Tension as Catalyst: Land Stewardship and Development Align for a Better Rural West
Public West, Private East

More than Half of the West is Public (federal and state)
Public West, Private East

Geography

multiple agencies/

Multiple Uses

complicate management &

community planning
Pacific Northwest is Growing Faster than the U.S.


https://headwaterseconomics.org
New Jobs & Income in Services and Non-Labor


- **Services**: Doctors, engineers, lawyers, accountants, waiters, barbers, etc.
- **Non-Labor**: Retirement, investments, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.
- **Non-Services**: Construction, manufacturing, mining, oil & gas, agriculture, etc.
- **Government**: Local, state, federal
Growth is Concentrated in Major Cities

3 cities captured
73% of all new jobs since 2007

69% of Isolated Counties have Fewer Jobs in 2017

The Great Decoupling

Beginning around 1970, productivity gains no longer translate to higher wages & income.
Economic Geography: The Three Wests

The Metro West

Connected Places

The Isolated “Third West”
Timber Dependence ≠ Future Performance

County Performance Predicted by Trajectory in 1990

- Pop. Change per 1,000
- Average Wages
- Household Income
- College Degrees
- Families in Poverty

Airports
Universities
National Parks
Natural Resources
Local Institutions

Lessons from the Timber Transition.
A Growing Fiscal Crisis

Where Anti-Tax Fervor Means ‘All Services Will Cease’

Sorting books at the library in Roseburg, Ore. A sign inside spells out its future in four words: Come June 1, “All services will cease.” Ruth Fremson/The New York Times
Close the Planning Gap

Local Vulnerabilities

Exogenous Barriers