

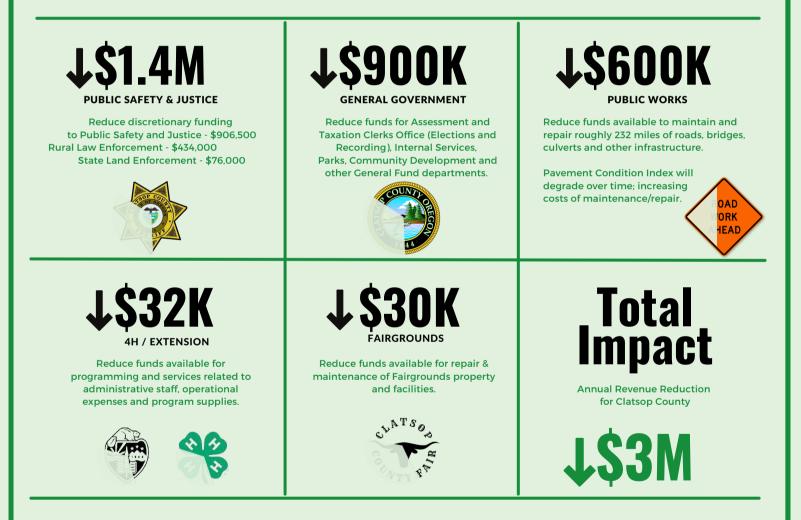
HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN IMPACTS TO CLATSOP COUNTY

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 "<u>worst case scenario</u>" 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.



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.

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