

Big Game Winter Range

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Gentlemen,

The department has been fortunate to participate in Crook County's Big Game Winter Range update project. From the outset we have identified a set of core concerns. We attempted to resolve these concerns by providing the county planning commission with an example of what we believed was a legally compliant program. This material was provided in good faith and in the spirit of cooperation, which we know was appreciated by the planning commission. However, we regret to report that all, or nearly all of the possible remedies offered to address these concerns were declined.

As we testified at the County Court Hearing on November 19, 2012, we continue to have substantial concerns. They are the same ones we have had all along. These concerns are listed in detail in our joint letters submitted with ODFW and in our joint testimony presented to the planning commission over the course of several hearings.

It is our hope that these matters can be resolved before the County Court takes final action on the proposed amendment. To that end we respectfully request that the Court either reconvene the planning commission subcommittee or convene another small working group, what ever pleases the county, to quickly meet with DLCD/ODFW to pursue timely resolution of the following issues:

- Nonresidential conflicting uses as part of the ESEE analysis, plan policies and implementing ordinances.
- The methodology to determine dwelling density, including appropriate density levels and the scope of applicability.
- Dwelling density standards for conversions from Farm or Forest land designations.
- Clarify that lands zoned as EFU-3 are no longer necessary to protect as Big Game Winter Range.

I'm going to try and make it to tomorrow's meeting. In the event I am unable to attend please feel free to call or write with any questions.

Respectfully,

Jon Jinings