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**Over the past year, more than 1,850 Central Oregon individuals, businesses, and community groups from all walks of life have come together in a unified effort to Save Skyline Forest.**

A decade from now, we hope to walk through Skyline Forest and see a healthy, intact landscape that Central Oregonians enjoy, treasure, and care for.

As the years pass, Skyline Forest is on its way to becoming a mature forest that is more resistant to wildfire and the effects of drought. Herds of mule deer move into the landscape every winter, and flocks of songbirds wing through the ponderosa pines in the spring. Locals and visitors know where best to hike, bike, view wildlife, and explore with respect for the areas and trails best suited for their favorite activity.

Our Central Oregon communities are safer and more fire-resilient because there is no luxury residential development spread throughout this fire-prone landscape. The watershed on which we depend is supported by an influx of cold, clean water from Skyline Forest's seasonal streams. Our breathtaking views of the Cascades and their green foothills remain.

The stakes are high. If this place becomes a large-scale, luxury development, we will have lost a vital place that is intrinsic and foundational to Central Oregon's livability.

Skyline Forest is a real, inspiring example of a community vision coming to life. By tackling tough issues and protecting what we love, we're helping create more healthy, safe, and just communities in Central Oregon where people and nature thrive.

**Central Oregonians are ready for sustained public access and improved wildfire safety to be at the heart of Skyline Forest's future.**

The goal of the grassroots, locally-driven "Save Skyline Forest" campaign is to permanently conserve this 33,000-acre landscape for wildlife, wildfire safety, water quality, and outdoor access that is paramount to the well-being of Central Oregonians and our communities.

**As a community, we urge you - our city, county and state elected leaders - to come together to help find a conservation-focused acquisition and management solution for Skyline Forest. The time is now.**



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November 10, 2022

Representative Jason Kropf  
Commissioner Phil Chang  
Mayor Gena Goodman-Campbell  
Councilor Anthony Broadman  
Councilor Melanie Kebler

**RE: It's time to work together to find a solution that protects Skyline Forest and addresses its public access and wildfire risk issues**

Dear Representative Kropf, Commissioner Chang, Mayor Goodman-Campbell, Councilor Broadman, and Councilor Kebler,

**As a community, we urge you to come together to help find a conservation-focused acquisition and management solution for Skyline Forest.**

From nearly anywhere in Central Oregon, if you can see the forested foothills that run along the base of the Cascade Mountains, you're looking at Skyline Forest. Beloved by residents and visitors alike, Skyline Forest is a vast, intact, 50-square-mile landscape just west of Bend and Sisters. It is also privately owned and currently for sale.

**Skyline Forest is vital to Central Oregonians for all it provides: outdoor access, clean water, wildlife habitat, and more.** That's why the effort to acquire, conserve, and manage this forest for the benefit of our communities needs your leadership.

Skyline Forest has a long history of ongoing public access issues. Although our community has long enjoyed public access granted by past and current landowners for many decades, that access is not, nor has it ever been, guaranteed. For example, this summer, the current landowner closed Skyline Forest to all public access due to increased Industrial Fire Precaution Levels in

Deschutes National Forest. And a year ago, the U.S. Forest Service closed the popular Forest Road 4606 due to an ongoing access dispute with property neighbors.

Skyline Forest also has a long history of wildfire issues. Since 2010, multiple large wildfires have burned over 10,000 acres in this forest. As this forest borders Bend and Sisters, wildfire safety is top of mind for Central Oregonians. It is widely recognized by the community, local forestry experts, and the current landowner that additional and significant restoration and maintenance efforts are urgently needed to make this landscape more fire-safe and fire-resilient.

**Given this history and the desire to create a better, safer future for this place, there is strong community support for sustaining public access in balance with improving wildfire safety in Skyline Forest.** Central Oregon needs your strong leadership to advance creative problem solving and align additional resources to help resolve these issues. Collectively, this will help ensure that Skyline Forest is thoughtfully managed to offer amazing outdoor access to the public AND play a critical role in improving wildfire safety for our local communities.

**The time is now: With the recent closure to public access and increased wildfire risk fueled by climate change, it's time to work together to find a conservation-focused acquisition and management solution for Skyline Forest that addresses these issues.**

Thank you for your service to Central Oregon and all that you do on behalf of our communities. We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

### ***Local Businesses, Organizations, + Community Groups***

- 29NRTH
- Ashley & Vance Engineering
- Bend Bikes
- Bend Somatic Counseling
- BendRacing
- Blue Eyed Burgers
- Bolinger Vet Services
- Boundless Farmstead
- Broken Top Brands
- Broken Top Candle Co.
- Cascadia Junior Cycling
- Cedar Haus LLC
- Central Oregon Bitterbrush Broads
- Chehalem Appraisals
- Clear Consulting Inc.
- Deschutes River Alliance
- Dirty Freehub
- Downtown Ornamental Iron Inc.
- Dudley's Bookshop Cafe
- Elizabeth Lane Designs
- Expansive LLC
- Fields Farm

- Food For The Sole
- Glass House Grown
- Grit Clinics
- Jackson's Corner
- Jessie Gene Gallery LLC
- Juniper Group Oregon Sierra Club
- Lava Island Builders
- Luckey's Woodsman
- Miller Conservation Consulting
- Mixte Communications
- NW Horse Trails
- Offshore Insights
- Oregon Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
- Oregon Equestrian Trails
- Oregon Pack Works
- Patagonia Bend
- Paul Reidmiller Photography LLC
- Redemption Tattoo
- Revenue Management
- Saturday Swimwear
- She Moves Mountains
- Sisters Coffee Company
- SummitWest Environmental
- SY Design
- Tailgate Industries LLC
- Ten Over Studio
- Terrebonne Coffee Wagon
- The Conservation Alliance
- The Fly Fisher's Place
- The Flybook
- Timberline Product Design
- Tire-Fire
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- WadaWorks
- WakeMAKERS
- Wearing Denim
- Wildheart Nature School
- Worthy Brewing Company
- Worthy Garden Club
- Wren and Wild
- Xavier Campos Law Office LLC

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Tim Seeberg	Valerie Gressett	Wyatt Roscoe
Timothy Kinney	Vallerie Ruiz	Xavier Campos
Timothy Smith	Vanna Miller	Zach Meyer
Tina Anderson	Veronica Millsap	Zachary Crosby
Tina Kaufman	Vicki Bugbee-Reed	Zeb Evelhoch
Tisha Finnegan-Garcia	Vicki Rock	Zoe Morrison
Toby Bayard	Virginia Hermannsson	

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- Skyline Forest's importance to preserving water quality is also of significant awareness, with 83% concerned about the impact of development.
- Wildfire safety is also an element of high awareness and concern.
- **Finally, residents oppose development and support conservation of the Skyline Forest by wide margins.** The opposition to development and support of conservation cuts across age, zip code, length of time living in Bend and Sisters, and political affiliation by wide margins.

To: Central Oregon Landwatch

From: Public Policy Polling

Date: February 28, 2022



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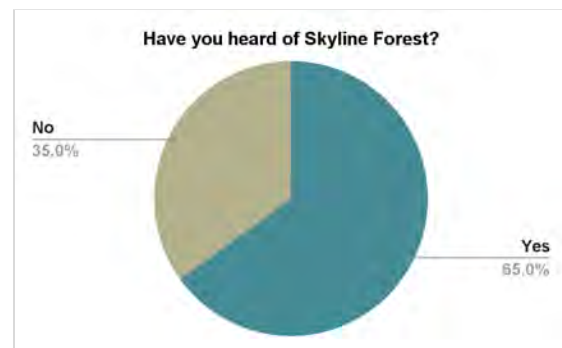
**Bend/Sisters residents have a high awareness of Skyline Forest. Two-thirds of respondents have heard of it, with nearly half saying they had visited it.**

Have you heard of the 33,000 acres of forest to the West of Bend and Sisters, known as Skyline Forest, or not?

- Yes: 65%
- No: 35%

Have you ever visited Skyline Forest?

- Yes: 48%
- No: 52%



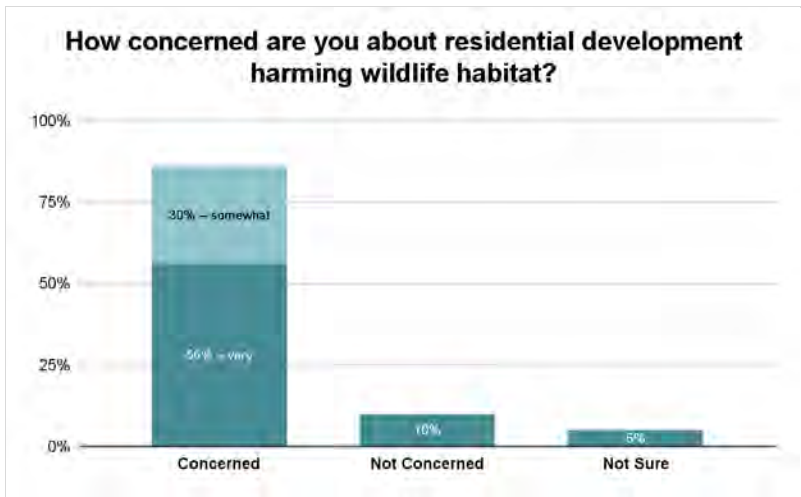
**Over two-thirds of respondents are aware of Skyline Forest's importance as wildlife habitat. Fully 86% are concerned about the impact of potential development on wildlife habitat.**

Did you know Skyline Forest is an important place for wildlife habitat, including seasonal migration routes for mule deer?

- Yes: 67%
- No: 33%

How concerned are you about residential development in Skyline Forest harming wildlife habitat?

- Very concerned: 56%
- Somewhat concerned: 30%
- Not at all concerned: 10%
- Not sure: 5%



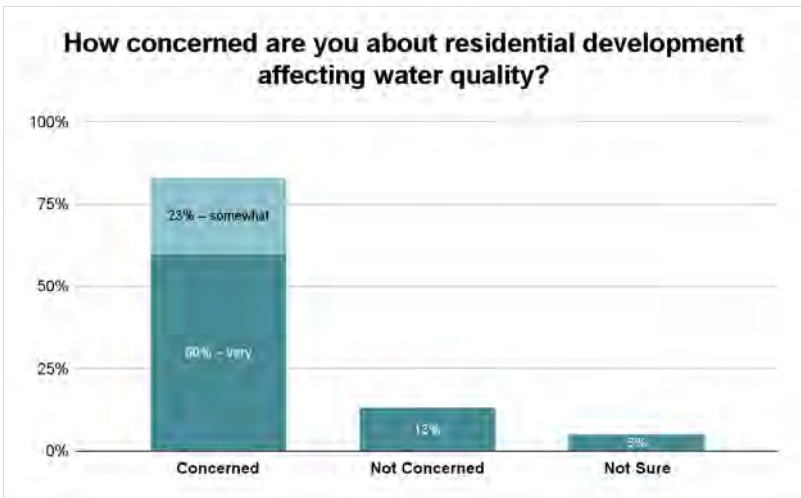
**Skyline Forest’s importance to preserving water quality is also of significant awareness, with 83% concerned about the impact of development.**

Did you know that Skyline Forest is located between Tumalo Creek and Whychus Creek, two important sources of cold, clean water for the Deschutes River system?

- Yes: 60%
- No: 40%

How concerned are you about residential development in Skyline Forest affecting water quality?

- Very concerned: 60%
- Somewhat concerned: 23%
- Not at all concerned: 13%
- Not sure: 5%



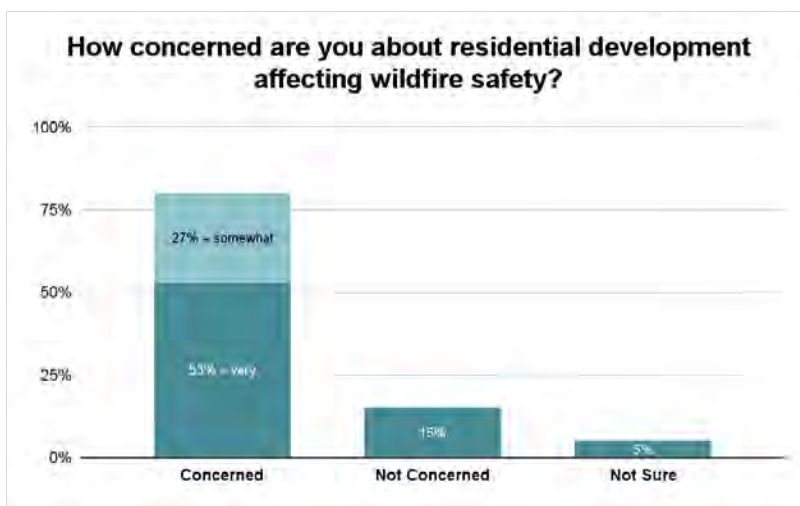
**Wildfire safety is also an element of high awareness and concern.**

Are you aware that since 2010, multiple wildfires have burned nearly 13,000 acres of Skyline Forest?

- Yes: 61%
- No 39%

How concerned are you about residential development in Skyline Forest affecting wildfire safety?

- Very concerned: 53%
- Somewhat concerned: 27%
- Not at all concerned: 15%
- Not sure: 5%



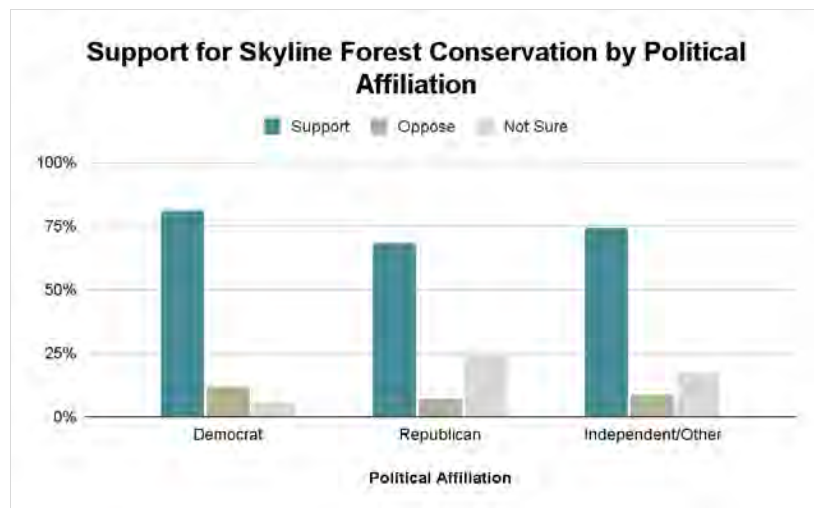
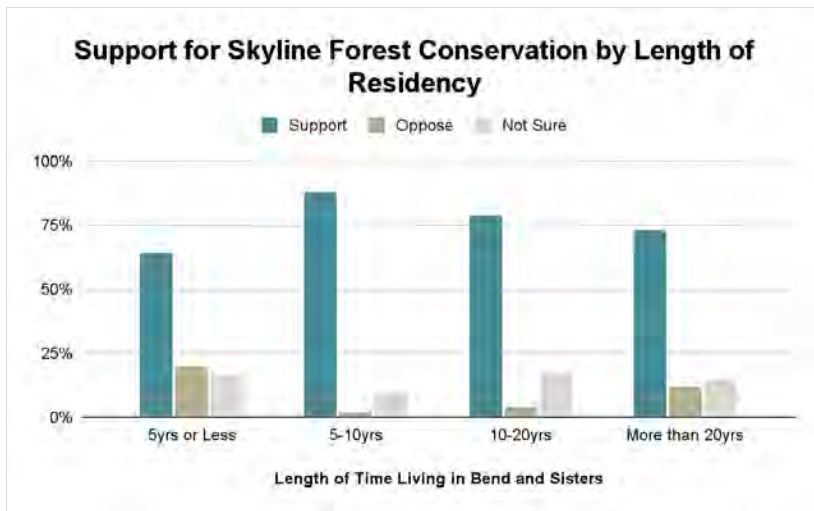
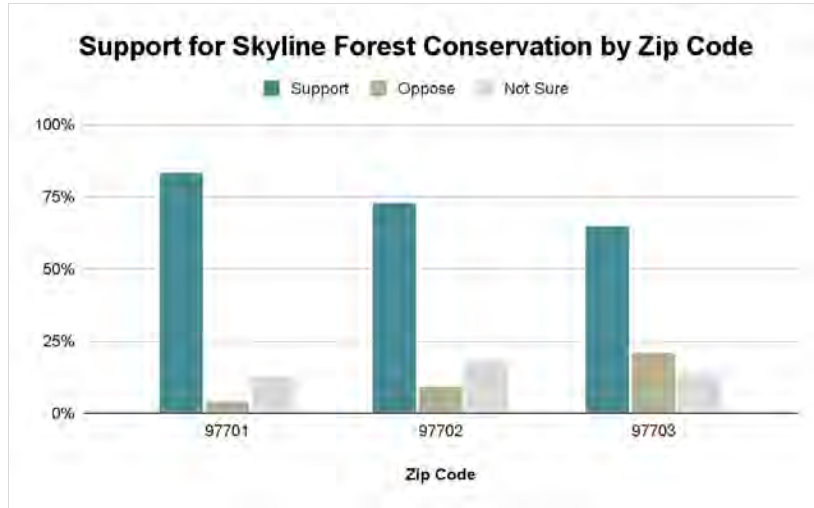
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Currently the owners of this 33,000 acre property are considering selling this land for residential development. Would you support or oppose significant residential development in Skyline Forest?

- Support: 12%
- Oppose: 70%
- Not sure: 18%

Would you support or oppose an effort to conserve Skyline Forest, with a focus on maintaining wildlife habitat, water quality, wildfire safety, and recreation?

- Support: 75%
- Oppose: 10%
- Not sure: 15%





## **Survey Methodology**

PPP conducted this survey on behalf of Central Oregon Landwatch, February 24-25, 2022. Respondents were reached by landline, cell phone, and SMS-text message.

- 529 Bend & Sisters voters, weighted proportional to population for:
  - Age
  - Zip code
  - Length of time living in Bend/Sisters (5yrs or less; 5-10yrs; 10-20yrs; more than 20yrs)
  - Political Affiliation
- Sampling error for the total sample of 529 registered voters: +/- 4.3%

# The Bulletin

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY

## Skyline Forest is an opportunity for elected leaders

By Elinor Willson

*Published 8 November 2022*

As it does with any election season, many things feel uncertain. This election is no different. While the outcomes of many electoral races at the state and national level hang in the balance, I am taking solace in the opportunity to support leaders here locally. What can we do here? How can we shape where we live? What are the issues that unite us rather than divide us?

Over the past year, there is one local issue that has the hearts and minds of the community: saving Skyline Forest. The future of our backyard forest has become a rallying point throughout the community. We're ready to take action to secure a better, safer future for this place.

The Save Skyline Forest campaign is the latest – and hopefully final – incarnation of the Central Oregon community's collective, decades-long desire to see this area protected from luxury development.

A recent poll found that support for conserving Skyline Forest was strong across all political affiliations. I believe this illustrates the notion that, when we turn our attention closer to home, there are common values held by the majority of Central Oregonians that are rooted in our shared love for this special part of the world.

As the political milieu of Central Oregon unfolds in the wake of our Nov. 8 election, it is my hope that we prove to be represented by elected leaders who are interested in conserving the beloved landscapes of our region – and Skyline Forest is a great place to start.

# The Nugget Newspaper

*News & Opinion from Sisters, Oregon*

## Save Skyline Forest for recreation and access

By Kim McCarrel

*Submitted 5 November 2022*

I've been riding horses in Skyline Forest for a long time. This vast landscape of ponderosa pines, scenic buttes, shrubland, springs, and rocky outcroppings offers a rich equestrian experience just south of Sisters.

You can ride to the summit of Three Creek Butte and take in the panoramic views, enjoy dozens of miles of single-track near Tumalo Reservoir, or explore the many miles of forest roads in Between.

I spend a lot of time on these trails and, like other local equestrians, I prize Skyline Forest for its close-to-town access. Even though it's nearby, you can truly "get away from it all" there. Central Oregonians have valued Skyline Forest's recreational opportunities for decades. But many riders are now learning that these trails we've come to know and love might not be around forever. The area is privately owned, and it's for sale.

Moreover, the investment firm that owns Skyline Forest closed it to the public this summer because of concern over seasonal fire risk. As of November, Skyline is still closed to the public. So we're left wondering why the forest remains closed as we move further into autumn weather and fire precaution levels in the neighboring Deschutes National Forest subside. Will the forest be opened to the public again? We can't be sure.

The equestrian community has high hopes for Skyline Forest's future. That's why we're stepping up to help Save Skyline Forest! Find out more at [saveskylineforest.org](https://saveskylineforest.org).

# The Bulletin

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## Save Skyline Forest for wildlife and recreation

By Robin Budd

*Published 4 October 2022*

The cougar lifted its head from its kill, and we locked eyes. It took a step forward. I took a step back.

The location was Skyline Forest, a vast tract of undeveloped forest just a few miles northwest of Bend. At 33,000 acres, it is one of the largest privately owned contiguous forest parcels in the west. Situated between Tumalo and Whychus creeks, this land is critical habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Far-ranging animals such as cougars, mule deer, elk, and raptors all require large tracts of wilderness habitat, and I regularly see all of these first-hand during my near-daily exploration of abandoned logging roads and trails in the area.

Until recently, when the entire area was closed to all access. Unfortunately, this land is privately owned by an international investment company. Their land management company recently closed all public access to the land due to extreme fire danger. This is understandable, especially in light of the Two Bulls fire which burned nearly 7000 acres in 2014. Nonetheless, it is a sad loss for Bend area residents who have come to love the forest.

I personally feel the loss keenly. I don't know if the area will be reopened, or if I have already said my final good-byes to my favorite places. I do know that I'm not alone in my sense of loss. I have spoken with many other hikers, mountain bikers, and runners who have all come to cherish the area for the solitude and connection with nature that it offers. It is such a treasure to have right in our backyard.

The land is currently up for sale, and it's anyone's guess what a purchaser might want to do with the land. The original price of \$127M was recently reduced for the first time since being listed. However, the current price of \$95M is still highly speculative and seems to directly target buyers with visions of large, expensive, luxury development. And although the property is currently zoned for limited forest uses, zoning can be changed.

The land sale, while concerning, also presents the community with an opportunity to put this area under conservation. It has been on the radar of local conservation groups such as Central Oregon LandWatch and Deschutes Land Trust for years. But time is running out to save this precious resource from sale and likely subsequent development. It is crucial for our community to get involved and let our leaders know how important this land is, both for wildlife populations and for human recreation. We need to save this land.

It won't be easy. To quote from Linda English's excellent column from August 19, "It's going to take community support, additional resources, and leadership from our elected officials to meaningfully tackle these issues and create a safer, more certain future for this place and how we access it." Hear, hear! Please consider joining the community effort and adding your name to the community letter to Save Skyline Forest by visiting [www.saveskylineforest.org](http://www.saveskylineforest.org).

My staredown with the cougar ended as I slowly backed away, never letting my gaze drop, until the cat was obscured by manzanita and pine. I will never forget that experience, and hope that others can find their own adventures in Skyline Forest for years to come. But we will have to act quickly to make it happen.



## After nearly 3 years without a buyer, 33,000-acre Skyline Forest sales price is slashed 25% — to \$95 million

By KTVZ News Team

*Published 13 September 2022*

BEND, Ore. (KTVZ) -- The vast, 33,000-acre Bull Springs Skyline Forest west of Bend has been on the sales block for close to three years, at a daunting price. So the private owners announced Monday a dramatic, 25% price drop -- to "just" \$95 million.

The privately held tree farm that makes up much of the Bend area's prized mountain-capped view to the west is one of the largest contiguous properties in the Northwest, and the continued uncertainty over its fate earlier this year sparked a Save Skyline Forest public campaign, led by Central Oregon LandWatch.

Just last month, the current owners, Bend-based Shanda Asset Management LLC, closed off public access due to extreme fire conditions, to curb the risk of human-caused fires.

The Save Skyline Forest efforts are going well, according to Caitlyn Burford, communications and outreach manager for Central Oregon LandWatch.

"We are seeing a lot of community interest in and support for finding a conservation solution for this 50-square-mile landscape," she said Tuesday. "Right now, over 800 residents have signed on to this community letter to local elected officials, asking Representative Kropf, Commissioner Chang, the City of Bend's Mayor and City Councilors to "find a conservation-focused acquisition and management solution for Skyline Forest."

In response to the recent drop in the sale price, COLW Executive Director Ben Gordon said, "Seeing the price of Skyline Forest reduced by 25% is a good sign."

"LandWatch was concerned that the high initial asking price was dependent on speculative large-scale luxury development interests," Gordon said. "This remains one of our greatest concerns for the future of this property and how it could negatively impact wildlife, water, and

outdoor access for the public, in addition to concerns over wildfire safety. As the price comes down, it better reflects the real value of this property and opens up more opportunities for the community to find creative ways to acquire and protect it."

The sales brokers, Mason & Morse Ranch Company, said Monday the property is now listed for \$95 million, or about \$2,900 an acre.

Here's their announcement, in full:

Bull Springs Skyline Forest, located just minutes west of Bend, is an active privately held tree farm and recreational wilderness covering 33,000 contiguous, deeded acres bordering the Deschutes National Forest.

"Once you lay eyes on Bull Springs Skyline Forest, you will agree that it is unquestionably one of the most beautiful blocks of contiguous timberland, not only in Oregon, but, in the entire western United States," said Robb Van Pelt, founding partner of Mason & Morse Ranch Company.

"The price reduction will further align potential buyer interests with the seller's objectives," Van Pelt continued.

The property has a long history of stewardship dating back to 1916, when Shevlin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon opened their logging camps for production. The first Shevlin-Hixon Logging camp was placed at Bull Springs, which was active until 1946.

Since that time, the forest has been owned by a variety of logging companies and portions exchanged with the U.S. Forest Service.

In recent years, the property has become of major interest to the surrounding community of Bend, Oregon, conservation groups, land planners and developers who are interested in working together to balance its valuable attributes that ascend across private ownership, forest management, community recreation, government legislation and the westerly urban expansion of Bend, Oregon.

The current zoning is F1 Forest Use. The Deschutes County F1 Forest Use Zone is intended to conserve forestlands with a minimum 240-acre parcel size.

Potentially rezoning through Oregon's Destination Resort designation as a cluster development has become a popular balance between sustainable forest management, recreational open space, and urban expansion and could be a viable sustainable development opportunity, as the area continues to see significant population growth F1 Forest Use Zone permitted uses include forest operations or forest practices, provisions for wildlife and fishery resources, and other farm uses.

Conditional uses permitted include private hunting and fishing, private parks and campgrounds and single-family dwellings.

Bull Springs Skyline Forest combines productive timberlands, conservation and development opportunities together with privacy. The property is one of the largest contiguous parcels in the western United States, with stunning views and abundant wildlife just minutes from Bend, Oregon.

“Mason & Morse Ranch Company has been fortunate enough to list and sell some of the finest American farms, ranches and recreational lands across the country,” said Bart Miller, Managing Broker of Mason & Morse Ranch Company. “Bull Springs Skyline Forest is one of America’s legacy properties without question. We want to find the right buyer who recognizes the property’s attributes and values the history of the property in the community.”



# The Bulletin

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY

## Let's not lose the Skyline Forest

By Linda English

*Published 19 August 2022*

Skyline Forest is the place I ride my bike for a quick escape, the gravel between Bend and Sisters, the long way to ride to Tumalo Falls, the scenic way to ride to Tumalo Reservoir, and an easier climb to go see vast views of Black Butte. I've run across badgers, mule deer, elk and even a bobcat. One of the main gravel roads was put in by the railroads years ago, which means the grades are gentle, making it a common favorite among cyclists.

Though it may come as a shock to many, Skyline Forest isn't public land; these 33,000 acres (about 50 square miles) are owned by an international company that is currently selling the property. We don't know who might buy it next or what they'll do with it.

Recently, the current owner closed Skyline Forest to all public access due to increased industrial fire precaution levels in Deschutes National Forest. And it is unclear when the closure will be lifted. This follows the U.S. Forest Service's recent closure of the popular Forest Road 4606 that cuts through the property, due to an ongoing access dispute with neighbors.

Since 2010, large wildfires have burned over 10,000 acres of Skyline Forest. As this forest borders both Bend and Sisters, wildfire safety is top of mind. Significant restoration and maintenance work needs to be a priority to make this area safer, especially in the face of climate change.

I understand why this private company wants to close the forest: they want to protect their primary asset: timber. We've seen this same action taken by private landowners throughout the West to mitigate wildfire risks. Just recently I was cycling along the coast and had to purchase access from a private timber company in order to ride a route I wanted to do. (And now that the fire danger has increased, they have shut the roads that I was riding on.)

I see this closure as a great reminder that now is the time to get involved, before we lose access to this area forever. If this property could be purchased from the current owner for a fair price and be managed for the public good, Skyline Forest could continue to offer amazing outdoor

opportunities to our community, and also play a critical role in improving wildfire safety for Bend and Sisters. As Central Oregon has exploded in population, we need to preserve our open spaces.

Solving these issues isn't easy. It's going to take community support, additional resources, and leadership from our elected officials to meaningfully tackle these issues and create a safer, more certain future for this place and how we access it. I urge anyone who cares about Skyline's future to get involved with local grassroots efforts to save this place.

Specifically, donate, volunteer or at least follow Central Oregon LandWatch and Deschutes Land Trust, the local organizations that are working to protect this area. And be sure to take action at Save Skyline Forest by signing the community letter urging our local leaders to help find solutions that protect Skyline and address its public access and wildfire issues.

With everyone getting involved, I hope that we find a solution that protects Skyline Forest, provides public access and improves wildfire safety in this forest for current and future generations of cyclists and everyone who loves this place.



## Owners of 33,000-acre Bull Springs/Skyline Forest west of Bend to close access due to high fire danger

By Barney Lerten

*Published 4 August 2022*

BEND, Ore. (KTVZ) – The private owners of the 33,000-acre Bull Springs/Skyline Forest west of Bend – a tree farm bigger than the city itself -- said Thursday they will be taking the rare step of closing off public access next week due to extreme fire conditions, to reduce the risk of human-caused fires.

“It’s getting more and more dry by the day – higher temperatures, gusty winds,” said Chris Johnson, executive director of timber operations for the current owners, Bend-based Shanda Asset Management LLC. “It’s the prudent thing to do.”

The signs are expected to go up next week, as they haven’t arrived yet, and will say: “Extreme Fire Danger – Closed to Entry.”

“We need to protect our assets – not just that, but everything around it as well,” Johnson said, pointing to “a number of factors,” including “extreme drought – almost unprecedented drought. We’re at the point where fuels are extremely receptive to any ignition. Of course, we can’t control what lightning does, but we can control to some extent the human-caused fires.”

There are also long-range forecasts of "higher than average temperatures, low humidity and gusty winds," according to Jason Reindorp, Shanda's global head of communications and external relations.

As a result, Reindorp said, "Unfortunately, we can't predict exactly when this closure will be lifted."

The tree farm is open to the public at about a dozen access points to hikers, bikes, horses and the like -- though not to motor vehicles. Signs have been put up making that clear, but Johnson said “the signs don’t last very long because they get spray-painted, vandalized, torn down.”

But at this hot, dry time of year, Johnson said Shanda is “taking a proactive stance. It’s the age-old thing with fire: Hope for the best and prepare for the worst.”

There will only be signs, no gates or other steps to block access. “Certainly in the beginning, it’ll be enforcement through education,” said Johnson, who has worked for nearly 30 years.

Thankfully, Johnson said, there haven’t been many large fires on the property over the seven years Shanda has owned it. “A good portion” of the Two Bulls Fire of 2014 was on that land, he said.

“The fires we have had, we’ve been able to put out quickly, with the help of the Oregon Department of Forestry,” as it’s state-protected land, Johnson said.

The upcoming closure is rare, but not unprecedented, he added.

The huge piece of property has been on the market for nearly three years, for the hefty price tag of \$127 million, prompting Central Oregon LandWatch earlier this year to launch a community effort to “Save Skyline Forest,” one of the largest contiguous parcels in the West.

# The Bulletin

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY

## Save Skyline Forest: It's time to protect this community treasure once and for all

By Ben Gordon

*Published 30 April 2022*

When you look towards the Three Sisters from nearly anywhere in Central Oregon, you'll see the green forested foothills that run up to the base of the mountains. This is Skyline Forest. It is an expansive landscape covering 50 square miles west of Bend and Sisters. Nearly a dozen seasonal streams and tributaries flow through this forest, eventually bringing Bend and Sisters their drinking water. These foothills also provide critical habitat for mule deer and elk, who rely on them for overwintering habitat.

Skyline Forest is nearly surrounded by National Forest and, given its vast size and a history of public access granted by private owners, has become a beloved locale for outdoor recreation.

For this reason, many people assume that Skyline Forest is public land. Yet, this private property is currently for sale for \$127 million. If we want to ensure Skyline Forest remains a cherished piece of our landscape and does not fall prey to large-scale luxury development, the time to act is now.

Even though this property has changed hands several times over the years — and is currently owned by an international investment company — the area has been left intact and has not been developed.

With the property again on the market, that could all change at a moment's notice. This current price tag hinges on large-scale, luxury development plans for the area, which would be the worst outcome for our community.

Any prospective developer should know they will face a tough path in developing Skyline Forest. First, Central Oregon has seen several fires burn through this landscape in recent years. Knowing what we know about a future with wildfire, Skyline Forest is an unsafe and unwise place for development. Second, Oregon's land use laws were designed to limit sprawling development

into our forest lands, open spaces, and wildlife habitat. Third, this kind of development is wildly out of step with what our community values about this place and the benefits it provides all of us.

According to a 2022 poll from Public Policy Polling, 76% of Central Oregonians supported conserving Skyline Forest for wildlife habitat, water quality, wildfire safety and recreation. This is as astounding as it is definitive. We are ready to come to the table with the current seller to find a fair price that puts our community's long-term vision, health, and safety at the center of this forest's future.

What is that vision? A decade from now, Skyline Forest is a healthy, intact landscape that Central Oregonians care for and enjoy. It is on its way to becoming a mature forest that is more resistant to wildfire and the effects of drought. Herds of mule deer move into the landscape each winter, and flocks of songbirds wing through the Ponderosa pines in the spring. Locals and visitors know where best to wildlife watch, bike, or hike and respect the areas and trails best suited for their favorite activity. Our Central Oregon communities are safer and more fire-resilient because the forest has been proactively and thoughtfully managed to reduce fire risk. Our breathtaking views of the Cascades and their forested foothills remain.

Let's make this vision a reality. It's time we go 'all in' to protect Skyline Forest once and for all. That's why LandWatch and other groups are bringing the community together to "Save Skyline Forest" and build on the grassroots and local efforts that have long sought to conserve this area.

If you are ready to help shape a brighter, safer, healthier future for our backyard forest, the time is now. Join us to help protect this special place forever at [SaveSkylineForest.org](https://SaveSkylineForest.org).



## What's Next for Skyline Forest?

By Kevin Max

*Published 28 February 2022*

The \$127 million question—could this finally be the moment Skyline Forest becomes a Central Oregon Community Forest?

From nearly any high point in Bend, you can see the vast stand of pines that creates a deep green vista to the northwest, all the way to Sisters. Mountain bikers, gravel riders, hikers, snowshoers, hunters and fly-fishers find solitude here among the mule deer and elk habitat. Ponderosa pines tower over its creeks and springs weaving through the forest's floor. In its entirety, Skyline Forest is nearly 33,000 acres, or the equivalent of 50.5 square miles. For perspective, Bend, itself, is only 33 square miles.

What may come as a surprise to many of Skyline Forest's users, this vast forest on Bend's northwest side is not publicly owned. Rather it's the private property of a Chinese investment firm, Shanda, whose portfolio includes mostly Chinese tech companies.

Here's where the story gets interesting. The privately owned Skyline Forest is for sale, again.

Listed for \$127 million by Polvi Real Estate, Skyline Forest is an expensively priced piece of land that local nonprofits, municipalities and state agencies have been actively working to acquire over the past two decades and multiple owners.

"The ideal buyer for the property," said Jake Polvi, real estate agent for the seller, "is an experienced steward of the land. The local conservation entities have great visions, but they lack the ability to implement. The owner's goal is to sell the property in 2022, he added, and that the owner has a history of working with public entities and local stakeholders in Central Oregon.

While the ideal buyer may be an entity with experience in stewardship of land, the actual buyer could come from a less-than-ideal background such as another investment bank, a private buyer, timber companies, even destination resort developers if the land use zoning were to be changed.

Indeed Polvi's website seems to target a different profile of buyer altogether than one centered on stewardship. "Unquestionably one of the most beautiful blocks of timberland, not only in Oregon, but in the entire West. This prime investment presents an excellent opportunity for recreational enthusiasts who seek a private retreat with stunning views and abundant wildlife."

Now, as Bend's population soars, as natural habitat is increasingly developed and in an emerging era when climate change is driving warmer global temperatures and increasing levels of wildfires in Oregon, the stakes for these 33,000 forested acres adjacent to Bend and Sisters are high.

"In the face of mounting pressures from regional growth, a changing climate, and the increasing risk wildfire poses to Oregon communities, we need to act with urgency to conserve this place," said Ben Gordon, Central Oregon LandWatch executive director. "We can't just keep crossing our fingers as the land is purchased and sold again, and hope a new buyer continues to protect the landscape. It's time to find a way to permanently conserve Skyline Forest and avoid the whims of speculative developers looking to build more luxury housing."

Central Oregon would greatly increase its recreation profile, mitigate its fire risk through healthy active forest management and preserve critical habitat for wildlife, which is steadily being chipped away at for housing.

"Something that makes living in Central Oregon incredible is the compact footprint of our cities and towns that keep nature and access to open, undeveloped places nearby," said Gordon. "Skyline Forest is perhaps the largest privately held piece of the forest between the Cascade Mountains and the towns of Bend and Sisters. Seeing it become housing would be a terrible loss, while enhancing the community values of recreation, wildlife habitat and wildfire safety would be a terrific gain for our region."

While many Oregonians may be hearing about Skyline Forest by reading this story, it has quietly helped shape state land-use laws and been at the forefront of priorities for Deschutes Land Trust for decades. The Land Trust has played a leading role in the Skyline Forest saga over the past twenty years. Now, with Skyline Forest back on the market, the Land Trust is determined to bring more voices—and perhaps a county bond issue—to the table in hopes of raising greater community awareness of the opportunity.

A brief history of Skyline Forest begins in the late '80s, when publicly traded timber giant Crown Pacific owned it along with hundreds of thousands of acres throughout the West. In June 2003, Crown Pacific filed for bankruptcy. The following year, Deschutes Land Trust began working with former Clinton Administration forestry advisor Tom Tuchmann, who founded US Forest Capital, a firm that invests in working forests.

In 2005, Tuchmann and Deschutes Land Trust testified in favor of the Community Forest Authority Act, an Oregon bill that Governor Kulongoski signed into law that allowed municipalities to issue



bonds on behalf of nonprofits to acquire large-scale working forests. The Land Trust went right to work, renaming this property Skyline Forest and stating its intentions of buying that land for sustainable timber harvest, wildlife habitat, education and recreation.

In 2006, Fidelity National Financial Venture took ownership of the property from bankruptcy proceedings, though the Land Trust kept working with Fidelity, hoping to make an eventual conservation acquisition. Nearly a decade later, Fidelity turned its back on its local relations and sold the property along with 60,000 additional acres between Chiloquin and Chemult as a package to Whitefish Cascade Forest Resources (which later became Shanda) for a reported \$63 million. Shanda is now asking \$127 million for one-third of the acreage it paid less than half for seven years ago.

Notably, in 2010 and 2014, two fires burned a combined 13,000 acres, with more than 10,000 of those in Skyline Forest. Because Skyline is so close to the populations and homes in Bend and Sisters, forest management is paramount and a potential liability for any new owners of the forest.

Nonetheless, the listing price poses new problems for a conservation acquisition that would rely in part on state and federal funding mechanisms. Often this class of funds can only be accessed when a property is not out of line with its appraisal value. Ultimately, with the \$127 million price tag now attached to Skyline Forest, it would have to appraise for multiples higher than when it was bundled with 60,000 additional acres. Even if you discount the complete value of the other 60,000 acres, the implicit selling price of Skyline Forest is double that of its purchase price in 2015.

Ultimately, some portion of the funding will have to come from a local bond issue, such as the \$195 million new public library bond passed in 2020.

“In conversations we’ve had with folks from the City and from the County, it does seem there may be an interest there,” said Deschutes Land Trust executive director, Rika Ayotte. “It’s certainly a path that other land trusts have pursued for land acquisitions elsewhere and a path we might consider for sure. The best thing we can do right now is just to be prepared on the back end and to keep talking about this with the community, to keep talking about this with funders, so that we’re ready for an opportunity.”

According to Gordon, price is the biggest obstacle right now. The current price is aimed at the luxury market buyers, not a conservation coalition. The property owner’s decision of who to sell the property to will be a defining moment for Central Oregon’s future, Gordon noted.

While a consortium of local organizations pursuing a Skyline purchase currently lacks the funds to acquire Skyline Forest, the group may have other key attributes that separate them from other potential private buyers—large-scale recreation and forest management. One of the interested

stakeholders is Bend Park and Recreation District, which manages more than 3,000 developed and undeveloped acres and 75 miles of trail.

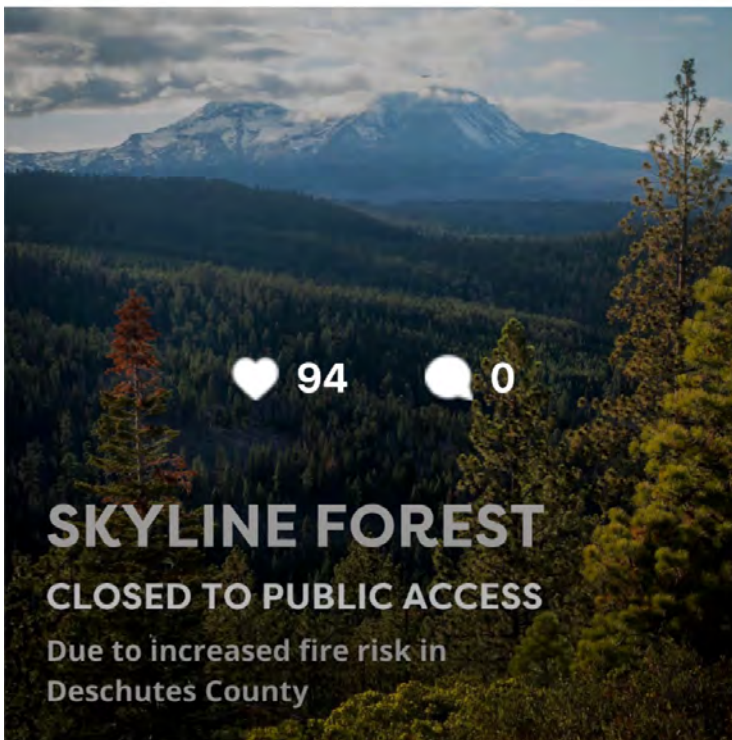
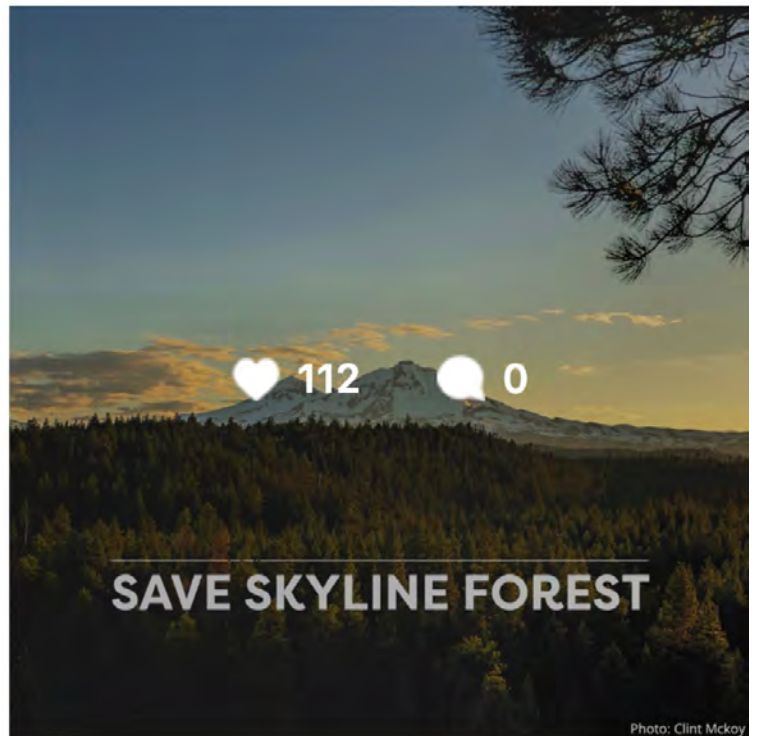
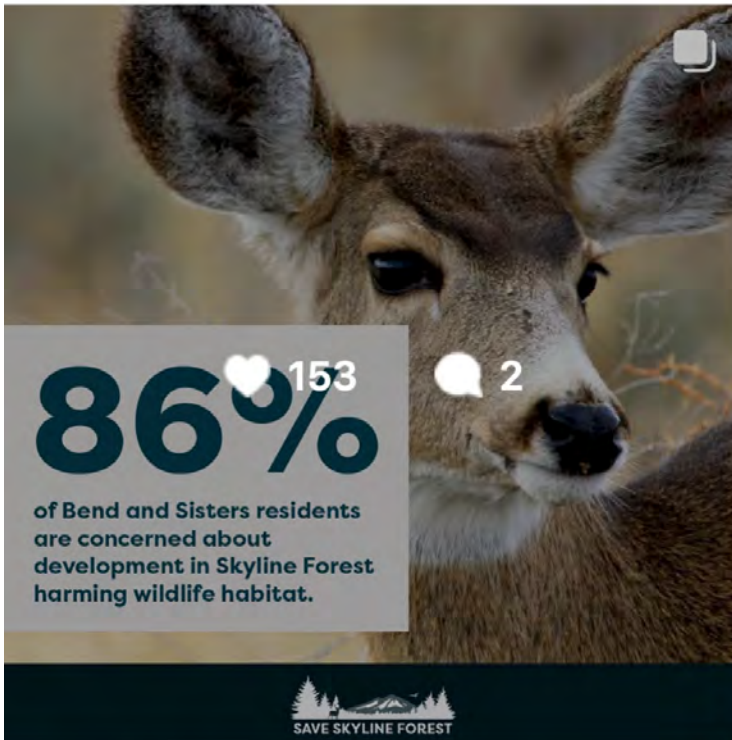
“[Skyline Forest] provided a network of trails that the community has used for years, but lacks management of this recreation resource,” noted Don Horton, executive director of Bend Park and Recreation District. “Given that the property is on the boundary between forest and urban development, forest management to reduce the likelihood of a catastrophic wildfire is critical to the future of our community. ... Likely the best management strategy will be a consortium of agencies doing what they do best. Bend Park and Recreation District could certainly manage the recreation resource with other agencies managing the forest and conservation resources.”

Between 2010 and 2020 Bend’s population grew at the torrential rate of 42%, as one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. With an increased base of people who move to Bend for its outdoor lifestyle lie greater opportunities. “Most newcomers don’t necessarily realize this land is at risk,” said LandWatch’s Gordon. “We need to raise awareness of and appreciation for Skyline Forest so that our community can get even more excited about protecting this special place for current and future generations.”

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**Save Skyline Forest for wildlife and recreation**

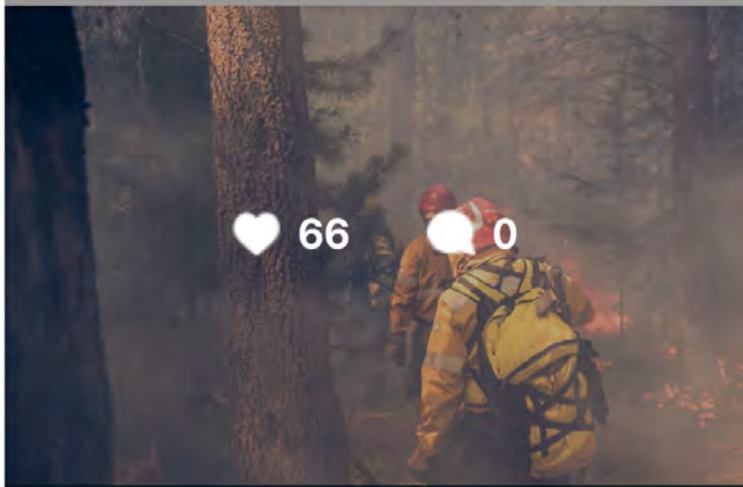
"My staredown with the cougar ended as I slowly backed away, never letting my gaze drop, until the cat was obscured by manzanita and pine.

I will never forget that experience, and hope that others can find their own adventures in **Skyline Forest** for years to come."


- Bend Bulletin Guest Column by Robin Budd

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**80%** of Bend and Sisters residents are concerned about development in Skyline Forest affecting wildfire safety.



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**DID YOU KNOW?** Skyline Forest is private owned and **could be developed.**



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Bend & Central Oregon

## Gravel Adventure Field Guide

Bend is an amazing gravel bike destination not only because of the thousands of miles of unpaved roads in its vicinity. With geologically sculpted terrain, river views, and blue skies, this high desert destination is raw and rugged while being the cultural heart of Central Oregon. Embracing the spirit of adventure comes naturally when traveling through on a bicycle.

The Bend Gravel Adventure Field Guide is designed to help you decipher and navigate the network of roads and trails in and around Bend and Central Oregon. Consider it your roadmap to finding the best gravel routes in the area. Pick up a free copy at the [Bend Visitor Center](#) or at any [bike shop in Bend](#).



**UPDATE:** Skyline Forest is now closed to public access, indefinitely. This closure effects a number of gravel routes included in the Bend Gravel Adventure Field Guide, including Railbed Spurs and The Bishop. Skyline Forest, privately owned property that historically has been open for public use, has always been an important place for our community, but now there is renewed urgency to protect this place once and for all.

Help Save Skyline Forest

### Skyline Forest

🚲 5 Star Route / Bend, Oregon / Published March 2020



Skyline Forest

<b>ROUTE:</b> Lollipop   53 mi	<b>GAIN:</b> 3200 ft	<b>SURFACE:</b> 85% gravel, 15% paved	<b>TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY:</b> Moderate
<b>NAVIGATION:</b> Attention Required	<b>LOCALE:</b> Rural	<b>TIRE SUGGESTION:</b> 40 mm	<b>BIKE FRIENDLY:</b> Yes



### Love Where You Ride!

A majority of this route is within the Skyline Forest, private land open to limited recreation use (including bikes). However, there is the possibility and threat that this land could be built out and no longer be accessible to the public. The [Central Oregon Land Trust](#) has taken a leading role in working to protect this forest and keep it open to the public. We encourage you to take a few minutes to [learn more](#).



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**

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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

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**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**

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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

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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

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

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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

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

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**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**

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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

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

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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

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**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**

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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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**

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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

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

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

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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

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**Preserve as natural as possible. - Angela Reeves**

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

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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

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Preserve it in its natural state. - Theresa Gosslee

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Don't change a thing! - Jordan Muller

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That it remains as it is. - Lindsey Grover

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**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**

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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

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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

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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

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

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Leave it alone for hiking and recreation. - Mayme Trumble

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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

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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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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

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That it be protected from development. - Janet Campbell

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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

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Keep it undeveloped. - John Nyaradi

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Long term preservation. - Kathleen Kelly

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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

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Outdoor access and wildlife. - Shannon Hinderberger

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

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

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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

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

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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

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Public ownership. - George Wuerthner

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**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**

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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

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

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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

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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

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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

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**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**

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

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

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

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To leave it as is. - Craig Crockett

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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**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**

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

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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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

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**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**

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

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

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**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**

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

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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

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**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**

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

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

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

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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

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

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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

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**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**

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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

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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

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

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

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**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**

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

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

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**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**

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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

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**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**

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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Keep it undeveloped and natural. - Kari Zartler

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

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

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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

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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

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

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**Forest, not luxury homes. - David Anthes**

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Leave it the hell alone!! - Nichole Smith

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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

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

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

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Preserved for future generations to enjoy. - Jenna Richardson

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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

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

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**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**

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

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

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Protected and no development. - Elliot Reed

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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

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

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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

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

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**Let it be. - Kate Shea**

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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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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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

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

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**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**

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**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**

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

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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

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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

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

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

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**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**

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

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Wildlife habitat for generations. - Erin Maxon

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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**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**

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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

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

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

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

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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

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

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**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**

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

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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

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Prevent disruptive and unsightly development. - Gordon Huestis

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That it be left as it is. - Nancy Whitlatch

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

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

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

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

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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

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