



WILDERNESS IS OUR COMMON GROUND

My roots are deep in Central Oregon. My great grandparents homesteaded in the 1800s along the John Day River at Clarno, and I have ranched bordering the Badlands for more than 25 years. I've spent my life enjoying the great natural gifts this part of Oregon has to offer—from the rugged cliffs in Spring Basin to the ancient juniper trees near my home in the Badlands. But I've seen the wear and tear on this fragile land from off-road vehicle abuse, the illegal cutting of thousand year-old junipers, and the defacement of irreplaceable archeological sites. I want to ensure that future Oregonians will have the same opportunity to experience amazing places like the Badlands as I have. We need to act now to save our best wild places as wilderness—while we can.

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