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**Rep Girod appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Federal Forest Payments**

*Task force to study solutions for rural counties*

SALEM – State Representative Fred Girod (R-Lyons) has been appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Federal Forest Payments. The focus of the 18 member panel is to explore solutions for rural counties facing devastating cutbacks in services due to the lack of federal funding.

“As someone born and raised in the Santiam Canyon, I am very aware of the distinct needs of rural Oregon. I believe that as legislators, we cannot approach state issues with a one size fits all attitude. Simply put, what works in metro areas will not work in rural Oregon,” said Girod.

This appointment follows a recent tour of rural counties by the House Interim Committee on Rural Policy, of which Rep. Girod serves as Vice-Chair. The group toured several counties and met with panels of officials representing areas hardest hit by the decrease of federal forest payments.

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