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Ms. Kathy McGlauffin  
Senior Vice President  
Project Learning Tree  
American Forest Foundation  
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Dear Ms. McGlauffin:

The Pacific Education Institute welcomes the opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the American Forest Foundation through its Project Learning Tree program, and we fully support its expanded partnership with EarthSky through the *INSTEP* project. As avid supporters of Project Learning Tree and users of their curriculum materials and supplements, we are excited about the possibility for Earth and space science curriculum.

Project Learning Tree's curriculum gives science educators an effective means in teaching to K-12 science education standards and teaches students "how to think, not what to think" about complex issues. We are enthusiastic at the possibility of Project Learning Tree expanding its curriculum materials and correlations through the *INSTEP* project, affording educators tools to teach inquiry based learning, while also offering them materials which focus on Earth and planetary science and heliophysics and astrophysics research. These are important areas of study for K-12 students and we look forward to the forth-coming resources.

We are excited by the interactive multimedia presentation of the information and correlations, engaging students while also working to improve their computer literacy, and their competency to identify informal learning tools outside the classroom to support their own learning. We are encouraged by this proposal and look forward to using the education materials produced through the *INSTEP* project; improving our student's science and technology literacy while engaging them in the world around them in order to foster the next generation of scientists and innovators.

Through the collaborative partnership between Earth & Sky and Project Learning Tree, we the Pacific Education Institute, are confident that this project represents an invaluable opportunity to bring an innovative science education materials to students, teachers and the general public, contributing to a more informed student body, knowledgeable about our planet.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-705-9282 or via email at [lferguson@wfpa.org](mailto:lferguson@wfpa.org).

Best regards,

Lynne Ferguson  
Executive Director  
Pacific Education Institute