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> Kate,
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> Here is the updated answers to your O&C questions. Let me know if you have questions.
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If increase in timber harvest, what does that do to secure rural schools that goes to the counties?

If Congress were to reauthorize the SRS legislation, Counties would receive payments in lieu of timber sale receipts from O&C lands. Increasing harvest would not change the SRS payment.

Currently, the O&C Counties receive a 50% share of timber harvest receipts. Increasing timber offered in western Oregon would lead to increased harvest and increased receipts. The amount of receipts increase is tied to the market value of the timber at the time it is harvested. Timber purchasers generally have three years to harvest BLM timber sales under contract.

Update on the status of lawsuits

Western Oregon RMP lawsuits:

- ***Association of O&C Counties v. Nedd*** – pending court action on BLM's motion to transfer to the District Court in Oregon. BLM answer due 30 days after the court rules on the motion to transfer.
- ***American Forest Resource Council v. Nedd*** - pending court action on BLM's motion to transfer to the District Court in Oregon. BLM answer due 30 days after the court rules on the motion to transfer.
- ***Pacific Rivers Council v. BLM*** - Motions regarding the administrative record are due August 30, 2017. Briefing will be ongoing through March 2018.
- ***Double R Ranch Trust, et al. v. Michael Nedd, et al.*** – BLM answer is due July 24, 2017.

Expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument:

- ***Association of O&C Counties v. Donald J. Trump, et al.*** - The litigation has been stayed until September 23, 2017, to allow time for the Secretary's review of the designation. A joint status report is due September 23, 2017.
- ***Murphy Company, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al.*** - The litigation has been stayed until September 23, 2017, to allow time for the Secretary's review of the designation. A joint status report is due September 23, 2017.
- ***American Forest Resource Council v. U.S.*** - The litigation has been stayed until September 23, 2017, to allow time for the Secretary's review of the designation. A joint status report is due September 23, 2017.

Other litigation:

Swanson v. Zinke - In this case, referred to as *Swanson III*, plaintiffs challenge the BLM's alleged failure to offer the ASQ of timber declared in its 1995 RMPs for its western Oregon districts, and request the court to order the BLM to make up shortfall timber volume the BLM allegedly failed to offer from 2004-2013. The motion was fully briefed at the end of 2016, everyone is waiting on a decision from the court.

Anyway to get detailed information on budget needs? (b) (5) [redacted]

Over the last 11 years (2006-2016) western Oregon has offered an average volume of 215 mmbf with an average national O&C budget of approximately $110 million dollars plus approximately 5-6 million dollars from the Timber Sale Pipeline Restoration Fund and the Forest Ecosystem Health and Recovery Fund. The FY18 PTA allocates Oregon $80,593,000 for the O&C. This constitutes a reduction of $15,582,000 from FY17 AWP.

Timber sales are developed over a 2-3 year time frame which necessitates always maintaining a continually developing pipeline of sales. Reductions or increases in budget will generally affect timber volume targets in the following fiscal year. For example, reductions in FY18 will mean less capacity to produce volume in FY19. Future budgets will dictate whether the program continues to delay ramp-up.

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Can we compare our current TO to 10 year ago?

The number of permanent employees working in the O&C districts has declined by about 38 percent from 10 years ago. Below are the approximate number of employees in 2008 compared to current.

2008 – 975
Current – 608