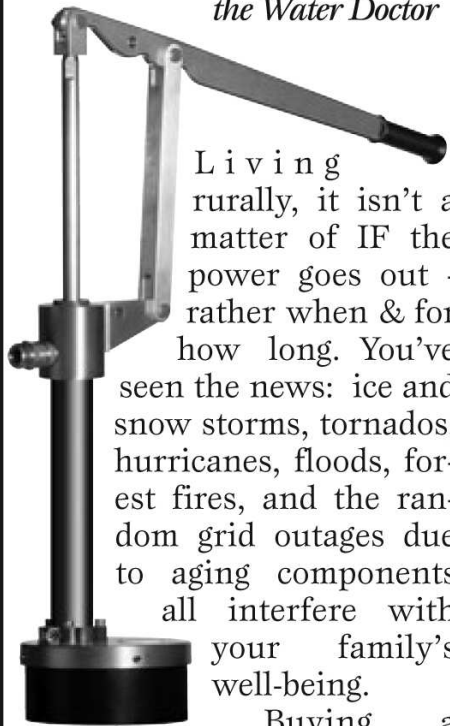




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OPINIONS

Logging for county funds is an economic loss

BY CHERYL BRUNER

In October Williams Community Forest Project met with Josephine County Commissioners. We requested that the commissioners directly and publicly support programs that benefit the recreation and restoration industries, while conserving our Oregon and California (O&C) lands for ecosystem services. The following data supported our proposal.

Management of the O&C lands by the BLM dates back to 1937 when Congress passed the O&C Lands Act, providing for permanent forest production, protection of watersheds and regulation of stream flow, economic stability of local communities and timber industries, creation of recreational facilities, and provisions for reimbursing the O&C counties for the loss of tax revenue from the O&C lands.

"The O&C lands safeguard critical sources of drinking water, support fish and wildlife habitat, and provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing." (www.wildsalmoncenter.org/pdf/OregonandCaliforniaLands.pdf)

The most recent 2012 report from the Outdoor Industry Association notes that in Oregon outdoor recreation generates \$12.8 billion in consumer spending, \$4 billion in wages and salaries, \$955 million in state and local tax revenue, and \$141,000 directly in Oregon jobs.

Payments for ecosystem services create jobs. A study by the Ecosystem Workforce Program at the University of Oregon found that forest and watershed restoration projects have considerable economic impact and job growth potential.

For every \$1 million invested, 20 jobs and over \$2.3 million in total economic activity were returned for river and road restoration; 13 jobs and \$2.2 million in economic activity were generated from mechanical forest projects such as thinning; and 29 jobs and \$2.1 million in economic activity could come from tree planting and manual thinning.

In its May 2013 "*Protected Lands and Economics: A Summary of Research and Careful Analysis on the Economic Impact of Protected Lands*," Headwaters Economics, a nonprofit economic research firm, noted that "Western non-metropolitan counties with protected federal lands had faster employment growth and higher per capita income. Counties that had more than 30 percent of the county's land base in federal protected status increased jobs by 345 percent over the last 40 years," and "Protected natural amenities—such as pristine scenery and wildlife—help sustain property values and attract new investment."

"Wild Pacific salmon are a central part of the culture, economy, and environment of Oregon. Pacific salmon generate 28 million dollars of economic activity annually in Oregon, providing hundreds of jobs" (wildsalmoncenter.org/pdf/OregonandCaliforniaLands.pdf).

In *The Register-Guard* article titled "Costs of logging O&C lands exceed benefits," Art Johnson and Ernie Niemi point out that "Logging older, bigger trees would produce not just dirtier water, but less water. ...The overall impact can be as much as 20 inches of water per year.

...[T]he cost over time to irrigators, fisherman, municipal water users and others would be equivalent to a one-time payment today of about \$1,000 per acre. ...[L]ogging releases into the atmosphere large amounts of carbon dioxide currently stored in the trees, roots and soils of the O&C lands. ...Current estimates of the monetary value damage per ton of carbon dioxide suggest that these effects range from at least \$25,000 to \$85,000 or more per logged acre."

In *Economic Value of Goods and Services Produced by the O&C Lands With and Without Industrial Logging*, produced for the Pacific Rivers Council, Niemi writes that "Congress is considering several proposals to increase logging on 200,000 or more acres of the O&C Lands in western Oregon managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Price data for timberland indicate these lands would have a timber value of no more than about \$5,000 per acre, and less than this amount if the existing environmental protections and ban on exporting logs from O&C Lands remain unchanged. Industrial logging of these lands, however, would leave them unable to produce conservation-related goods and services worth 10–20 times more than the timber value."

Clean air and water, along with the beauty of our forested lands, are prominent factors in our economic future. Logging for county funds is an economic loss, and these other needs must be considered in the management of our public O&C forests, and logging for county funds is an economic loss.

Cheryl Bruner

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

In November the folks who are protected by Applegate Valley Fire District # 9 will vote on a property tax increase of seven cents per \$1,000 AV to fund the operation of the District for the next five years. This is why I will be voting YES:

Last February I suffered a heart attack at our home near Applegate Dam. As we live an hour from the nearest hospital we drove to the Applegate fire station in Ruch for help. As the EMTs were checking me out my heart stopped beating. They immediately hooked up a heart defibrillator and restarted my heart and then continued CPR in the ambulance as we raced to Rogue Valley Medical Center. The cardiologists there located an arterial blockage and inserted two stents so my heart could operate normally. After a short stay in Intensive Care I returned home with no lasting damage.

Had it not been for the proper equipment and the professional training of the personnel at the Applegate fire station I would not be alive today. My story could be your story. That's why I know a YES vote in November will be the best investment I will ever make.

Tom Brussat

Jacksonville, Oregon

Ed. Note: This letter arrived prior to the election, but it emphasizes how your life can be saved when your fire district has the funds for trained medical professionals and proper equipment.

Dear Editor:

I really think you do a great job with the *Applegater* newspaper. I want to subscribe!

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Voices of the Applegate spring concerts

Voices of the Applegate, our community choir of about 20 members and directed by Blake Weller, performed their fall concerts on November 22 in the Old Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, and November 24 at the Applegate River Ranch House in Applegate. The music consisted of a variety of four-part harmony pieces, including Mozart, Robert Burns, Queen and two songs from the musical, *Pippin*. One more piece from Africa that was added to the repertoire was "Sansa Kroma," an Akan language playground song that nearly all children growing up in West Africa learn to sing.

Our spring session will begin on January 15, 2014, with concerts to be held on April 11 and 13. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday evening beginning January 15 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Applegate Library on North Applegate Road just past the fire station.

For those interested in joining our choir, please call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988 or Kathy Escott at 541-846-6844.

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