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Support increasing local revenue from timber harvests and sales

Taking Action to increase local revenue from timber harvests and sales

This message is from [Tax Fairness Oregon](#) inviting people across the state but especially those in rural counties to a Zoom conference call on January 20, 2021. Registration link is below.

The Invitation:

Please forward this invitation to everyone you know in rural county areas, especially in the eastern Oregon. Next week, a presentation will provide in depth information on timber taxes and water issues related to timber harvesting.

Recent articles in the Oregonian have uncovered that timber-dependent counties have not been getting the revenue they desperately need since Oregon stopped taxing harvested timber two decades ago. Learn more about corporate structure implications on tax income. Unlike Washington state, Oregon doesn't tax the value of trees when growing nor when cut and return the monies to local counties.

Communities are also concerned about what clearcuts and weak stream buffers are doing to their drinking water supplies. Tax Fairness Oregon has held Zoom forums which were well received. County commissioners and legislators were present at the forums. We welcome them, hoping to get input on a citizen initiative that will address these issues.

Join us at the last forum on January 20th at 6pm for **Harney, Malheur, Baker, Union, Morrow, Wallowa, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler Counties.** **All are welcome.**

The information applies to all areas of Oregon in case you missed a prior forum for your area.

Timber Tax Fairness for Counties, Water and Forests

Join us for a community conversation about revenue restoration for forested counties, tax fairness, funding essential local services, and protecting drinking water. The presentation includes opportunities to ask questions and explore possible solutions.

Wednesday, January 20th, 6:00-7:30 PM

Guest Speakers:

Jody Wiser, tax policy expert, Tax Fairness Oregon

Richard Felley, retired water district manager, past director Tillamook Estuaries Partnership

Catherine Thomasson, MD, Retired Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility

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