



HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN IMPACTS TO CLATSOP COUNTY

Clatsop County supports the development of a Western Oregon State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan.

But, the current version has significant implications for our rural community.



A 35% reduction in annual timber revenues – with no upward adjustments over time is the “worst case scenario” for taxing jurisdictions, businesses, schools and other social and civic structures in our community.

In rural communities like Clatsop County, we need more family wage job creators – not less. Timber provides vital discretionary revenues to local governments and the industry supports a wide range of family-wage jobs, businesses and philanthropic activities.

↓\$1.4M

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE

Reduce discretionary funding to Public Safety and Justice - \$906,500
Rural Law Enforcement - \$434,000
State Land Enforcement - \$76,000



↓\$900K

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reduce funds for Assessment and Taxation Clerks Office (Elections and Recording), Internal Services, Parks, Community Development and other General Fund departments.



↓\$600K

PUBLIC WORKS

Reduce funds available to maintain and repair roughly 232 miles of roads, bridges, culverts and other infrastructure.

Pavement Condition Index will degrade over time; increasing costs of maintenance/repair.



↓\$32K

4H / EXTENTION

Reduce funds available for programming and services related to administrative staff, operational expenses and program supplies.



↓\$30K

FAIRGROUNDS

Reduce funds available for repair & maintenance of Fairgrounds property and facilities.



Total Impact

Annual Revenue Reduction for Clatsop County

↓\$3M

Family-wage jobs are the cornerstone of a healthy and sustainable community. The HCP process must study the impacts of job loss on our rural economy prior to approval. We urge the board to consider the fact that Clatsop County does not have the transportation system and developable lands (including industrial) that can make up for the loss of timber supported jobs. The state needs to examine all impacts of the HCP since its ramifications will impact this community for generations.



Postpone the approval of the HCP and reengage with local elected officials to prepare a plan that is more nuanced and equitable.



This will impact the people in our community's health and well-being for generations to come. We deserve better.