

The Port Report

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




Port Ships Variety of Products All Over the World

To many valley residents, the Port of Lewiston may be best known for shipping grain and paper products. While grain and paper are two of the Port's core products, they ship many other interesting products all over the globe. Here's some of the other products the Port ships, as well as some of the destination countries.

Products

Bottled Water	Lumber	Pottery
Golf Bags	Modular Homes	Recycled Plastics
Jet Boats	Pet Products	Talc
Log Homes	Potato Flakes	Woodchips

Destination Countries

 Australia	 India	 New Zealand
 Brazil	 Italy	 Peru
 Chile	 Japan	 Phillipines
 China	 Korea	 Spain
 Columbia	 Malaysia	 Taiwan

It's
Your Port

Port Mission Statement:

The Port of Lewiston is a public organization, which serves the citizens of Nez Perce County as an industrial development district and an intermodal transportation center. The mission of the Port of Lewiston is to foster job creation and job retention activities. The Port will maximize the value of its assets to enhance the economic stability of Nez Perce County and the State of Idaho.



Why it Pays
to have a Port.

\$120 Million
in sales annually

\$120 million in annual sales generated by businesses and activities associated with the Port.

1900 Valley Jobs

Over 1900 jobs in the Lewis Clark Valley Area are the direct and indirect result of economic activity at the Port of Lewiston.

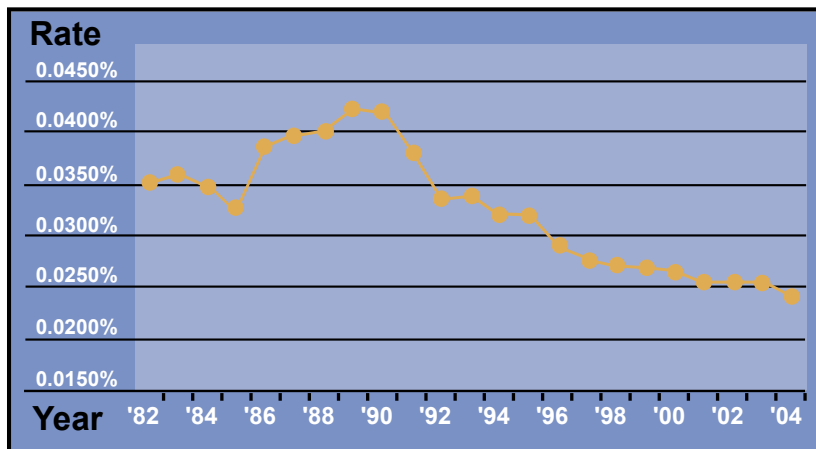
\$1.9 Million

in revenue to Nez Perce County
Economic activity at the Port generates nearly \$1.9 million in revenue to Nez Perce County, that is then used for everything from street improvements to emergency medical service for county residents.

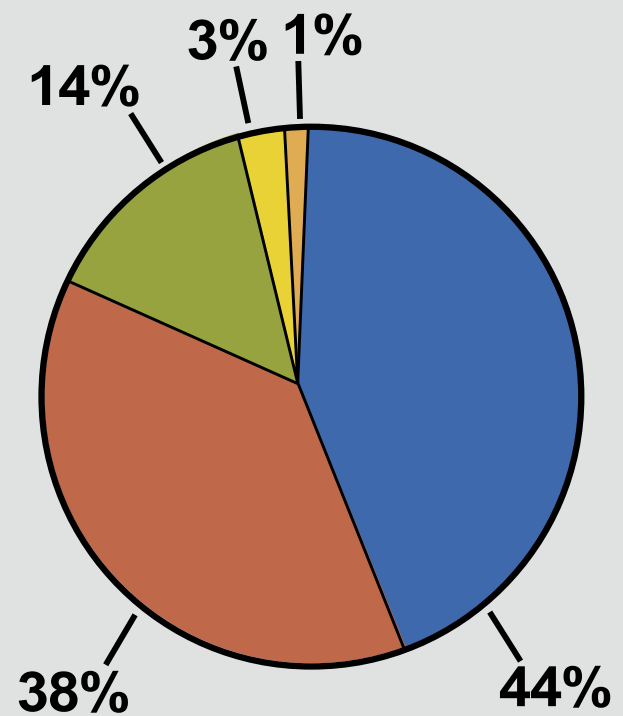
Port Commissioners Reduce Property Tax Levy Again

This year, as it has done every year for the past 14 years in a row, the property tax rate each Nez Perce County citizen pays to fund the Job Creation efforts of the Port of Lewiston has decreased. The Port uses 100% of this tax revenue as the seeds for job growth and economic development and diversity, all of which are crucial to the economic health and stability of Nez Perce County. Since 1990, the tax levy rate has decreased by 43% - from \$0.42 per \$1,000 of taxable property value in 1990 to \$0.24 per \$1,000 in 2004. For the average property owner, the portion of their property tax that goes to fund the much needed Job Creation and Economic Development efforts of the Port will be only 1%-1.5% of their total property tax bill (approximately \$15 per year for a home and a lot assessed at \$100,000).

Property Tax Rates By Year



Nez Perce County Tax Dollar Breakdown



City of Lewiston	\$0.44
School District	\$0.38
County	\$0.14
Road	\$0.03
Port	\$0.01
Total \$1.00	

YOUR PORT COMMISSIONERS



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Jobs & Economic Development

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At the core of the Port's mission is creating and retaining jobs in Nez Perce County. A key component of this effort is site development - preparing property so that it's ready to build on and is attractive to businesses that are considering locating operations here in the valley. In the past, major businesses with good paying jobs would choose other cities to build their new facilities in because the other cities had already done most of the needed land development and infrastructure work. But because the Port invests 100% of the property tax revenue it gets from the county back into land and infrastructure development, Nez Perce County has become a very attractive option to many of these companies looking to expand or relocate operations.



Interventional Pain Consultants Surgical Center
View from Juniper Drive



CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Business	Location	Completion Date	Jobs
Physician's Office & Surgical Center	Business & Technology Park	December 2003	12-15
Regence	Business & Technology Park	October 2005	450

*Development and infrastructure work continue on both the Harry Wall Industrial Park located in north Lewiston and on the Business & Technology Park located above The Home Depot.

Over 1900 Valley Jobs Threatened

The Facts about the Petition to Dissolve the Port

For the last couple of months, a local county resident has been setting up a table in front of area supermarkets and other businesses, soliciting signatures for his petition to lower property taxes by removing the Port of Lewiston from the county tax roll. Despite the impression he gives potential petition signers and news reporters that he is not against the Port, his efforts would have dire consequences on both the Port and the local economy.

If this petition to dissolve the Port is successful, not only would the Job Creation and Economic Development efforts of the Port be halted due to lack of funding, but because of the statute the petition is referencing as basis for the action, the County Commissioners would be legally obligated to shut the Port down and dispose of all its assets as soon as is practically possible. And as soon as the Port is gone, so are over 550 jobs and \$13.2 million in annual earnings. Another 1350 jobs and \$31.6 million in earnings would be threatened due to their dependency on port-related activities. Furthermore, if the Port is eliminated, it is not certain that the Corps of Engineers would still be responsible for dredging the navigation channel beyond the Port of Clarkston. Eventually, grain shipping and area farmers would be negatively impacted.

The person coordinating the petition suggests that the County or City could simply take over port district operations, but the fact is, neither the City nor the County have the statutory (legal) authority to manage port operations like warehousing, container yards, rail roads and more. Simply put, if successful, the proposed action of the petition produces only one possible outcome - the Port of Lewiston will cease to exist

We will be addressing the petition at a public hearing and would appreciate your support.

If you feel as we do, that well-paying jobs and economic development are important to Nez Perce County, please mark your calendar and attend a public hearing before the County Commissioners and voice your support for the Port of Lewiston.

Public Hearing
on The Dissolution of the Port of Lewiston
August 8, 2003
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lewis Clark State College Library.

Call 208.743.5531 for more information.

Quick Facts

About the Petition to Dissolve the Port

- If successful, the county commissioners would be legally obligated to shut the port down.
- Over 550 jobs and \$13.2 million in annual earnings will disappear.
- Another 1350 jobs and \$31.6 million in earnings would be threatened.
- Contrary to the petition coordinator's statements, the city & county do not have the legal authority to conduct port operations.