

A black and white photograph showing the skeletal frame of a building under construction in a wooded area. The structure has a multi-level roof and is extensively scaffolded. A small utility vehicle is parked on the left, and construction materials are scattered on the ground.

They would be the first such refunds since the Oregon economy went into a recession in 2001.

The kicker law stipulates that when income tax collections exceed the estimates of state economists by 2 percent or more, the excess must be returned to taxpayers.

doubts from other quarters because of monies being expended on the war in Iraq, plus funds related to the recent hurricane disasters in the Gulf Coast.

McVay, he said, has been negotiating so that there can be a timber harvest of 300 million to 400 million board feet.

Even if the safety net is extended from its expiration of September 2006, the lawsuit will be pursued, Frick said. SORA, a 501c3 organization, is working with a Portland attorney, Clarence Greenwood.

Others working with SORA, Frick said, include former longtime Josephine County Commissioner Harold Haugen; Roseburg businessman David Jakes, Grants Pass businessman Herb Carter, and a Grants Pass attorney, Jack Swift, who is working pro bono.

The 1994 Northwest Forest Plan, devised by the Clinton administration to save the spotted owl while allowing some continued logging, outlined a network of reserves across 24.5 million acres of the Northwest -- including the O&C lands.

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