved as possible. It is why people love to come here, because it still feels like a small town and wild. A resort will use too much of our precious water as well for pools and lawns. We do not need another resort. We need areas for our wildlife. - Jessica Spoelstra

Natural space-no structures. Open for public use with common sense restrictions similar to national forest lands. - Laura Everett

To remain as a pristine and unspoiled forest. Absolutely no development of any kind should be tolerated. Wildlife survival and quality of life for locals are at risk if this land is developed. - Michelle Benson

I would love to see Skyline Forest acquired by a public entity and used as a demonstration forest, protected wildlife sanctuary, and/or an outdoor access mecca with miles of trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. - David Weidinger

I want it to continue to exist for the animals, unburdened by permanent human development. - Kayla Rotunno

My hope is for it to stay how it is now. We need to keep our forests and not cut them down for more land development. It is beautiful and needs to stay that way. Those of us who live here now, moved here for a reason if we weren't born here. For the forest. Not in hopes that it turns into another Southern California that is drought ridden. We are in a drought already yes? Then how does it make sense to put in a golf course that uses up more water than it needs. - Katelyn Stanley

The Skyline Forest should not be developed. It should be left as a peaceful, beautiful forest for respectful nature lovers and no-damage recreators. - Kerrie Danielsen

To be available to wildlife and the Central Oregon community. Outdoor education! - Jody DeLand

I hope for a healthy forest with vast varieties of life. - Lucie Reynolds

As a local and a logger's daughter it is devastating to see every tree taken down. These lands are not meant to be developed entirely - we must preserve land - for wildlife - for the health of all living things. - Jessica Scott

I want to keep it as it is, wild and forested. - Kathryn Fox

Wildlife habitat for generations. - Erin Maxon

To leave the land as it is - beautiful and available for recreation & wildlife. - Marjean Pobuda

I want to see our western vista protected forever. To imagine this area developed, and the ramifications this will have on water for existing parts of our communities is too scary to think of. At some point, we have to say no to development because Central Oregon is already over allocated for water. My vision is that the Skyline Forest remains a forest and never allows development. - Jeff Perin

More public land for everyone to access is always a positive in my mind. Too often we've built up these areas to the point where we lose all that natural beauty. Very rarely do people look back and think, "man, sure wish we would have added giant developments here sooner". It's always, "This place is fine, but I bet it was amazing before development". - Michael Pellatz

Have a conservation type organization purchase the land with support from grants, organizations and the public. If possible, get a grant to clean up the area to make it less prone to a devastating wildfire. Keep it open land for the public to use. - Barb Hjelmstad

I would like to see Skyline Forest unbothered and untouched. My vision for skyline forest is to leave it alone. - Maryann Drasbek

A beautiful, unspoiled wilderness that epitomizes everything we cherish about Oregon. Areas like this are why so many people come to love and enjoy Oregon as a whole. - Nicholas Hayward

This is the time to preserve our environment, not to destroy it for the benefit of wealthy developers and investors. The best use of this land is carefully curated and restricted public use. WE NEED TREES and ANIMALS and NATURE to continue a decent life as humans on this planet. Greed and wealth should NOT be factors. - Miranda Crown

I would prefer if that land were saved as the wild space that it is now for preservation of our planet. - Laurie Ponte

I would like to see the area remain as much as possible in it's natural state - no development. - Kathy Miller

Keep it natural and accessible to hiking and biking. - Suzanne Pepin

I believe in keeping our forests as natural as possible, living in harmony, ideally as a steward demonstrating responsible dominion as human beings. - Sarahlee Kittons

I hope to see this area spared from commercial development. It is infinitely more valuable as an intact ecosystem. - William Worthington

Maintain it's natural beauty which is what Central Oregon is all about and to protect the wildlife that can't 'speak for themselves'. - Don and Dee Ginter

More public land parks and trails! Maybe even a campground? - Kailey Taylor

Leave it alone for the next generation of Oregonians to love and cherish the way I have for 60 years! My children deserve to share the beauty they've grown up with with their children and future generations! We have the best and purest drinking water anywhere because of the eco balanced nature that exists! Please! LEAVE IT ALONE! - Shannon Allen

Prevent disruptive and unsightly development. - Gordon Huestis

That it be left as it is. - Nancy Whitlatch

Keep it wild. Avoid residential/commercial development. - Laura Nicholson

I want to see this priceless jewel saved for future generations as a rugged public preserve and wildlife conservation area. - Abby Cunningham

To see the land preserved as a natural habitat for native animals and plants. - Debbie Yoo

Community access to trails for hiking and biking. - Cheryl Soronen

I simply want the land protected and restored to as natural a state as possible. Perhaps it should be designated as a conservation easement/area? And protected from any development. - Kaileen Mendell

