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OUR TREES. OUR EDUCATORS. OUR FUTURE.

Have you ever stopped to listen in the woods? Maybe you heard the roaring chainsaw or the processor working diligently cutting the trees, making logs, and providing lumber for people like you and me. In my everyday life I use, wear, or eat wood products and byproducts. Wood is important for the environment, trees give us fresh air, fibers for clothes and so much more.

Pencils and paper are also a product of wood. Paper, from the pulpwood, is important for sending notes to loved ones that are far away or to write poems, letters or essays at school with our wooden pencils.

I love science. Learning about trees, their amazing growth process. The seeds that are inside the pinecones that then grow up tall and sturdy and after years and years can get hundreds of feet tall and wide enough to drive through. There are so many types of trees in Idaho, the Ponderosa is among my favorite. Each type provides different resources for use in our human world.

Standing trees provide shade, wind block, noise reduction, and homes for wildlife. Dead trees decompose and add nutrients to the soil, helping other trees grow and becoming food for small insects and animals.

My home, lifestyle, and education depend on beautiful Idaho trees. My future depends on healthy, sustainable, and renewable forests. I know the importance of keeping our forests alive, to replant, and to take care of our trees. I hope you do too.