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The Coos County Fair and Rodeo grounds has been in continuous use before 1920! The Fair and Rodeo was originally owned by a group of stockholders. Fast forward to current times and the County owns the event venue. The grandstands, scoreboards, bathroom facilities all need to be refurbished. The fairgrounds and rodeo/riding facilities is used year round. The weather does limit some activities. The rodeo grounds with three outdoor riding arenas provides a safe central area for riders of all ages and skill levels to practice and learn new skills. Ranch horse skills, trail riding skills for mounted rescues and pleasure, cart, wagon and buggy driving skills are just a few of the riding events that occur at the facility. Coos County "took on" an event venue that needs some upgrades with electrical hook ups for food carts, and camping, upgrades for restrooms, grandstand seating for everyone, lighting, fencing, etc.

The upgrades and some improvements could make this Coos County Site a Disaster Relief area- evacuation from forest fires inland, potential tsunami evacuation site etc. The additional alternative uses for Rodeo grounds is a potential for most rural counties that could be achieved with funding for infrastructure repairs besides preserving the horse riding skills culture.