Jane,

A few enthusiastic responses to my initiative are coming in, and I'm sure there will be more when more folks show up to get their mail. In response, Pat Labine gave me this article, and I attach a copy for you. Orr is the author of a nice little book, Ecological Literacy, which I think of as a kind of Bible for thinking about our environmental situation. I read most of it on the plane during spring break, to and from Los Angeles, where I met my daughter for about 10 days of intensive birding. On the return flight, I was very receptive to this kind of message. Erica and I had just seen huge flocks of shore birds and egrets, owls in their various groves and burrows, Vermillion Flycatchers so brilliant red that it took our breath away, Scott's Orioles and Lawrence's Goldfinches among the desert wildflowers; and we had also experienced the filth, congestion, and traffic of Southern California. As I read Orr at 35,000 ft over the Cascades, I determined that we have to do much more to save the world, and I think Evergreen is a good place for a concerted effort. I'm glad you agree.

Burt