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Oregon's forests are and can continue to be harvested in a manor that is sustainable and meet the needs of the environment and economies. There is no reason to decouple this funding to counties that depend on it. This funding can allow rural communities to flourish and be proud that the resources in there back yard are provided for them and are managed in a way that they will always be there to provide for them. Use Jewell school district as an example of this benefit. Furthermore harvest this timber at the proper time is actually a benefit to the environment. Allowing these trees to die and rot releases the carbon they have stored back into the environment. As does allowing them to burn. Harvest trees and turning them into building materials allows that carbon to stay stored for in the boards. This being said both the environment and rural communities benefit from this.