

# CROOK COUNTY WORK SESSION

**Administration Conference Room  
203 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR**

**Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 9 a.m.**

**Members of the public and media are welcome to attend in person with social distancing  
or via Webex 1-408-418-9388; Access Code: 2557 624 5694  
Meeting Password: 37qgD2rbpy2**

	<b>Requester</b>	<b>Discussion Matter</b>	<b>Packet Docs</b>
1	Caroline Ervin	ARPA Funds	
2	Tim Deboodt	Natural Advisory Committee's Proposed Letter re HR 1755	✓
3	Bob O'Neal	Increase in County Match for the Ochoco Ranger Station Road Project	✓

	<b>Requester</b>	<b>Executive Discussion Matter</b>	<b>Packet Docs</b>
Exec #1		ORS 192.660(2)(e) For the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions	✓
Exec #2		<i>This matter will start at 11:00 a.m.</i> ORS 192.660(2)(e) For the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions	

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*\*The Court may add additional items arising too late to be part of this Agenda. Agenda items may be rearranged to make the best use of time.*

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*Requests to be placed on the Work Session agenda are  
due by 5 p.m. the Thursday before the Work Session*

**February 15, 2022 Work Session Agenda**



# Crook County

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Sent Via Email to: [Matthew.Keenan@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matthew.Keenan@mail.house.gov)

Re: HR 1755

February 15, 2022

Crook County, Oregon without hesitation, opposes HR 1755 and any other similar legislation. If passed, this Bill would decimate rural counties that depend on public land natural resources both economically and socially. In addition, the Bill sponsors have violated ignored the Congressionally mandated NEPA law requiring Federal Agencies to work with local governments through Coordination. Crook County has asserted their right of coordination as it pertains to HR 1755.

Congress specifically directed federal agencies to coordinate their land use planning and other regulatory actions with State and local governments. Because State and local governments have governing authority and the responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare and economic viability of its citizens, the coordination process is mandated to help ensure that political agendas are held in check by common sense, and that the needs of those who live in the area of impact are meaningfully considered. This misguided bill is exactly what Congress had in mind when they were mandating the coordination process.

Already, the federal government manages about 640 million acres of land (about 28%) of the land in the United States. The majority of these lands are in the West and Alaska. Federal Agencies also regulate aspects of land and resources that occur on non-federal lands. This results in the federal government's land management decisions significantly impacting local government and their citizens.

The proposed additional 23 million acres of wilderness area through the "Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act" states:

*"This bill designates specified National Forest System lands, National Park System Lands, and public lands in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming as wilderness and as components or additions to existing components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.*

*The Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) must accept donations of leases or permits authorizing grazing on specified public or National Forest System lands.*

*The bill also designates (1) specified federal lands as biological connecting corridors and as special corridor management areas; (2) segments of specified rivers and creeks in Idaho, Montana and*

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Wyoming as components of the National Wild and Scenic River System; and (3) specified areas as wildland recovery areas. USDA shall develop a wildland recovery plan for each recovery area.

*A panel of independent scientists shall study roadless lands greater than 1,000 acres that are within the National Forest Systems in the Wild Rockies bioregion in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and that are in not designated as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System for their role in maintain biological diversity in the Northern Rockies and as part of the overall forest reserve system. Any new road construction or reconstruction or timber harvest is prohibited in those lands after the evaluation without an act of Congress. Oil or gas leasing, mining, or other development which impairs the natural and roadless qualities of the land is also prohibited.* (emphasis added).

Through these designations and limitations that will be place on these landscapes identified in the Bill, the result is nothing but an effort to fulfill the President's 30 x 30 vision at the expense of the citizens and of the economic and ecological security of the Western United States. It cannot be allowed to progress out of committee.

Crook County appreciates the legislators that stand against HR 1755 and offer assistance if the need should arise.

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Seth Crawford  
County Judge

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Jerry Brummer  
County Commissioner

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Brian Barney  
County Commissioner

CC: U.S. Representative Cliff Bentz

**Amy Albert**

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**From:** Bob O'Neal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:37 PM  
**To:** Amy Albert  
**Subject:** FW: Ochoco Ranger Station Road Overlay - Budget increase approval by PDC. Need your match confirmation.

Amy,

I need to get on the Agenda for next Tuesday's Work Session if possible.

Below is the subject "Increase in County Match for the Ochoco Ranger Station Road Project"

Can you get me on there?

Thanks in advance

Robert E. O'Neal  
 Road Master  
 Crook County Road Department  
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**From:** Sanders, Craig (FHWA) <Craig.Sanders@dot.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:03 PM  
**To:** Bob O'Neal <Bob.O'Neal@co.crook.or.us>  
**Subject:** Ochoco Ranger Station Road Overlay - Budget increase approval by PDC. Need your match confirmation.

Bob,  
 Yesterday, the Oregon FLAP PDC approved our request for an increase of FLAP funds to meet our estimated budget increase due to anticipated price increases in goods and services. This increase approval is contingent on receiving a written confirmation from the County (email is fine) that they can provide the increase in match. The proposed budget numbers are:

**OR FLAP CROOK 123(1) - Ochoco Ranger Station**

PHASE	PROGRAMMED	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
PE	\$238,400.00	\$329,000.00	(\$90,600.00)

CN	\$1,990,000.00	\$3,503,628.00	(\$1,513,628.00)
CE	\$198,600.00	\$198,600.00	\$0.00
CM	\$ -	\$100,000.00	(\$100,000.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,427,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,131,228.00</b>	<b>(\$1,704,228.00)</b>
89.73%	\$2,177,747.10	\$3,706,950.88	(\$1,529,203.78)
10.27%	\$249,252.90	\$424,277.12	(\$175,024.22)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,427,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,131,228.00</b>	<b>(\$1,704,228.00)</b>

So the FLAP funding would increase by \$1.53 million which would require an additional \$175,024.22 of County match. Total project FLAP funds are \$3.7 million with \$424, 277.12 of County match. Any match not needed would be returned to the County.

Please send me confirmation that the County can provide the additional match or let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Thanks.

**Craig Sanders, PE** | Project Manager

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