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H. R. 8958

To grant to Crook County, Oregon, a right-of-way for the construction of
a new road in Juniper Canyon, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. BENTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Natural Resources

A BILL

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construction of a new road in Juniper Canyon, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO CROOK COUNTY,**
4 **OREGON.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, subject to valid existing rights, at the request
7 of the County, the Secretary shall grant to the County
8 a permanent 80-foot wide right-of-way from Oregon Route
9 380 to Juniper Canyon Road, as generally depicted as
10 “Proposed 80 Foot Right-of-Way” on the Map, for the

1 construction of a new road in Juniper Canyon and perma-
2 nent public access and use thereafter.

3 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO CROOK COUNTY, OR-**
4 **EGON.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, at the request of the County, the Secretary
7 shall convey to the County, without consideration and
8 without reservation, all right, title, and interest of the
9 United States in and to the 4 parcels of land, each ap-
10 proximately 40 acres in area, generally depicted as “BLM
11 40–Acre Parcel Proposed for Conveyance” on the Map.

12 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance under sub-
13 section (a) shall be—

14 (1) subject to—

15 (A) valid existing rights; and

16 (B) subsection (d); and

17 (2) for the primary purpose of establishing fire
18 safe zones to be maintained by the County.

19 (c) COST OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the
20 conveyance under subsection (a), the County shall pay all
21 costs associated with the conveyance.

22 (d) REVERSIONARY CLAUSE.—If the Secretary deter-
23 mines that the property conveyed under subsection (a) is
24 no longer maintained by the County as fire safe zones

1 under subsection (b)(2), the property shall revert to the
2 ownership of the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
6 Crook County, Oregon.

7 (2) FIRE SAFE ZONE.—The term “fire safe
8 zone” means a parcel of land maintained for the pri-
9 mary purpose of facilitating emergency response,
10 operational firefighter safety, fuel break integration,
11 and other necessary uses during wildfires and other
12 emergencies that pose a threat to public safety.

13 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ti-
14 tled “Juniper Canyon Land Conveyance” prepared
15 by the Bureau of Land Management and dated April
16 8, 2026.

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
19 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

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