

Two- four-six-eight who do we appreciate!
Trees, Trees, Trees, Forest Tr...e..e..s.

This was the singing sound that I heard while I was walking in the Sawtooth National Forest. I have never heard trees talk outloud but maybe they do? I wonder why are they singing? I decided I would go deeper into the forest to investigate.

As I was walking I heard chattering and someone said, “look around at how beautiful this forest is”? Do you see that bluebird over there? Did you see that pika scurry beneath those pine needles? Look how fast that chipmonk climbed that tree?” I realized that trees were talking to me. They said, “These animals call this forest their home and they appreciate all the nuts, bugs, shelter and warmth that the forest provides.”

Listening to the trees help me realize why I should care and appreciate our forests. Accross the way I noticed snow piles. They were melting and creating mini waterfalls and streams. It was that moment that I realized what happens in the forests helps the farms and flat lands by filling up our lakes and rivers too. It also allows me to splash in the rivers in the hot summer. I wanted to shout from the mountains to the world that clean healthy forests means a healthy community for all to enjoy.

So when I left the forest back downhill I sang, two- four-six-eight who do we appreciate! Trees, Trees, Trees, Forest Tr...e..e..s to remind me what a magical time I had.