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Our rural county has become paralyzed and impoverished by the steady stream of regulations falling on our natural resource industries. We have no other economy. This is killing us. Here is a link to a social and economic monitoring plan done on the impact of the Pacific Northwest Forest Plan on my County.

<http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/31109> Take a look at the Klamath River. It illustrates the devastating impact federal regulations and non-local litigious environmental groups can have on communities.

National Forest occupy more than 60% of our county's land base. Our largest National Forest has only met its ASQ twice since 1990. Since 1990, wood manufacturing jobs have dropped from around 1000 to below 400. Timber jobs have gone from above 900 to below 200. Currently, both small scale mining and family farms are being regulated out of business.

Top that with restrictions on natural resource use for salmon and TMDL's for Clean Water and you have a chronically distressed area made that way by government. A comprehensive baseline economic study should have been done and the cumulative effects analyzed before proceeding with this death by a thousand cuts policy. Even before the latest economic woes, we had an 11 percent unemployment rate. 65% of households with children ages 0-17 are low income and 27% of Siskiyou County's children live in official poverty. In the past several months, these numbers have increased substantially. These ARE our future generations. Lets consider how they are living NOW.

We are told that environmental justice is supposed to protect these small unrepresented communities. All I see is the opposite, where they are destroyed by government policies and action.