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[00:00:04] **Speaker 1** All right.

[00:00:06] **Speaker 2** I guess my first question is. Talking. You said you're taking being outside trans identity. So why do you like being outside?

[00:00:18] **Speaker 1** Yeah, I think being in nature allows me a kind of freedom that I don't get around other people very often when I'm out in nature, there's no expectations. The trees, the trees don't care what I'm wearing. The trees see me for who I am. Yeah, it's it's a very freeing and grounding experience to just be able to be exactly who I am without any expectations or limitations and just to exist in my body and feel good about it. What do you love specifically about this place in. You want to come up now? I think this place holds a lot of history, both for me and for the town that I grew up in. It's a place that I came a lot as a kid, and this was like my this was the place that I had my first experiences with being in Woods. Am I right? Yeah. I would come up here when I was upset or afraid or just needed a place to think. So this has always been a place that I could find some peace and calm and grounding. So. Yeah, well, it's been cold, so not as much. But yeah, I've definitely been feeling the need to reconnect to things in the past couple of months, so being being outside helps with that. Being around people who I love, who love me for that. Since the new administration. I guess I think that a lot of the. I think that Donald Trump wants me to feel afraid. And so I'm doing everything that I can not to feel afraid. I think he wants me to feel helpless and hopeless. And I don't I believe that there is still good in the world and I believe that there are people doing good in the world because I've seen them doing it. So I've been focusing my attention and focusing my efforts on informing myself, finding ways to be hopeful. Keeping keeping myself informed not just on what the executive orders mean, but also how we're going to stop them. Yeah, I. When your government doesn't want you to exist. It is scary and it is a heavy burden. But my government has never been the one to decide whether or not I exist. That's between me and the universe. And me and the universe are 100% sure that I exist exactly as I am. And Donald Trump gets and doesn't get a say in that. So yeah, I am. I am still. And I. I am still disheartened by the cruelty and always will be. But I am not made hopeless or helpless by it.

[00:03:54] **Speaker 2** What are some of those movies that. We're finding ways that.

[00:03:58] **Unidentified** It feels powerful. We discovered countless.

[00:04:02] **Speaker 1** And I find power and hope in my community. I've seen the way that people have immediately started organizing to sue the government and fight for the rights of trans people and trans kids especially. I've seen the ways that we come together to educate ourselves. Working in the library, I've seen people checking out books on kindness and empathy for children and checking out books about fascism and how to defeat a fascist government for adults and. People are informing themselves and my community is coming together and that gives me a lot of hope. What's your reaction?

[00:04:46] **Speaker 2** I don't know if you were watching it, but during the inauguration with me, he famously said that there were two genders.

[00:04:52] **Unidentified** What was your response to that?

[00:05:02] **Speaker 1** Well, my my honest response is that that Petrovich doesn't get to tell me who I am. But I could also say that. I see that. I don't need the government to recognize my gender. They should because it's real and it's going to make it a hell of a lot harder for me if they don't. But. My identity is my business. And. Donald Trump doesn't doesn't know what he's talking about. He doesn't. I know middle schoolers with a better idea of sex and gender than he seems to hold a more complete and scientifically sound understanding. So I don't. I don't put much value in what he says about about how many genders or sexes there are. I. I'm on a mission to see all 50 state parks. Actually, there are 52 on my list. So, I've got plans to check a couple more off my list, do some more hiking. Spend more time with my dog. I've got a pile of art supplies that are just waiting for some inspiration, so I'm looking forward to that. Yeah. Got good things coming. I don't think so. No.