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My husband, Curt, and I are now both in our 70's. We built our home over 30 years ago and we have almost 2 acres of property on the outskirts of Bend. We love it here. My husband has lived in Oregon all his life. My family moved here in the mid-60s. We want to stay in our home mostly because it was built for us and reflects our personalities. We also couldn't afford another place like this because of the price of homes in Oregon, particularly Bend. It was a small town when I moved here (about 15,000). Even though it's gotten too big, we still love being here with our beautiful view of the Cascades. The deer, birds, squirrels and occasional bald eagle are special out here too.

Now, the taxes do make it too hard to save and our circumstances are such that we've had to use our 401k's before we both retired to make ends meet. We've been good citizens and taxpayers all our lives and just want to stay in the place we love.

Robin and Curt Newell