

The timber tax system in Oregon was set up primarily to provide tax revenue for the state and communities. What many people don't realize is that Indirectly it encourages investment into forest lands. This comes in many ways but it primarily encourages planting trees, maintaining forest health and maintaining road infrastructure which is linked to water quality and healthy fisheries. By drastically changing this system the economic benefit for investing into forest lands is diminished and the emphasis will turn to other uses that would be more profitable to landowners. Timber is a renewable resource and should be promoted to keep our forests healthy and productive for generations to come.