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Oregon needs to find ways of supporting its ecosystems, communities, and infrastructure with steady streams of funding. It's estimated the tax would amount to about \$6/tire—a modest individual impact and much cheaper than trying to reverse the impact of toxins in our waterways.

Key Talking Points to Consider:

- Revenue from the tire tax would fund filtration systems and stream restoration projects to intercept and reduce this pollution, protecting vital salmon habitats.
- Wildlife frequently crossroads, leading to thousands of vehicle-animal collisions each year, posing dangers to both animals and drivers.
- Wildlife crossings, such as bridges and underpasses, have been proven to significantly reduce roadkill incidents and enhance ecological connectivity.
- The tax would create a dedicated funding source to build and maintain wildlife crossings, helping to prevent crashes while preserving biodiversity.
- Expanding rail infrastructure for freight and passenger travel provides a long-term solution to reduce reliance on cars and trucks.
- Trains are more efficient than road transport, producing less pollution and decreasing overall tire wear.
- Fewer cars and trucks on the road mean less tire-derived microplastic pollution, fewer road repairs, and reduced runoff contamination.
- The tax revenue would help fund rail improvements, providing Oregonians with better, more sustainable transportation alternatives.