

TREES IN IDAHO

We need trees for lots of different reasons. For one, think, where do you put all your funny and special memories? A picture frame! You could also put them in a diary. We wouldn't have memory keepers if not for trees. What are pencils and paper made out of? Trees! Lots of people rest under the shade of trees, and think, no peaches, pears, or apples if there were no trees! I could not imagine having no trees.

It's not just people who need trees. What about the birds and wildlife? Birds need their cozy nests; deer, elk, bears, and other animals need them for hiding. Badgers live under trees, monkeys swing from branch to branch, and lions rest under them for protection from the hot yellow sun.

Lots of people think we cut down way too many trees, but they should think again. Every time we cut down a tree, we plant two new ones in its place. We also cut down dead, old, thin trees that take up space and can start a wildfire fast. Those old trees are what we make pencils and paper out of, so we don't waste them.

I could go on for days on how trees are used, but think, this essay you're reading is using the wonderful and magnificent trees we have here in Idaho.

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