

JS Public Safety Service Services (PSS) History: 2000 - 2012

1916 O & C Lands And County Funding³ The 1916 "Chamberlain-Ferris Act" which vested the O&C lands to the government distributed timber sale revenues to the O&C Railroad, the federal treasury, and the O&C Counties, such as Josephine County. In 1926 the "Stanfield Act" redistributed the funds, authorizing lump-sum transfers of \$7 million to the O&C Counties at a rate of \$500,000 per year. But this was not satisfactory to the O&C counties because they felt the acts did not mandate enough cutting and they didn't get enough revenue.

The 1937 O&C Act³ overhauled the timber management and revenue distribution scheme. It allowed the federal government to pay fifty percent of gross timber revenues directly to the O&C counties, plus twenty five percent (for unpaid Railroad property taxes). In 1953 Congress directed 25% of the revenue to road building and other capital improvements on the O&C lands, leaving only 50% paid to counties. These payment schemes tied timber harvests to county revenues and made county government a champion of increased logging.

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O & C Funding Changed to Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Act Funding

2000 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS; P.L. 106-393)³ The 1937 funding arrangement lasted until the 2000 SRS which was a temporary, optional program of payments based on historic, rather than current, revenues. Because of decreased timber revenues (most of the old-growth was cut and there were T& E issues on O&C lands), The O & C counties pushed to decouple timber harvests from county revenue. The SRS provides direct payment to counties from the federal government in lieu of taxes.

2008 SRS Reauthorized³ **Through 2011** Many counties are compensated for the tax-exempt status of federal lands. Counties with national forest lands and with certain Bureau of Land Management lands have historically received a percentage of agency revenues, primarily from timber sales. However, timber sales have declined substantially—by more than 90% in some areas. The 2008 reauthorization had a four year ramp-down in funding to expire 2012.

Josephine County SRS Payments⁴

2000	\$12,524,049.92
2001	\$12,723,541.55
2002	\$12,393,868.10
2003	\$12,554,988.38
2004	\$12,843,753.12
2005	\$13,885,138.51
2006	\$14,023,989.89
2007	\$13,995,208.93

SRS Payments ⁵	NFS Payments ⁵	
2008	\$12,621,591	\$2,756,526
2009	\$11,359,432	\$2,480,873
2010	\$10,237,513	\$2,235,849
2011	\$5,777,421	\$1,654,373
2012	\$5,488,568	\$1,589,434

Josephine County (JO CO) Justice System (JS)¹⁻²

2012 On July 6, 2012, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 was reauthorized for federal fiscal year (FY) 2012 as part of Public Law 112-141. This one-year reauthorization of the SRS Act made some significant changes to the previous reauthorization in Public Law 110-343.

JO CO JS&PSS Tax Levies The 2012 expiration of federal funding in JO CO, used mostly for public safety services, resulted in JO CO proposing two tax levies as solutions. They both failed.

1. May 2012 JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 43, Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 57 - 43 percent.
2. May 2013 JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 49, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 51 - 49 percent.

In summary, the 2000 SRS Act originally expired in 2006, was renewed for one year in 2007, for four more years in 2008, and one more year in 2012, though each renewal was at reduced spending levels.

Want more information? Contact the *Exploratory Committee*.

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JO CO - O&C Payments (SRS Payments)
JO CO National Forest Payments

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of costs for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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