

Crook County is pleased to announce that the selection process for a Natural Resources Manager has been successfully completed. Join us in welcoming long-time local resident Tim Deboodt to this critical role. With over 37 years of experience and a Doctorate in Rangeland Ecology, Tim is uniquely qualified to serve our community and the larger county. As Manager of Natural Resources, Tim's work will focus on several key areas critical to Crook County:

- Responsible use of Natural Resources: Forests – Range Lands – Water – Wildlife – Emerging Environmental Issues
- Access to Public Lands - Recreation
- Economic Implications for our Natural Resources – Custom Culture Economy – Traded Sector Jobs
- Health and Sustainability of our Public Lands
- Natural Resources Education and Awareness – Public Programs – Youth and Children's Education
- Preservation of Cultural Interests

When asked about his new role representing the county and its residents, Tim spoke of how "Crook County will be taking a strategic role in framing the activity on our public lands, and that he views his role as an opportunity to be an agent of the county and a representative voice in the management of our public lands." Additionally, Tim will be forming a citizen committee, partnering with federal agencies through the development of productive avenues of communication, and exploring potential opportunities with state agencies. Tim looks forward to serving the residents of Crook County and welcomes the challenges and opportunities ahead.