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I do not wish to see any of Oregon's public lands sold, or leased to private individuals or corporations. They would then no longer be public land. To you, it may seem like a small step to help raise money to bolster Oregon's schools or its state budget. To me, as a citizen of the united states, and a resident of Oregon, it is a small step in the process of turning our public lands into a situation like unto what exists now in England, and most of mainland Europe. Only the wealthy can hunt. There are no public lands, or any that are worth attempting to hunt on.

I have spent many hours wandering those very lands currently in question hunting for rabbits, deer, grouse, or just looking for a good photo opportunity. To marvel at the wonder that my ancestors used to only be able to travel those areas on foot or on a horse. It is a vast and beautiful area. To remove it from public use would be a tragic loss that could never be properly explained or justified to our children or grandchildren.

I urge you to leave these lands as they are.

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