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New Logo and Look to Klamath Watershed Partnership

Drum roll please.....

As mentioned in our April newsletter, the Klamath Watershed Council and the Klamath Basin Ecosystem Foundation joined forces to form the Klamath Watershed Partnership. As a result, a new identity was needed to emphasize the link between landowners and the various natural resource agencies and



KLAMATH WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Logo for the Klamath Watershed Partnership.

organizations working in the Upper Klamath Basin.

The logo focuses on proclaiming the Klamath Watershed Partnership as a separate identity, and uses regional colors to reinforce the message about the natural beauty of the Basin. The logo mark also represents the pristine beauty of the region as well as the agricultural way of life, and a focus toward coming back into a healthy balance.

The mission of the Klamath Watershed Partnership is to conserve, enhance and restore the natural resources of the Klamath Basin while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the regional economy and local communities.

Tell us what you think about our new look.

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Klamath Watershed Partnership Supports Restoration Agreement

At a recent board meeting of the Klamath Watershed Partnership, the directors voted to support the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement. The board recognized there is still work to be done with the Off-Project portion of the agreement, and is currently working with the Tribe and landowners to assist in the efforts to resolve these differences.

“The Klamath Watershed Partnership applauds the 26-member stakeholder group for their hard work and dedication to advancing a basin-wide settlement,” said Andrew Stuedli, board Chair. “At the same time, the current document is lacking in specific assurances for the Off-Project. We eagerly await the negotiations in Section 16 of the Agreement to address these

issues.

Terry Morton, Executive Director of the Partnership has committed staff and resources to work with stakeholders toward an inclusive outcome and to help move the settlement process forward.

Upper Williamson Working Group



Upper Williamson Working Group

The 2005 Upper Williamson Watershed Assessment resulted in a list of restoration strategies to benefit the Upper Williamson River subbasin.

Upon completion of the assessment, the Upper Williamson River Working Group, Klamath Watershed Council, Klamath Basin Ecosystem Foundation and many other partners worked together to develop restoration strategies and prioritize them based on the natural resource needs.

To continue with this process, the Upper Williamson Working Group held a BBQ/ Meeting to review the Watershed Assessment and discuss restoration needs and explore potential projects. There was good participation and a very good discussion on landowner needs in the area.

Several of the participants felt there was a need for landowners to see a variety of watershed restoration projects that have been completed in the area. As a result, a field

trip is being planned for September to tour the Yamsi and Sand Creek ranches, which will provide a good overview of some of the types of projects that go a long way in protecting and restoring the watershed.

If you are a landowner in the Upper Williamson area and would like to be a part of these field trips please contact Ginny Monroe, Outreach Coordinator at 541-850-1717.

“The Klamath Watershed Partnership is starting to expand outreach efforts in the eight working groups throughout the Klamath Basin”

Urban Issues Working Group

The Klamath Watershed Partnership has put together a very diverse group of individuals who have expressed an interest in being a part of restoration projects in the urban area of the Klamath Basin. The group recently held a meeting to develop a strategic plan for implementation.

During this process it was discovered the US Fish and Wildlife had developed a

similar group focusing on the Lake Ewuana area. Many members of both groups agreed it would make sense to combine these efforts to make a more complete strategic plan for the downtown urban area.

At a recent meeting of the combined groups, a strategic plan was developed which focused on: (1) Habitat improvement; (2) educating ourselves and the public on ecosystem issues;

(3) developing a trail system in the urban area; and (4) establishing a clearinghouse for information regarding ecosystem issues and groups in the Klamath Falls area.

The next Urban Issues Working Group meeting is scheduled for August 25th, from 1-3 pm at the US Fish and Wildlife office at 1936 California Avenue.

Sprague River Working Group

About five years ago, Larry Dunsmoor with the Klamath Tribes, Ron Hathaway from the OSU Extension, and Dani Watson with the Klamath Watershed Council were sitting around talking about the number of entities working on restoration in the Sprague River area and wondered if the landowners in the community even knew this was happening. The answer was a unanimous No. So they contacted Ron Sanders, a rancher in Sprague

River, and asked him to call as many ranchers and landowners in the Sprague River area as he could and invite them to a meeting to discuss what was happening in the area.

The meeting was a success, and since then landowners have been meeting once a month to listen to speakers make presentations on topics they select and learn more about their community.

Although the meetings are

geared toward restoration, presentations have included weed management, vermin abatement, global temperature changes, uplands management and riparian management. Funding for these meetings have been provided by US Fish and Wildlife ERO office and more recently by EPA.

For more information about the Sprague River working group contact Matt Walter, Sprague River Working Group Chair, at 541-533-2291 or Dani Watson, Restoration Manager, at 541-891-4710.



Sprague River

Partnership Participates in Local Education Events



Partnership Booth at Migratory Bird Day.

The Klamath Watershed Partnership recently participated in several local events, educating the community on what the Partnership is all about.

- The OIT Sustainability Committee hosted its first annual Earth Day Fair. Participants provided information that demonstrated

their commitment to a healthier environment. The Partnership was a part of the event, providing information about restoration opportunities in the area.

- Over 350 kids took a chance at spinning the wheel to answer questions about birds to win a prize during Migratory Bird Day in Klamath Falls. A local radio station broadcasting live from the event interviewed Terry Morton, Executive Director about the Partnership.

- Partnership staff participated in field trips to the Walking Wetlands in Tulelake and the Nature Conservancy restoration of the Williamson River Delta. The events were sponsored by Education Solutions, a local non-profit who uses the internet to develop sustained, informed dialogue among high school students on diverse local and international issues. "Sharing the Klamath River Watershed: Bringing Together the Next Generation of Stakeholders" is one of the programs they have developed to assist students in understanding the regional issues.



Students listen to Matt Berry from US Fish & Wildlife.

Partnership Now Has Mobile Office in Sprague River



The Partnership has been contemplating the idea of obtaining office space in the Sprague River

area for Dani Watson, Restoration Manager to meet with landowners to discuss their restoration needs.

About the same time, Anne Wenner, Partnership board member, mentioned to the board she and her husband Karl had a motor home they were willing to donate. All we had to do was get the thing running so we could move it.

The news is, our Project Manager Joe Watkins got the motor home

running and it is now located off of the Sprague River Highway at milepost 18 and is open for business.

Dani is scheduled in the part-time office Tuesday-Thursday, Appointments are appreciated as Dani also makes field visits during this time frame. You can contact her at 541-891-4710.

Follow your nose to the coffee!

Outreach Efforts From the Partnership

Over the four-days at the Klamath County Fair, over 500 kids and adults poured into the Partnership's booth to take a chance at answering questions about restoration, farm life, etc. and in return get a prize for their efforts. The adults were provided with pamphlets on the Partnership and our programs.



Madeline Jackson spins the wheel for a chance at a prize

Upcoming Events

- **September 20** - Field trip to the Yamsi Ranch in the Upper Williamson Working Group.
- **August 25** - Urban Issues Working Group meeting to finalize strategic plan and begin implementation of goals.
- **August 21** - Sprague River Working Group field trip to the Cynam Marsh.
- Look for a redesign of the Partnership's website.

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How to Get Involved

There are many ways you can get involved with the good work Klamath Watershed Partnership is doing. You can:

- Make a donation and become a donor (if you're not one already)
- Contact us about becoming a volunteer
- Check our website for information on upcoming events
- Stop by our office, call us, or send us an email - we want to hear from you!

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