

Dear Forest,

Thank you for the many wonderful things you have for us. You give us a place for recreational activities where we can get away and enjoy nature. You provide supplies and opportunities that help peoples' lives. You help many animals and plants have a place to live. Wow! You do so much!!!

My family loves to do things together in the woods. We can ride our bikes on trails, fish in the streams running through you, and camp under stars that shine brightly above your canopy. One of my favorite animals is a frog. What's yours? I also like to find things to paint like rocks and sticks. I like to collect flowers and sticks for art.

You are important in other ways, too. You take in and store carbon dioxide, and you give off oxygen for all living things to breathe. You provide fresh water through your ground water filter system. You give us shade, so we don't get too hot. Thank you for taking care of me.

Thank you for being here all the time. You keep providing for jobs and products for everyone. I have wood products, like my desk, books, and paper that I do my schoolwork on. You renew yourself and just keep being there for me. I want to take care of you like you. I want to reuse and recycle. We both are always changing and that is one thing I love about you. Let's always be friends.

Love,

Penny

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