



Trust Land Transfer Revitalization Phase 2

Taxing Districts Focus Group

Meeting #3

October 6, 2022 3-5 p.m.



Welcome and Introductions



- Name
- Affiliation
- Interest in trust land transfer



Agenda



Time	Topic	Lead
3:00 – 3:10 p.m.	WelcomeIntroductionsGoals	Sarah
3:10 – 4:40 p.m.	 Review: Defining the Problem Avoiding, Minimizing, and Mitigating Impacts: Solutions from the TLT Work Group Solutions from Focus Group Members 	Sarah
4:40 – 4:55 a.m.	Thoughts? Questions?	Sarah
4:55 – 5:00 a.m.	Overview of Next Meeting Wrap-up	Sarah

Focus Group Goals



- Examine current options in the TLT tool and identify alternatives.
- Evaluate potential of options to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts.
- Suggest steps toward implementation of options.





Review: Defining the Problem

Defining the Problem: Common Themes



- Better communication
- More comprehensive outreach/education
- Defined division of labor/responsibilities who does what?
- Representation on advisory committee

Overview of the TLT Process: 5 Basic Steps



Step 1

Applicant turns in a written application; DNR will:

- Verify the receiving agency,
- Conduct outreach to taxing districts on transfers involving State Forestlands,
- Consult with applicant and receiving agency on transfers over 9,000 acres or \$30 million in value,
- Analyze parcel to ensure the transfer is in the best interests of the trusts, and
- Conduct outreach to Tribes.



Step 2

Advisory committee prioritizes the list of parcels based on standardized evaluation criteria.

Only **eligible parcels** reach Step Two.

Overview of TLT Process: 5 Basic Steps



Step 3

Prioritized list submitted to the **Board of Natural** Resources for their approval and then to the legislature for funding.



Step 4

Board approves each individual, funded transfer; funded, approved parcels transferred to the receiving agencies; replacement land purchased.

Parcels transferred in order of priority.



Step 5

DNR reports to Board every two years on parcels transferred and acquired.

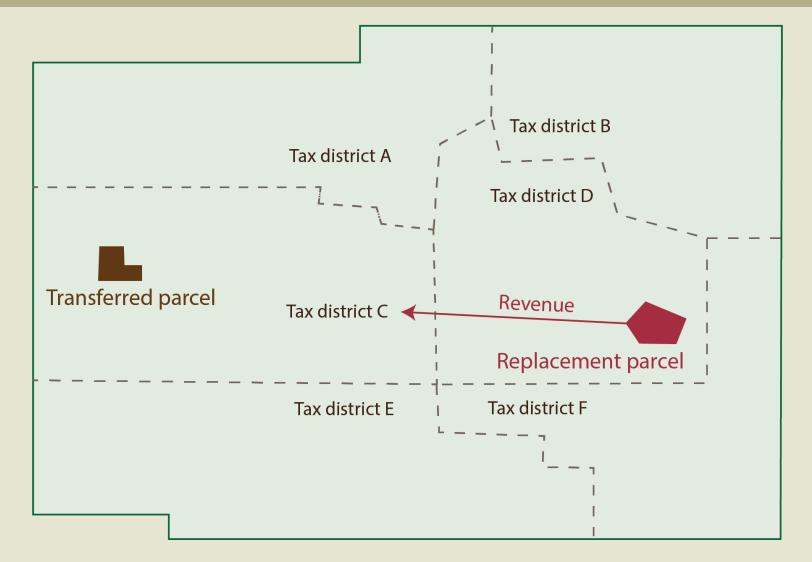


Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate Impacts: **Options from the TLT Working Group**

Replacement Land: New Tax Code Area



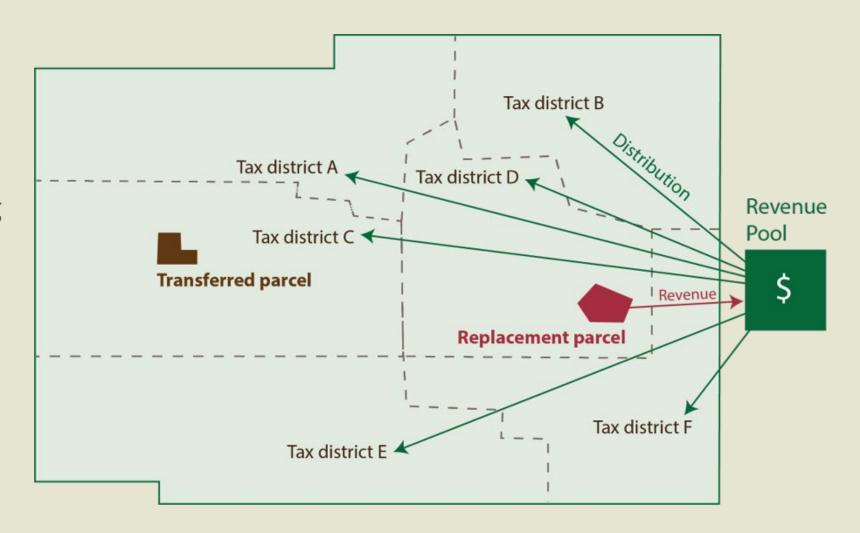
When a replacement parcel is located in a different tax area code than the parcel being transferred, counties could have the flexibility to assign the replacement parcel to the affected taxing district.



Revenue Pooling and Distribution: In-county

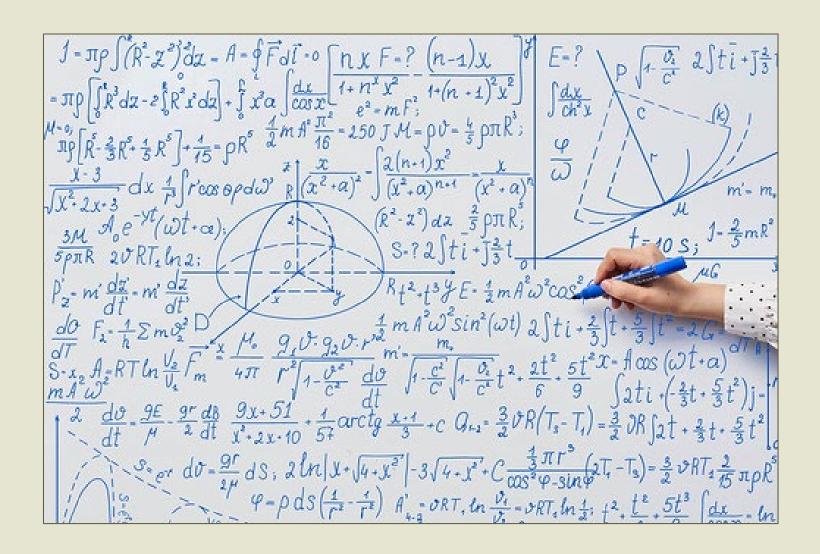


Consolidate all the revenue collected from State Forest Lands associated with taxing districts, and distribute revenue equitably to taxing districts based on acres, relative value, or other metrics.



Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

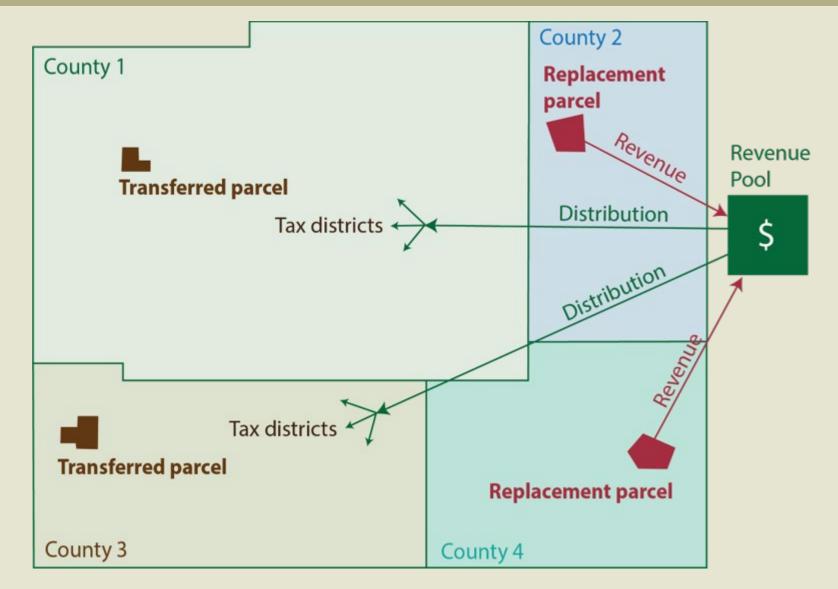




Revenue Pooling and Distribution: Cross-county



State Forestland Pool. As authorized by RCW 79.22.140 where land can be replaced anywhere and future revenue is credited to its former taxing district according to percent of contribution. Currently only available for counties with population less than 25,000 with lands encumbered by endangered species.





Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate Impacts: Options from the TLT Focus Group

Three Proposed Options from Focus Group Members





- Rod Fleck
- Rex Hutchens
- Heidi Eisenhour



Looking Ahead: Implementation

Upcoming Meetings



- October 13, 9-11am Meeting 4*
 - Continued conversation on solutions
 - Recommend steps toward implementation of options.

* Separate sub-committee meeting possible



See you at Meeting #4!



October 2022

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