

To whom it may concern,

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It has come to my attention that the North Mountain Park Nature Center in Ashland, Oregon is working towards the construction of a fully interactive Nature Playground. This is something that I fully support and hope you will do the same, given the benefits of nature play for young learners.

For the past two years, I have taken my first grade classes to the park on educational field trips that have covered a variety of different topics. The field trips have always been well organized and delivered by the staff and volunteers. Every time my class has attended one of these field trips, I have had the pleasure of witnessing active learning, using the natural resources in the park. After the field trips, students are able to better connect with stories we read and have conversations that are more productive given the practical knowledge they now possess.

I am confident that the addition of the Nature Playground to North Mountain Park Nature Center will make it an even better place to visit, play and learn. I look forward to continue visiting the park as a teacher and as a parent in the years to come and am hopeful that a Nature Playground will be a resource that is available during that time. I strongly encourage you to support this project in any way possible, as it will be of great benefit to the community of Ashland and all those who come to visit.

Yours Truly,

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