

\*\*\*DISCUSSION DRAFT\*\*\*

## Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services

### WORK PLAN AND WORK GROUPS

#### *A. Data Collection, Research, Analysis by Program Area*

##### Scope of Inquiry

- Examine current state/county relationships re:
  - Shared funding
  - Shared service delivery
- Estimate impacts from delay, loss or reduction of federal forest payments, immediate and long-term, compared to:
  - Current service levels
  - Mandated service levels
  - Baseline service levels
  - Optimal service levels
- Examine potential for and impact of:
  - Counties terminating programs
  - Counties turning back services to state
- Investigate potential changes and efficiencies:
  - State rules and mandates
  - Regional service delivery models
  - Other?
- Develop recommendations
  - Executive
  - Legislative
  - Revenue-related (to Revenue Restructuring Task Force)

##### Program Areas

- Revenue and Administration
  - Assessment and Taxation
- Public Safety
  - Community Corrections

- Courts
- District Attorneys
- Juvenile Services
- Law enforcement (Sheriffs/State Police)
  
- Human Services
  - Mental Health
  - Public Health
  - Senior Services
  
- Economic Development
  
- Other
  - Veterans Services
  - OSU Extension Services

### ***Revenue Options***

#### Research

- Variation in tax bases and tax rates
- Effect of state/county revenue sharing
- Long-term fiscal projections: state and counties/cities

#### Issues

- Constitutional issues re: property taxes
- Counties' taxing authority
- State's capacity for revenue sharing

### ***Forest Practices***

#### Review

- State's involvement with review of BLM forest practices
- Proposal for O&C lands

### ***Federal Lobbying***

Coordinate efforts

### ***Legal issues***

#### Issues

- Clarify process and authorities re: declarations of emergency

### ***Outreach to Stakeholders, Public Input***