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Crook County Hosts Juniper Canyon Community Meeting to Review Transportation Access Alternative and Wildfire Safety

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Crook County is in the process of updating its 20-year Transportation System Plan (TSP), a critical roadmap that will guide future transportation investments across the county. As part of this effort, the County is hosting a Juniper Canyon Community Meeting to present the preferred access alternative from the TSP study and broader plans for general wildfire safety. Following the presentations there will be an open Q&A session so residents can get any questions they have answered.

This interactive event will include presentations from County staff and partner agencies, including Crook County Fire and Rescue District, OSU Extension College of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Management and more, covering topics ranging from transportation planning and wildfire resilience to juniper management and ecology. Community members will have an opportunity to learn about the preferred route identified through the Juniper Canyon Alternative Access study, review updated cost and funding options, and weigh in on project priorities.

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Crook County Fairgrounds - Carey Foster Hall

Address: 590 SE Lynn Blvd, Prineville, OR 97754

The Transportation System Plan update addresses key county-wide issues such as road safety, congestion, and access. This community meeting will have a specific focus on the growing Juniper Canyon area. The community's input is essential to ensure that the final plan reflects the needs and priorities of Crook County residents.

"I'm new to this role, so it was important to witness firsthand at the last Juniper Canyon meeting how urgent and critical it is for the County to find an appropriate alternative access route and address wildfire safety for the residents of the area," said John Eisler, Community Development Director. "Especially given the recent Highland Fire, I am eager to present the progress we've made and discuss how we can address their concerns. We look forward to a strong turnout and hope that attendees leave feeling optimistic about the future."

This is a pivotal moment for shaping the future of Juniper Canyon's infrastructure and wildfire resilience. Don't miss this opportunity to be informed and involved.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 541-447-3211 or visit <https://co.crook.or.us/commdev/webform/cc-tsp-update>.