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Traveling isn't always easy for Lino, though. He struggles to breathe because of his COPD and has to carry an oxygen tank.

He said the his worst experience traveling was when he went to Santiago, Chile, in February and his nebulizer — a device that administers medications to the lungs — broke. Lack of oxygen, a language barrier and a three-day flight plan that took him on an accidental tour of the country during a snowstorm made for a rough trip.



Carl Lino

"I was really hurting," he said.

His favorite trip was to China, where he visited the Terracotta Army and Tienanmen Square.

When visiting the facility that housed the terracotta sculptures, he was blown away by how large it was. "All of John Day would fit inside," he said.

Likewise, he was amazed by the square, which had 1.2 million people in it when he visited during former chairman of the Communist Party of China Mao Zedong's birthday.

Despite all this travel, Lino always returns to John Day. It's because of the

Around the world with Carl Lino

EUROPE: While visiting Europe, Lino played golf on one of the oldest courses in the world, St. Andrews. The course regularly hosts the British Open.

ASIA: Lino visited China where he saw the terracotta army in Lintong, Xi'an, Shaanxi. While visiting the facility that housed the terracotta warriors he was blown away by how large it was. "All of John Day would fit inside," he said.

AUSTRALIA: While visiting Australia, Lino was impressed with the architecture of the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbor.

NEW ZEALAND: Lino described the island nation as being like Oregon, but with more sheep.

AFRICA: Lino went from Gibraltar into Morocco where he enjoyed the window shopping and local wares and clothing.

SOUTH AMERICA: Lino has been all over the South American continent, but what stood out to him the most was the upbeat dancing and nightlife in Buenos Aires.

ANTARCTICA: "Antarctica is really a unique place, a little nippy," he said, adding the temperature wasn't too cold, it was just the 70 to 90 mile an hour "breeze" that cooled things off at the southern Palmer Station.

NORTH AMERICA: "John Day isn't a place; it's a way of life," he said. "That's what brings us back."

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support of the community that comes together when someone needs them most, he said. They came together when his wife died five years ago and when his daughter was run over by a

car, breaking 37 bones. "John Day isn't a place; it's a way of life," he said. "That's what brings us back."

Lino said he will keep traveling

as long as he can. He recently had to cancel two trips, a river voyage from Amsterdam to Budapest and a cruise to Alaska. However, he's hopeful his traveling days aren't over.

"I've got to wait and see if the doctor will let me," he said. "If the doctor says I can go, boy I'm gonna go!" All he will have to do is choose between Europe or Alaska.

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Others reportedly being considered are: Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, Lucas Oil co-founder Forrest Lucas and former Colorado Rep. Bob Beauprez.

McMorris Rodgers represents Eastern Washington's 5th Congressional District, which contains large sections of land owned and managed by the federal government. She has been a longtime advocate of increased use of federal land, including expanded timber harvests and more drilling for oil and gas.

She's a co-sponsor of the Emergency Wildfire and Forest Management Act, which would streamline the environmental impact studies for federal forest lands, making it easier for lumber compa-

nies to thin them and harder for opponents to block those sales.

Earlier this year, she sidestepped the debate over whether the catastrophic wildfires Washington and other Western states have experienced in recent years can be linked to climate change. Appearing in Spokane a day after Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee had linked fires over the last three summers to hotter, drier summers from climate change and carbon emissions, McMorris Rodgers instead said the federal government should focus on better forest management.

"Clearly, we have a lot of trees that are dead, diseased, bug infested, and that needs to be addressed," she said.

Asked whether man-made climate change was a threat, and whether she would support laws limiting greenhouse gas production, McMorris Rodgers didn't directly an-

swer the question. She said policies promoting clean energy should be weighed against their economic impact, but didn't address climate change in her answer.

The conservative Washington Policy Center said she would be a good choice because of her years of work on land issues.

"She has seen firsthand the environmental damage that comes from neglect of federal lands and will be a great steward of our parks and federal lands," said Todd Myers, the director of that group's Environmental Policy Center.

News media reports that a McMorris Rodgers appointment could be imminent prompted sharp criticism from environmental groups.

The congresswoman supports "selling off our public lands to the highest bidder and opening them to drilling, mining and logging," Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune said in a prepared statement. "It's clear that McMorris Rodgers would jeopardize the future of our public lands if appointed as interior secretary."

Brian Sweeney of the Western Environmental Law Center said she "represents a threat to public lands, endangered species and our clean energy fu-

ture." Kate Colwell, for Friends of the Earth, contended she would "wield a rubber stamp for the fossil fuel industry" because of past support of greater drilling.

Also quick to issue statements of opposition were the Environmental Defense Fund, the Center for Western Priorities, American Rivers, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, EarthJustice, and Fuse Washington, a coalition of progressive organizations. Representatives of resource-based industries were supportive.

Luke Popovich, of the National Mining Association, said McMorris Rodgers has a "deep knowledge of public lands issues" and the experience of working on them in Congress, which is rare for an interior secretary. The mining industry hopes she would be able to focus on multiple uses of federal lands and better balance the needs to protect resources and the economic costs of doing that.

"She understands the nit-picky-gritty of the laws that apply," Popovich said.

Ducks Unlimited supported the nomination, with Chief Executive Officer Dale Hall, a former director of the Fish



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Washington Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers kicks off a meeting with farmers and industry members about falling number concerns Sept. 2 in Colfax, Washington.

and Wildlife Service, saying he looked forward to working with McMorris Rodgers because "she understands our issues."

Travis Joseph, president of the American Forest Resource Council, praised the possible nomination and described McMorris Rodgers as someone who would "bring back some common sense" to the management of federal lands.

"She's been working on these issues for years," said Joseph, whose organization represents loggers, mill owners and other members of the forest industry in Washington and four other Western states. "There are millions of acres of federal forest lands that face a crisis."

Donna Harman, president and chief executive officer of the American Forest and Paper

Association, said the group welcomes the prospect that she would use her knowledge to bring responsible stewardship to public lands: "That foundation is critical to future policy that impacts our member companies that manufacture the forest and paper products Americans use every day."

The Center for Responsive Politics said McMorris Rodgers was the sixth largest recipient of money from the Forestry and Forest Products Industry in 2016, with a total of \$83,950 in contributions. That's more than Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton or Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., received.

The Interior Department has about 70,000 employees and a budget of more than \$20 billion. It oversees a wide range of agencies, including the bureaus of Indian Affairs, Land Management, Reclamation and Safety and Environmental Enforcement, as well as the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Geological Survey.

McMorris Rodgers, 47, has been in government since graduating from Pensacola (Florida) Christian College in 1990. She started as a legislative aide to state Rep. Bob Morton after running his re-election campaign in Northeast Washington's 7th Legislative District, and was appointed to his state House seat in 1994 when Morton was appointed to the state Senate. She rose to the rank of House minority leader and in 2004 won the hotly contested race for an open seat in the 5th Congressional District.

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