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A new and innovative way for the BLM to structure the planning process, would be to consider that the O & C Act has a **Primary Objective** which is to manage the lands to produce a **maximum** sustainable revenue stream to the Western Oregon Counties. The BLM has failed miserably in the accomplishment of **Primary Objective** for many years. The economic impacts to the people living in those Western Oregon Counties has been huge and in the current economic situation it is even more critical that the BLM actually perform on the **Primary Objective**.

If the planning effort does not support reaching the **Primary Objective** it is most likely doomed to failure and the efforts to recapture those lands by the counties will receive support from many who have not previously sought to do so.

After the **Primary Objective** has been described as a maximum possible result, then the other values and protections need to be enumerated as reductions from the maximum possible revenue stream so those who view and use the plan can understand the cost of maintaining the “other values” and actually have a metric whereby to evaluate the best course of action.

At the first public meeting that I attended in Roseburg, it is my impression that the BLM is asking to reverse the order of the above described method, by asking for all the other values to be listed and then see what remains for reaching maximum sustained revenue. It is time for the BLM to figure out that this process (which has not worked in the past) will not lead to a document suitable to guide them to meet the **Primary Objective** of the O & C Act and will put them in jeopardy of failure in the courts and in the court of public opinion.

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