# Biofuel & specialty biochemical potential in Central Oregon

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### Overview

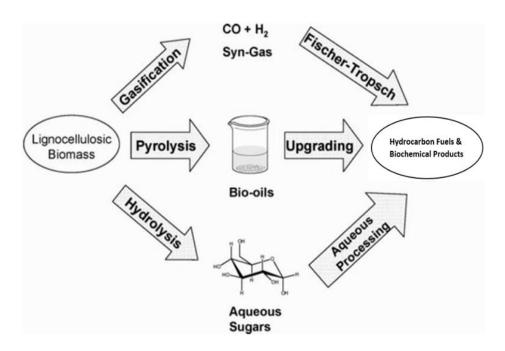
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## Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

- COIC initiated an effort to better understand biofuel & specialty biochemical company needs
- USDA Rural Biomass Enterprise Grant program (RBEG)
- Determine a strategy to attract investment to the region

# Types of processing

 Biofuels and specialty Biochemicals made from different processes



<sup>\*</sup>Image courtesy of TSS

# Data collection approach

- Talked to biofuels and specialty biochemical companies across the country
  - Blue Marble Biochemicals (Seattle, Washington)
  - Cool Planet (California, Colorado, Louisiana)
  - Earth Energy and Environment LLC (Kansas)
  - Eco-Reps (Prineville, Oregon)
  - Red Rock Biofuels (Colorado & Oregon)
- Talked with OSU, WSU researchers
- Reviewed literature and resources

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# Main findings

- Biofuels may be a bit tough...
  - Lack of pipelines, blending facilities in Central Oregon
  - 77% of land in Deschutes County is publicly owned, hence no Renewable Identification Number (RIN) revenue
- Focused our attention on bio-products

# Main findings

- Of the 10 individuals and organizations interviewed,
   8 said that <u>feedstock quantities and economics</u> were most important
- Companies did not express a preference for feedstock types.
- > Forest biomass, ag residues (spent hops?)

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# Recommended next steps for COIC

- 1) Determine quantities & economics of forest and agriculture biomass feedstocks
- 2) Organize suppliers of biomass materials and gauge their interest in supply contracts
- 3) Compile a list of permits that would be needed so that companies can understand state and local requirements (zoning, water, air permits, etc.) for biochemical facility development

# Questions

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