

The below was sent in response to a request for comment / testimony prior to the Saturday 3/2/19 Public Hearing in Bend. After attending the hearing I became more aware of the process and much of the self serving interest involved. Being dismayed at the lack of vision put forth, I departed early as there seemed little that might be accomplished.

For the record, I stand by my thoughts on identifying the challenges we face.

To close, all of the concern about increased fuel cost and additional taxes seem hollow to me. Fuel consumption would probably be reduced thus lowering prices. Increased tax revenue would be realized through living wage employment opportunity.

If we do nothing we will surely fail and if we try we may still fail (but we will have tried).

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Having been a professional seaman for most of my life my perspective may be difficult to present.

- Earths population since the end of WWII has more than doubled.
- Increased use of motor vehicles has altered the aspect of human existence.
- We are all conditioned to accept our personal perception of what is normal.
- The natural environment has changed exponentially.
- There is empirical data proving the economic value of natural resources for recreational use.
- The collective appreciation of conserving natural resources has never been more recognized.

What has been lacking is an actual direction with stated purpose. "Clean Energy Jobs" is the BEGINNING.

The next major accomplishment will be the reclamation of natural habitat (not to mention food production) with increased recreational opportunity for all.

As world leaders of human expression and quality of life we must lead the way.

- Too many people do not have clean drinking water.
- Alternative energy (Solar, Wave, Wind) is available to power desalination plants worldwide.
- The jobs created to provide clean water would be extensive.
- Downstream quality employment in storage, distribution and reclamation would naturally follow.
- Promotion of Clean Water and improving Quality of Life may lead to greater cooperation amongst people.

Will people ever realize the benefits of working together as opposed to conflict?

Best regards,

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