Sustainable timber harvest for local economies

BOF Harvest Volume

Fiscal Year

Board Feet (Millions)


0 50 100 150 200 250 300
County share of revenue to counties, local taxing districts

Funds Distributed to Counties

Millions

$0 $10 $20 $30 $40 $50 $60 $70

Fiscal Year

41% increase in six years (inflation 8%)
Despite Record Revenues and Expenditures

- Declining reserve funds
- Declining Staff (252 FTE in 2011 v 233 in 2016)
- Reduced Young Stand Management, gutted monitoring
- Focus on High Value Sales – clearcutting the easy stuff
- Recreation program on hold for years
- No progress on HCP
- Linn County Lawsuit -- $1,000,000 cost!
- Calls to proactively destroy rare habitat
What next?

• Forest Plan is not the problem – HCP needed

• Problem is costs, distribution of revenues, dependence on timber harvest.

• The solution on costs:
  – Control Costs – private sector, subsidy of other programs
  – Revisit revenue distribution
  – Make the case for public investment
    • Cuts budget – reduce ODF to fit revenue projections
    • Seek specific assessments for specific purposes
  – Trust Land Transfer
Public investment is important to maintaining our forests
The bottom line

Public investment is critical:

- To protect forests from fire
- To keep forests healthy and working
- To manage our state-owned forests for many benefits
- To help restore federal forests
• Questions?

• Thank you.