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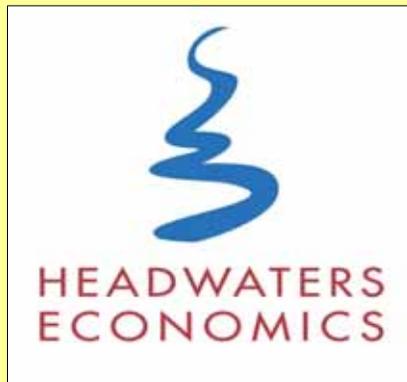
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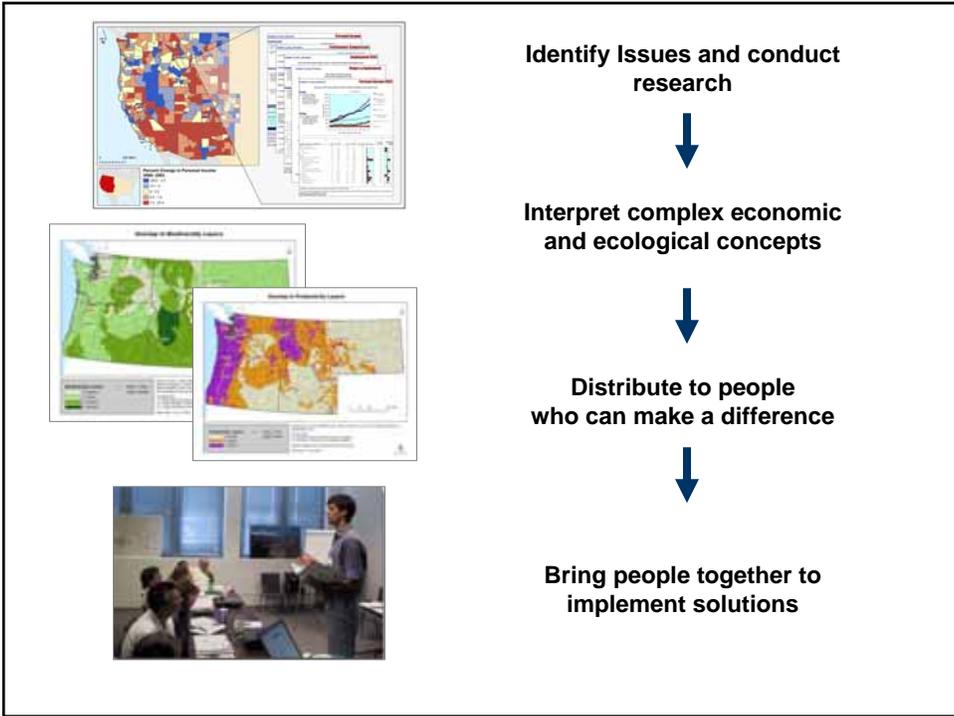
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Mission: Improve community development and land management decisions in the West.



The Economy of the West....

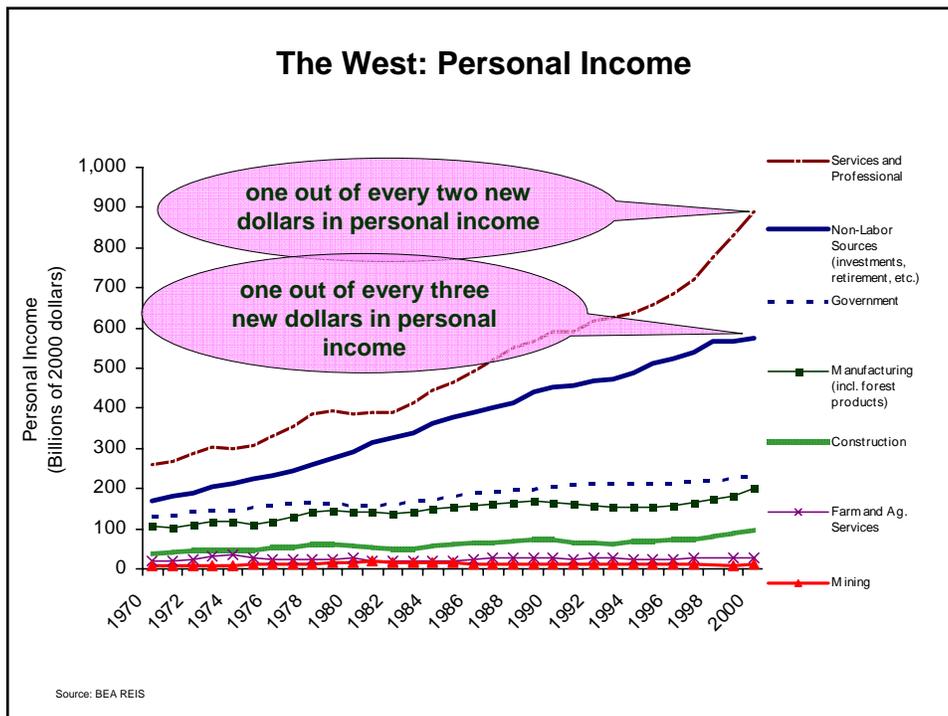
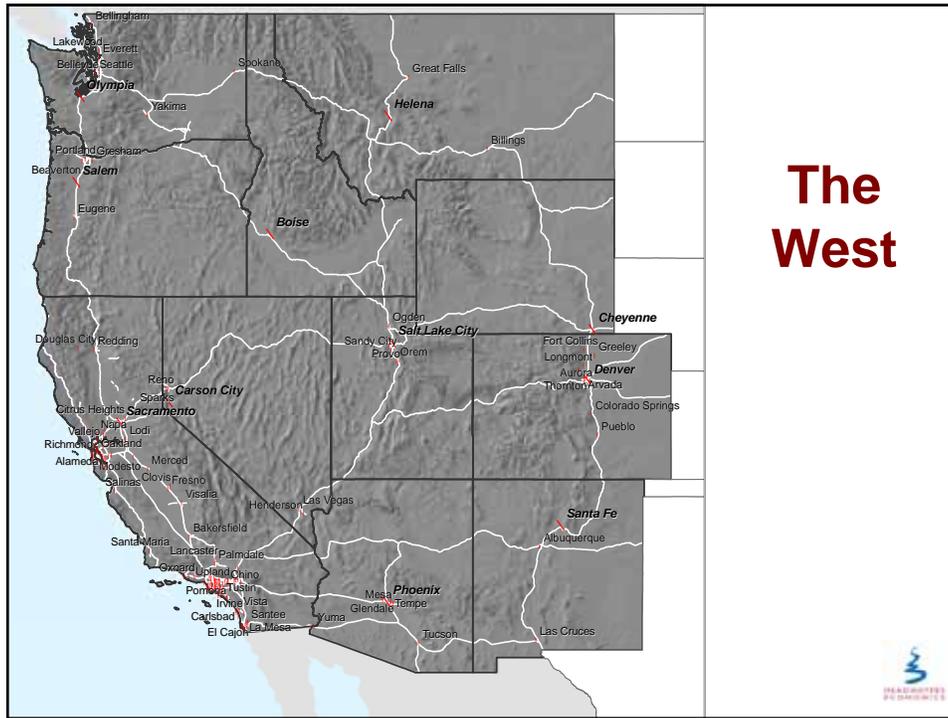
- **Recent changes**
- **Drivers of change**
- **Winners and losers**
- **Protected lands**
- **Adapting to change**

■ **How has the regional economy changed?**

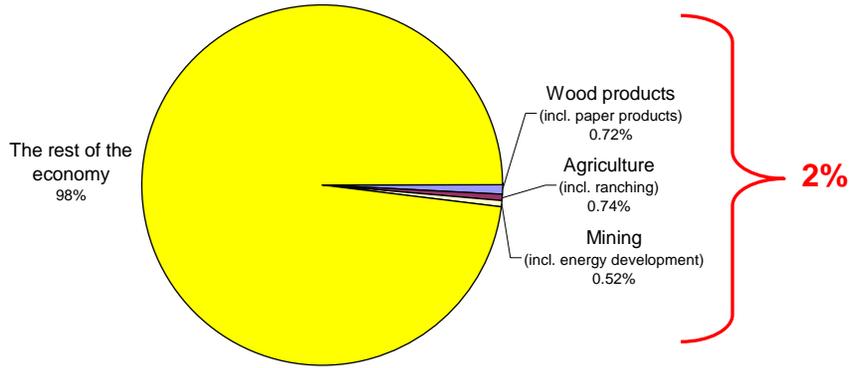
Goods Production

Services

Non-Labor income



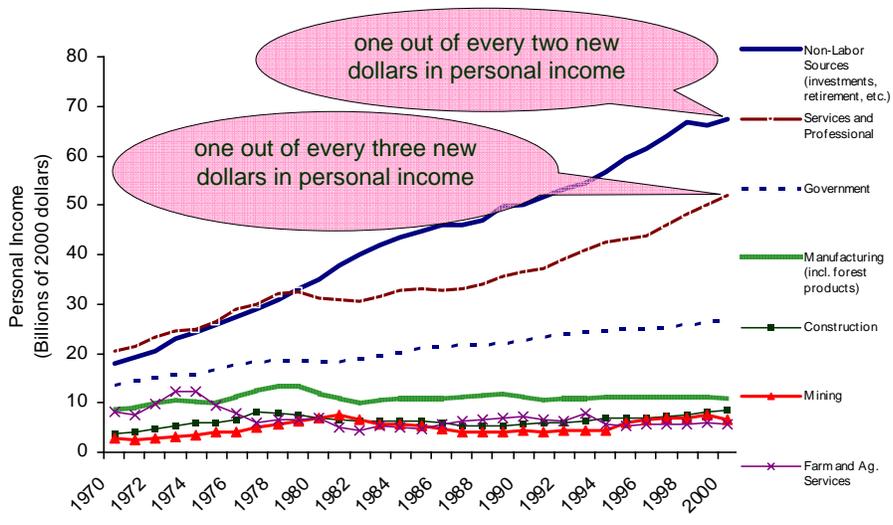
The West: Personal Income (2004)



Source: BEA REIS

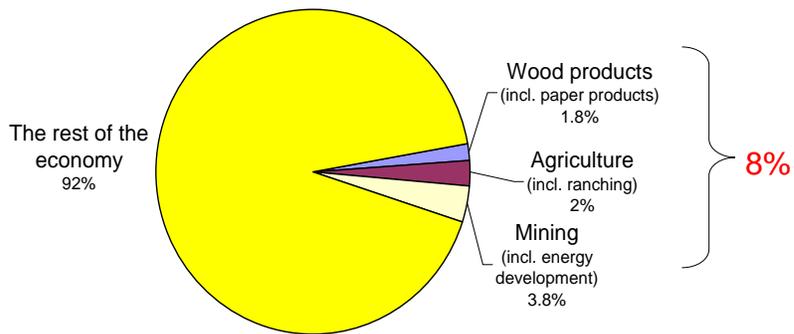


Rural West: Personal Income

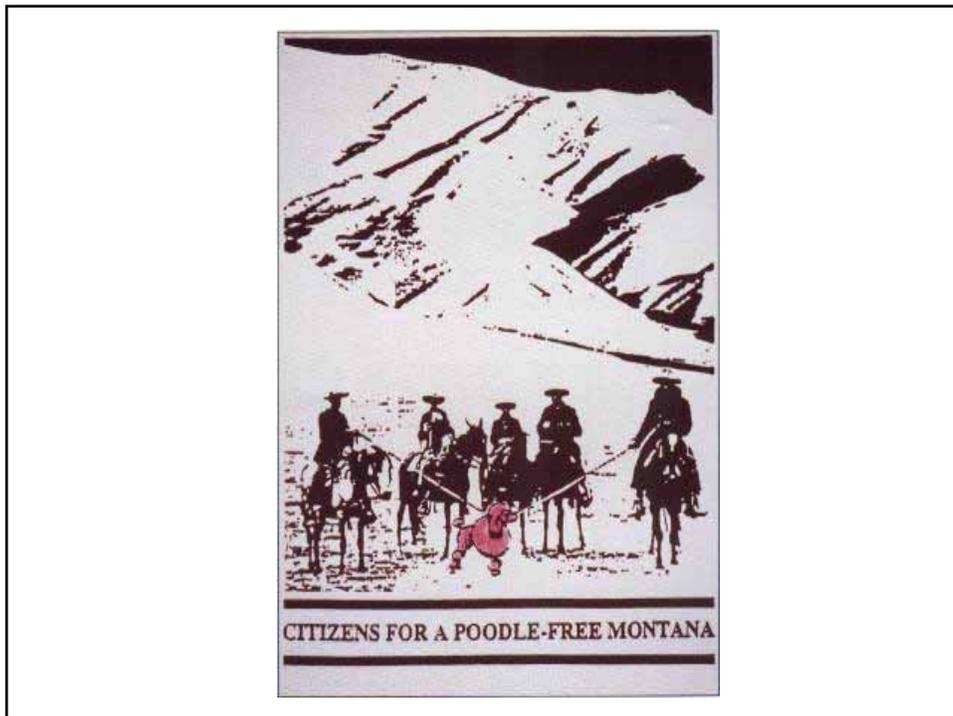


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■ What are the drivers of change?

Changing nature of goods production

International Competition

Aging population

Emphasis on services / information

Manufacturing



Services



Global Assembly Line



Percent of Population 65 and Over

1900	4%
1950	8.1%
2000	13%
2050 (projected)	21.8%

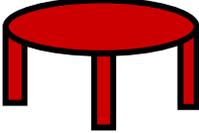
By 1983 more Americans over 65 than the number of teenagers (no longer a nation of youths)

What's next? One third of Americans were born between 1946 and 1964 – the **BABY BOOMERS**

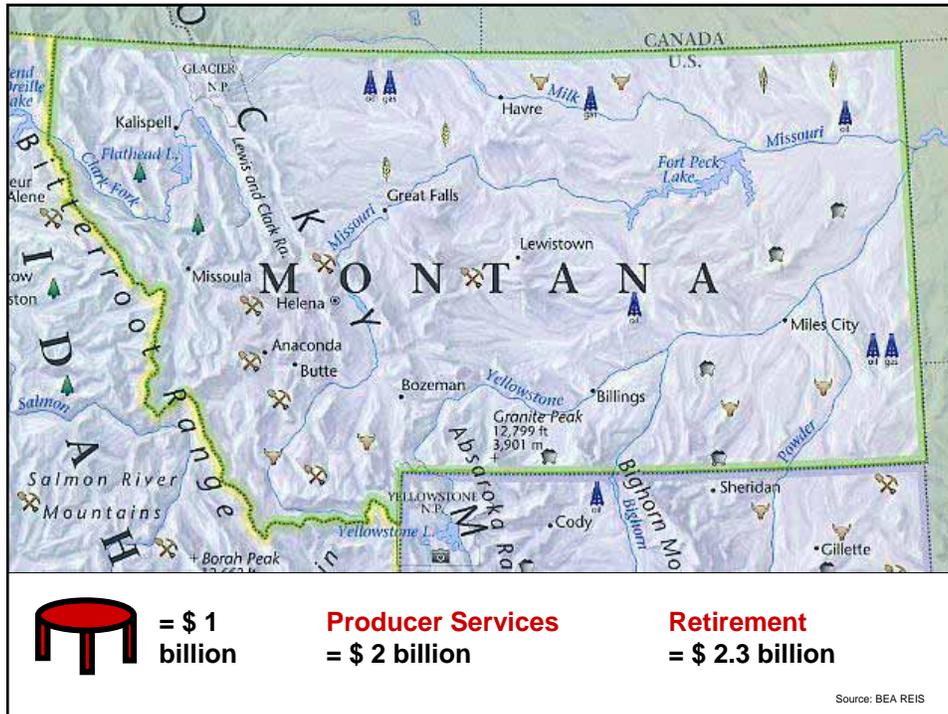
Source: Ken Dychtwald "Age Wave"



The West -- Personal Income, 2000

Agriculture		\$14 billion	
Mining, Oil, & Gas		\$10 billion	
Lumber, wood, paper (est.)		\$14 billion	+
<u>Examples of "services"</u>		\$ 38 billion	
Consumer Services		\$86 billion	
Health Services		\$94 billion	
Producer Services		\$362 billion	

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What are “producer services?”

Relatively high-wage “knowledge-based industries” ...

Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, engineering, management services, etc.

Wages and Employment in the West, 2003			
(Private Sector Only)			
	Employment	% of Total	Average Annual Wages
Total, all industries	22,942,965	100%	38,612
Goods-Producing	4,920,886	21%	43,552
Natural Resources and Mining	692,714	3%	26,002
Construction	1,625,303	7%	39,507
Manufacturing	2,602,869	11%	50,749
Service-Providing	18,022,080	79%	37,262
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,128,818	22%	34,291
Information	812,313	4%	70,052
Financial Activities	1,638,252	7%	54,999
Professional and Business Services	3,613,832	16%	45,948
Education and Health Services	2,822,678	12%	36,455
Leisure and Hospitality	2,891,992	13%	18,487
Other Services	1,058,758	5%	22,894
Unclassified	55,439	0.2%	36,398

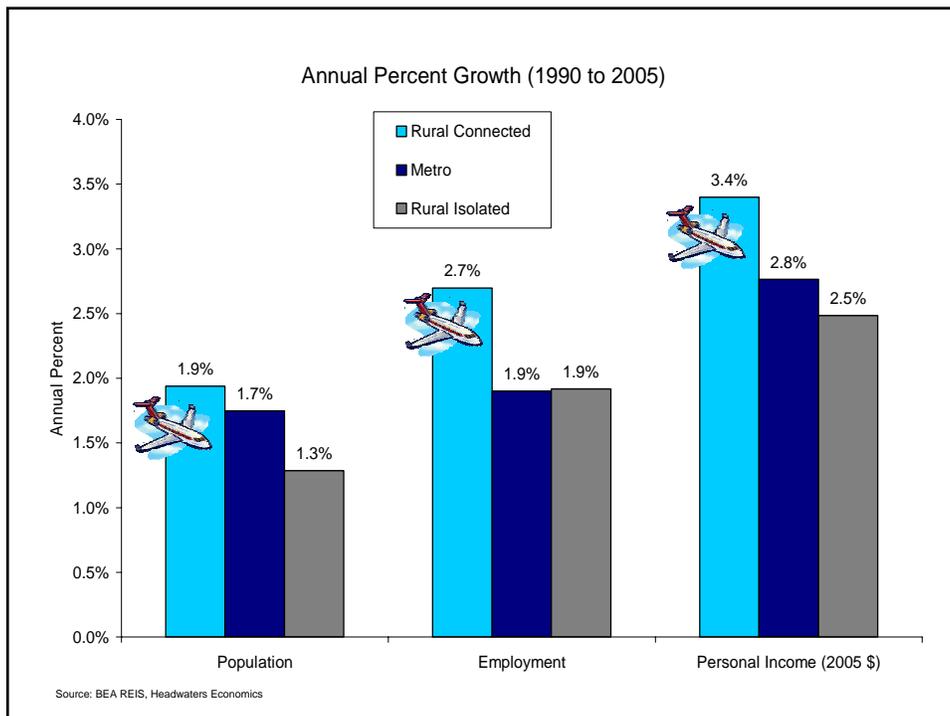
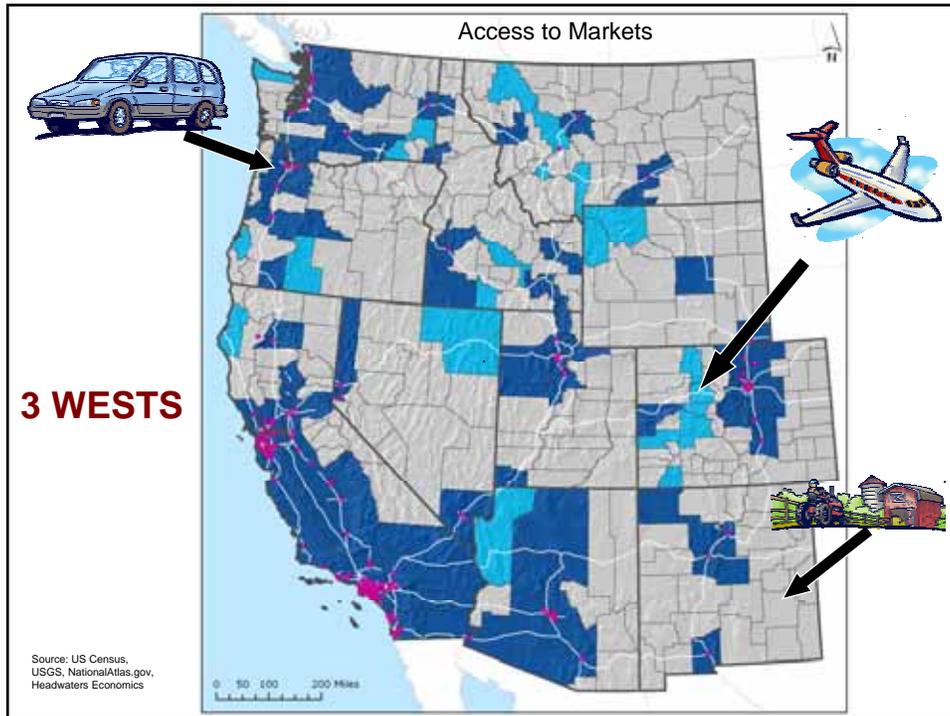
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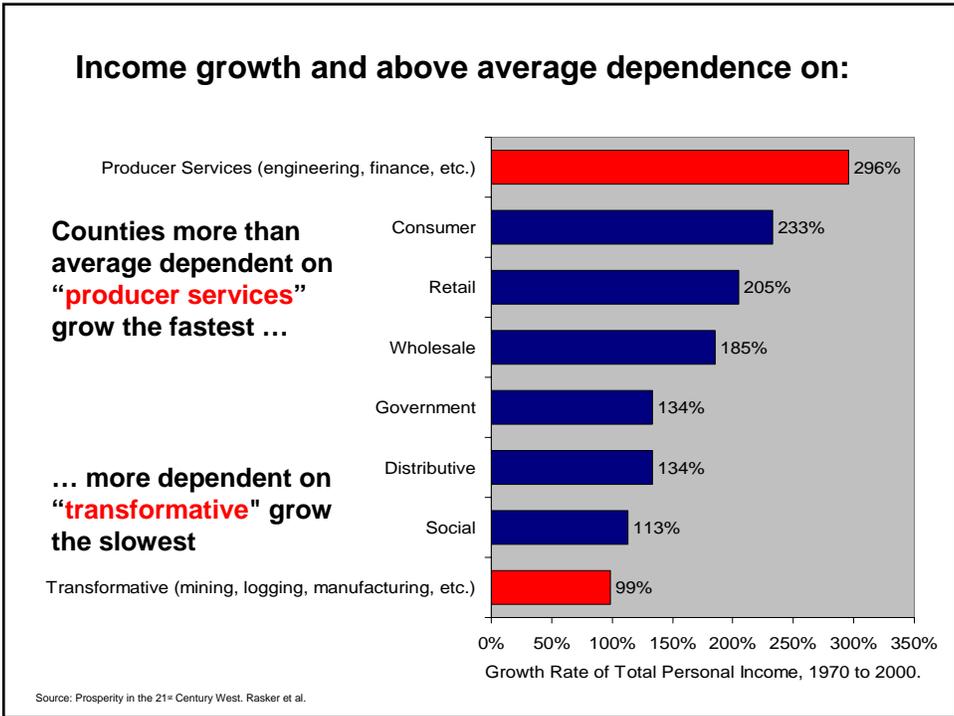
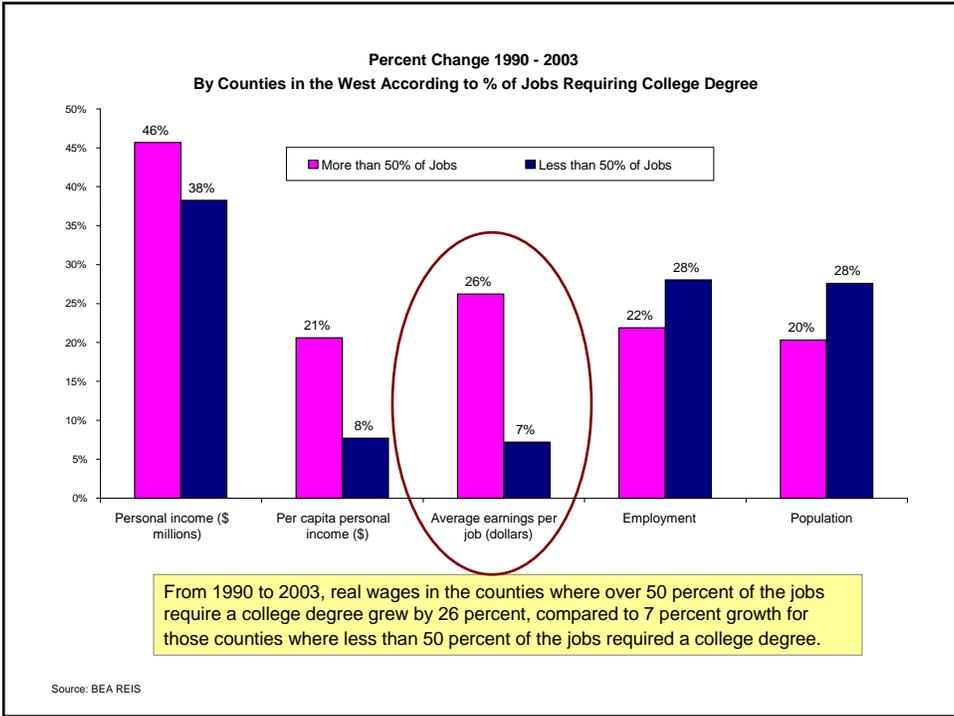
■ Who wins and who loses?

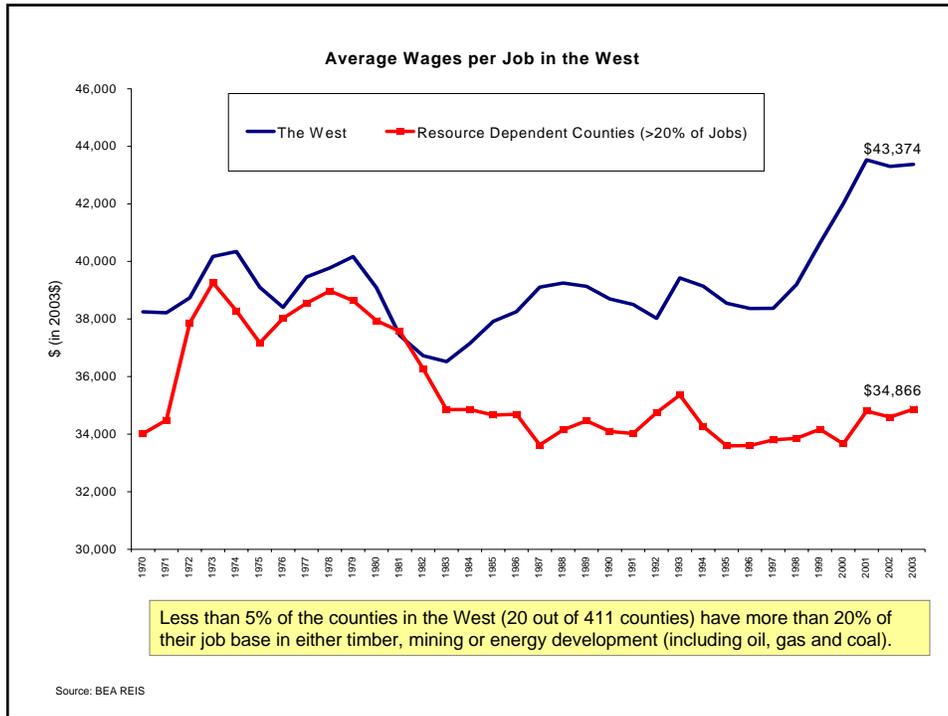
Connection to markets

Education

Resource dependent





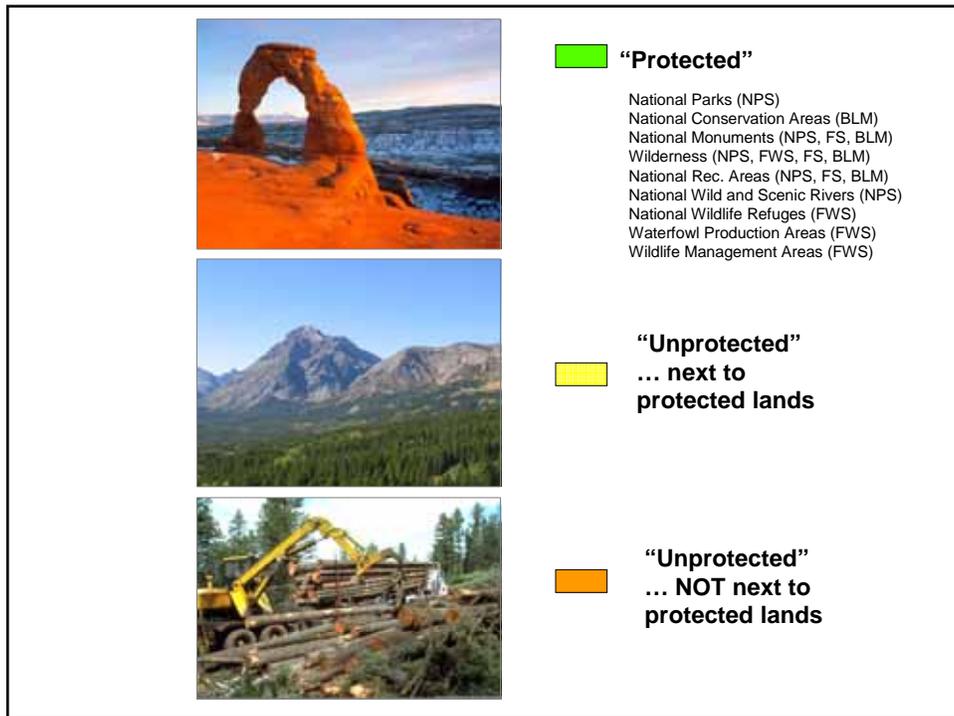
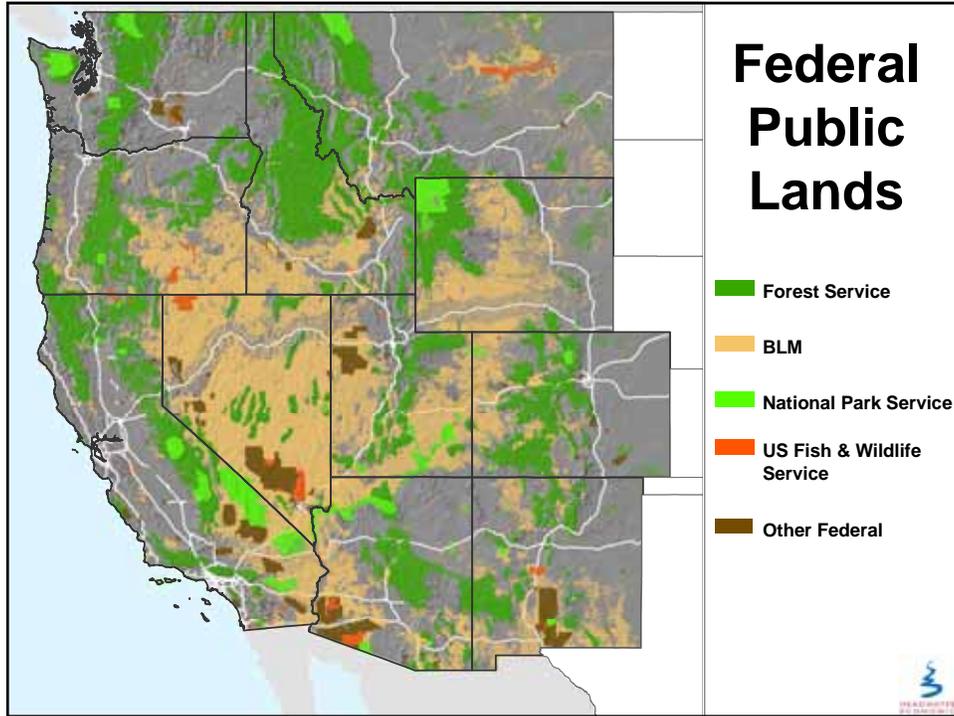


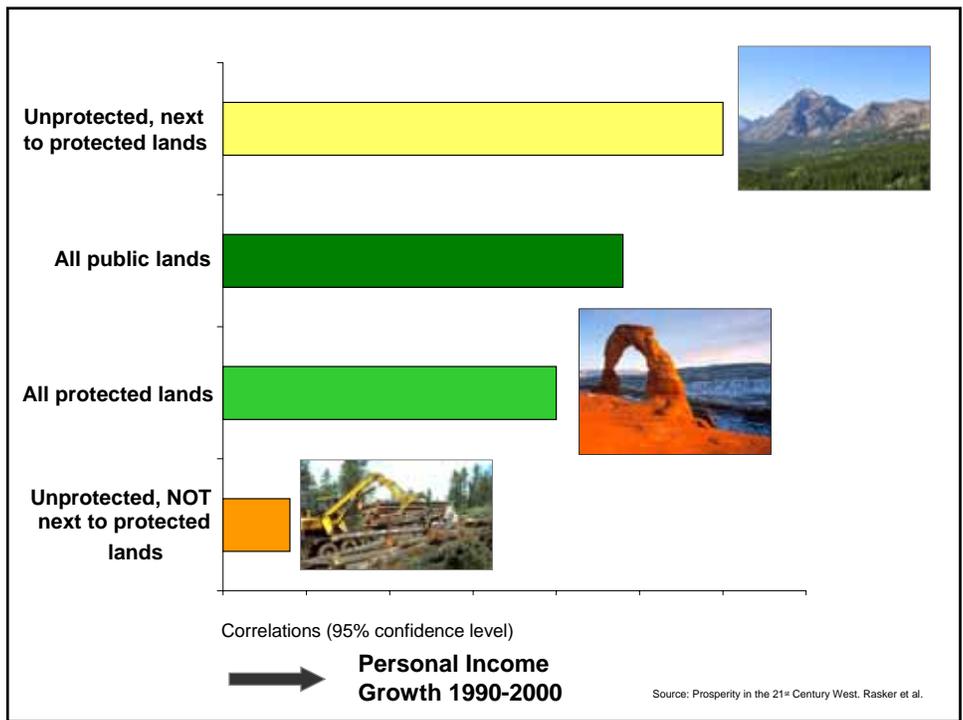
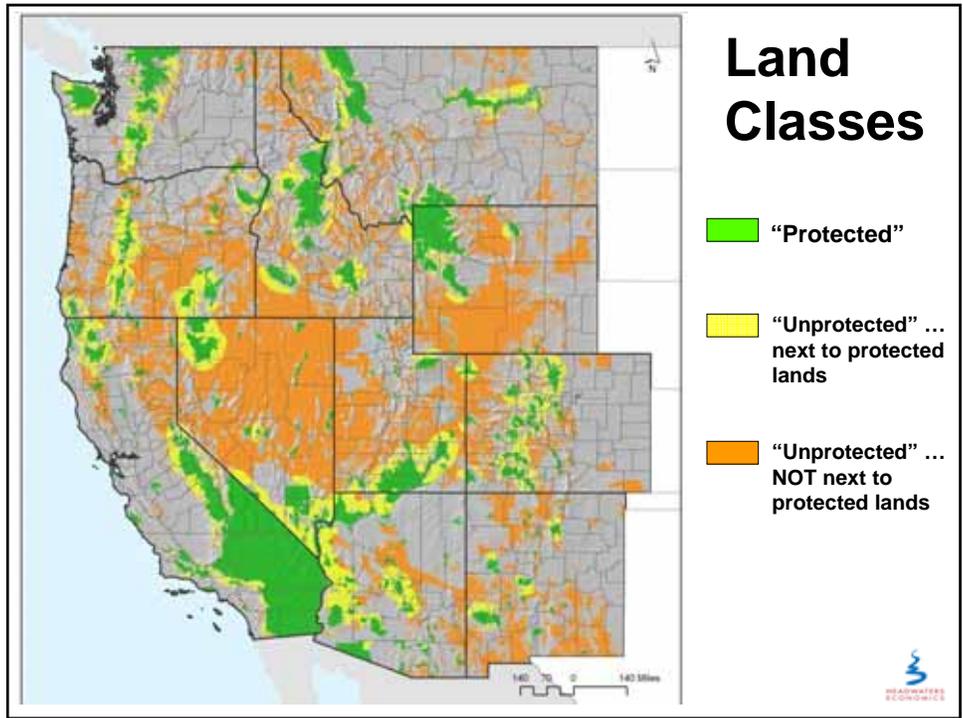
■ Importance of protected lands?

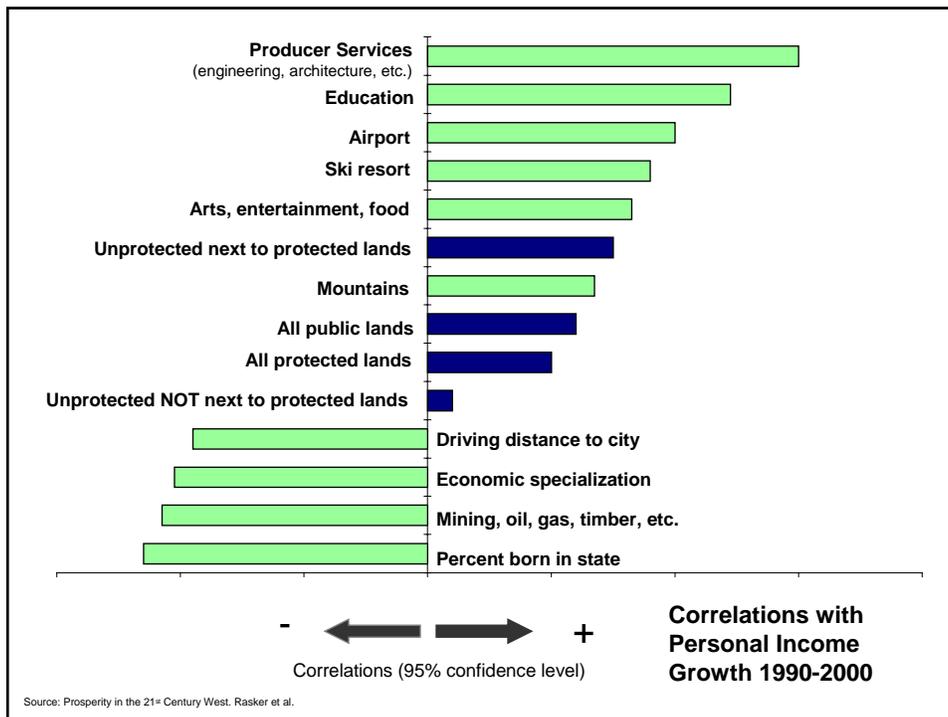
Types of land uses

Correlations with prosperity

Metro to rural continuum



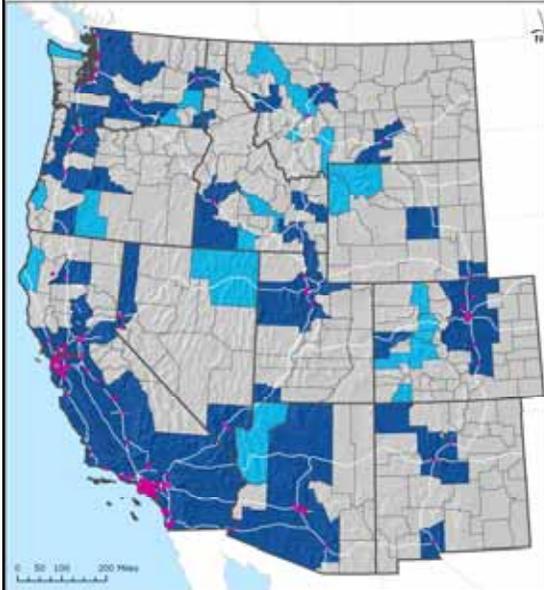




Can all benefit equally from protected lands?

No evidence that it hurts

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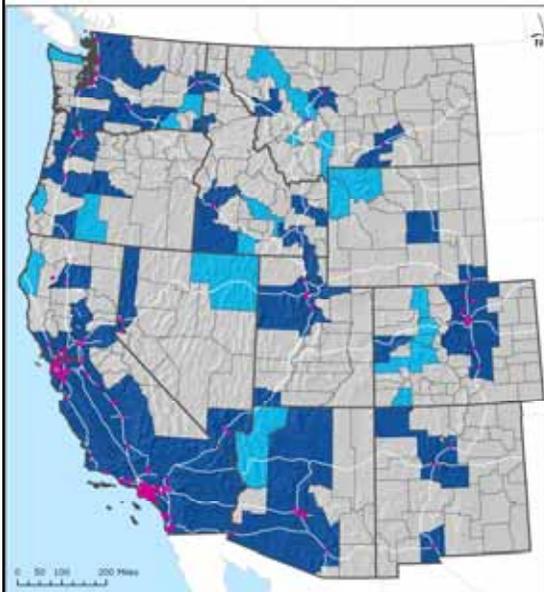


METRO

Maybe.

Difficult to measure.

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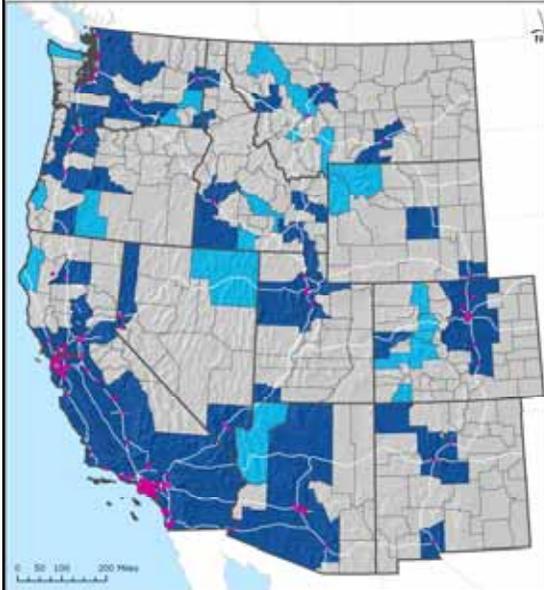


RURAL CONNECTED

Yes. Especially if have:

- * Education
- * Access to markets
- * High-wage services
- * Diverse economy, etc.

Can all benefit equally from protected lands?



RURAL ISOLATED

Strongly correlated, but not enough.

- Need:
- * Education
 - * Access to markets
 - * Newcomers
 - * Producer Services
 - * Diversification

■ Adapting to change?

The West's competitive advantage

Changing role of public lands

Using the best information

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Comparative advantage: cheaper

The competitive edge: high-wage, high-skill jobs, educated workforce, recreation, environmental amenities, retirees

Resource industries: value-added and stewardship

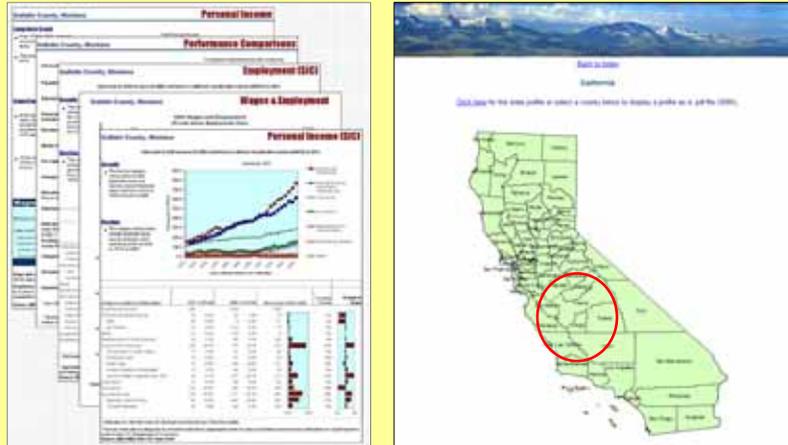
Changing nature of production – mobile people and business

High wage occupations attracted to high quality of life

Retirement and investment income – also mobile, looking for affordability, health care, quality of life

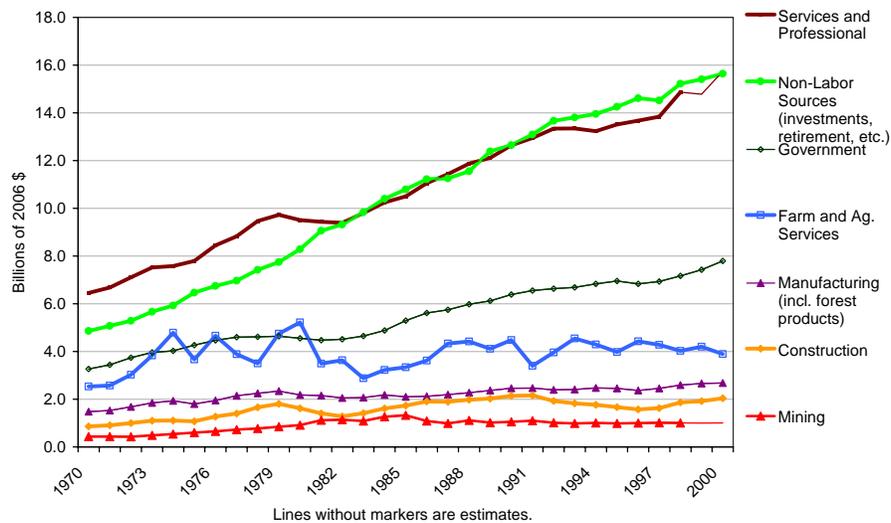


Economic Profile System (EPS)



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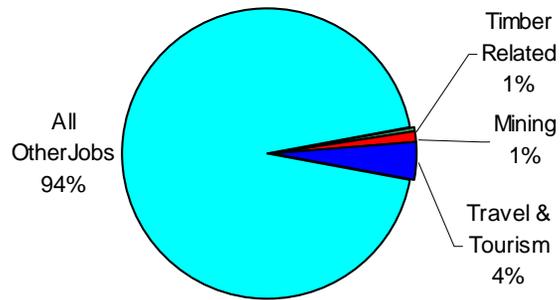
Personal Income by Major Sector: Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties



Source: BEA REIS

Major Sectors Related to Public Lands: Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties

Employment %, 2006



Source: CBP



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