Why the Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program matters to Jefferson County:

1. Our environment is an economic engine for our county. TLT is one tool we have to sustain and grow economic opportunity.

2. TLT supports Jefferson County and our residents priorities by funding schools, conservation and productive forestland, and paying attention to our junior taxing districts.

3. TLT has been an effective program for over 30 years.
3. KEY POINT: TLT was developed to improve the revenue generating potential of the CSCT – and does!

Here’s an example from Jefferson County that illustrate how this works – Devils Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA).
3. CASE STUDY: Devil’s Lake NRCA is characterized by:
Steep slopes, Shorelines, Unique old forests
2. PRIORITY: Ensure TLT projects maintain revenue generation ability for Junior Taxing Districts

As we know, revenue generated from timber sales on Forest Board lands support key county services for all 39 counties in Washington State.

I’d love to figure out how we can make the needed Inter-Trust Exchanges for certain proposed TLT projects less of a pressure point for this program.
1. PRIORITY: TLT Supports key elements of our economy

On the North Olympic Peninsula our recreation economy supports 80 outdoor recreation businesses, almost 1000 employees and $110 million in annual sales.

Shellfish are a major part of the economy in East Jefferson County, both for recreational and commercial uses. Dabob and Quilcene Bays are major draws for recreational fishing – take from someone who partakes!
Collaboration is key!

Let's row together in the next Legislative session to ensure a robust TLT program for the future.