

O&C Trust Lands Proposal

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Create an O&C Trust and Designate O&C Trust lands

- Designate 2.7 million acres of Oregon and California Railroad Grant lands as O&C Trust Lands.
- Maintain federal ownership of O&C Trust Lands.
 - Title to all lands and subsurface minerals remain under federal governance.
 - Management of surface resources on O&C Trust Lands is transferred to the O&C Trust Board.
 - Protect public access to all lands.

O&C Board of Trustees

- Authorize the Governor to appoint nine members to the O&C Board of Trustees, including three representatives of each of the following:
 - Government, including one member who represents one of the nine federally-recognized tribes in Oregon
 - Environmental organizations
 - Timber industry

Flexible Management of O&C Trust Lands

- Place 1.1 million acres of O&C Trust Lands in a reserve under management of the Board of Trustees to be managed for natural succession.
- Designate 1.6 million acres to be managed by the Board of Trustees for timber production on sustainable yield.
- Recognize the tribes of Oregon as stakeholders.

Land Exchange Authority

- Authorize the Board of Trustees to negotiate proposals for land exchanges with neighboring land owners, including the federal government, in order to create contiguous blocks of land under management of the O&C Trust.

Provide forested Oregon counties with a sustainable source of revenue.