

CERTAINTY FOR COUNTIES

To uphold our commitment to rural and federally forested communities in western Oregon

Highlights:

- **Provides forested counties in western Oregon with a sustainable and more predictable level of revenues in perpetuity** to support basic county government services like law enforcement, education, health, and transportation.
- **Turns around nearly two decades of gridlock on federal forests** that will help timber-dependent counties in western Oregon improve their economic and financial outlooks.
- **Estimated to create thousands of new jobs in rural communities** throughout Oregon and will reduce unacceptably high unemployment levels in the State.
(Oregon Forest Resources Institute, 2011)
- **Moves counties away from an uncertain future of federal payments to a long-term solution that meets the federal government's obligation to federally forested communities** while bringing jobs back to our communities and health back to our federal forests.
- **Ensures legal certainty by establishing a fiduciary trust for the O&C Counties and ensures strong O&C county representation on the Board of Trustees** to guarantee the Board's fiduciary obligation to the 18 O&C Counties.
- **Sets a fair standard for the federal government by requiring the Board of Trustees to provide a return from the O&C Trust lands to the American taxpayer and U.S. Treasury.**
- **Establishes a temporary federal loan to aid O&C Counties during transition to payments from the O&C Trust.**