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Senate Republican Leader Statement on Rural Counties Awarded Over \$1 Billion in Timber Harvest Lawsuit

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Senate Republican Leader, Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass) issued the following statement after the announcement of the jury in Linn County finding the state of Oregon owed over \$1 billion to 13 rural counties for failing to maximize timber harvests:

“This morning, the economic forecast said we had an additional billion dollars. This afternoon, a jury said they want it back. We better not spend the extra money because the state will have to pay up for mismanaging our forests for decades.”

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