

TESTIMONY IN Support of SB 58

3/14/23

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DEAR chair GOLDEN AND MEMBERS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

My NAME IS Frank Porpily AND I AM A 80 year old SEMI RETIRED BUSINESS OWNER AND STILL A Rancher AND A Member OF THE Crook COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE Here IN Prineville Oregon.

I WAS BORN IN 1943 Here AND LIVED ON A RANCH AT THE UPPER END OF WHERE THE BOWMAN DAM (Prineville Reservoir) WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1958-1960. IN FACT THE Reservoir FLOODED OUR HOME AND WE MOVED TO ONE RANCH UP THE RIVER.

#### IMPORTANT POINT

CAME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FROM MY SENIOR YEAR AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY AND COULD NOT DRIVE TO THE RANCH HOUSE BECAUSE OVER 3 FEET OF WATER WAS STANDING ON THE POST AVENUE HIGHWAY BACKED UP FROM THE PRINEVILLE DAM AND WAS 6 FEET FROM RUNNING OVER THE TOP OF THE DAM. A COMPANY HAD GOT MY DAD AND SOME OTHER RANCH OWNERS TO LET THEM PLACE PROPANE BURNERS AND SEED THE CLOUDS WITH SILVER IODIDE. IN FACT THEY CAME AND GOT THEM AND SAID "PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DID".

WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS WE ARE HAVING FROM THE LOCAL SEVERE DROUGHT, I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 58. OUR ECONOMY, FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES IS STRONGLY DEPENDENT ON THE WATER SUPPLY.

### FOR EXAMPLE

IN OUR RANGELAND THE SPRINGS FOR CATTLE WATER DRIED UP AND WE HAD TO HAUL WATER FOR THE COWS TO DRINK. IN ADDITION, THE GRASS SUPPLY WAS MUCH SHORTER.

OUR IRRIGATION WATER OUT OF THE OCHOCA DAM WAS LIMITED TO A DEPTH OF 6 INCHES ON OUR IRRIGATED PROPERTY. A NORMAL GOOD YEAR IS 36 INCHES. OUR CATTLE HERDS HAD TO BE CUT BACK TO MATCH PRODUCTION!

TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE, I HAVE ATTACHED SOME PICTURES.

### Ochocho Reservoir TODAY:

CAPACITY: 44,300 ACRE FT. NOW 5,600 AC. FT.  
Prineville Reservoir

CAPACITY: 148,633 ACRE FT. NOW 28,000 AC. FT.  
WHEN FULL THE WATER SURFACE IS APPROXIMATELY 17 MILES LONG. THIS PICTURE 6 MILES ABOVE THE DAM!

### UPPER Crooked River

ZERO WATER FLOW INTO PRINEVILLE RESERVOIR  
SEPT. 7, 2020

IN SUMMARY, THANK YOU FOR LETTING US  
PROVIDE INPUT ON THIS CLOUD SEEDING PROJECT.  
THERE IS PROOF THAT THIS ACTUALLY WORKS AND  
TIMING IS IMPORTANT AS PROVEN BY THE EXPERIENCE  
ON DAD'S RANCH.

WE NEED THE WATER SUPPLY TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE  
IN THE NATIONAL AND WORLD MARKETS. IF WE DON'T  
HAVE IT WE ARE FORCED TO LET OUR PROPERTY TO  
LAY IDLE AND FIND ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE  
A LIVING.

THANK YOU,  
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DeSoto Reservoir 3/10/2028



A photograph of a reservoir, likely Ochoco Reservoir, with a forested hillside in the background. The foreground shows a road with a white line. The text "Ochoco Reservoir 3/10/2023" is written in black marker on the photo.

Ochoco Reservoir 3/10/2023

Prineville Reservoir 3/1/2023



UPPER CROOKED RIVER SEPT 7, 2020

