







Climate Justice


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 - ▶ For climate action to be just, it must address these inequalities.



Just Transition



History of Just Transition

“Just Transition strategies were first forged by labor unions and environmental justice groups, rooted in low-income communities of color, who saw the need to phase out the industries that were harming workers, community health and the planet; and at the same time provide just pathways for workers to transition to other jobs.”

Climate Justice Alliance

<https://climatejusticealliance.org/just-transition/>



Clackamas County focus

- Start from the baseline that certain communities will experience disproportionate harm from climate change impacts *and* climate actions
- Recognize that historically, policies have relied on market forces to identify transitions, often leaving communities behind
- The climate action plan will seek to provide supported transitions to avoid these impacts with policies that anticipate and provide alternatives to family and community-level harm



Oregon Timber Communities

- What is the story of the decline of Oregon timber communities?
 - From the perspective of timber communities?
 - From other perspectives?

Endangered Species Act and Oregon Timber Communities

- ▶ Have any of you heard about the decline of Oregon timber communities?
- ▶ What is the story?



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Let's take a deeper look

- ▶ Reduced timber harvests on federal land
 - ▶ + a narrative of threatened timber communities
 - ▶ + automation of timber jobs
 - ▶ + a large corporate model of maximum extraction
 - ▶ = fewer jobs and a diminished tax base for timber communities with more intense private timber harvesting
- ▶ What might it have looked like to use a Just Transition lens around the Endangered Species Act and modified timber practices?