

# Press Release

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## **Informational Kiosks now Available at the South Portal Building and Putnam's Point**

**August 16, 2010, Klamath Falls, OR** – Thanks to a collaborative effort between the Klamath Watershed Partnership – Urban Issues Working Group, Klamath County Drainage Service District, the City of Klamath Falls, and Integral Youth Services, there are new information kiosks at the South Portal Building and Putnam's Point.

The Klamath County Drainage Service District provided funding for two kiosks to be placed at the South Portal Building and Putnam's Point to provide visitors to the sites information about non-point source (NPS) pollution, also known as polluted runoff. NPS comes from many sources and occurs when rainfall, snowmelt and water from washing your vehicles moves over and through the ground. As it moves, this runoff picks up pollution like dirt, oil, and fertilizers and carries them to lakes, rivers, streams and even our underground sources of drinking water.

"With these kiosks we hope to provide citizens with suggestions on what they can do to help reduce non-point source pollution in their neighborhoods," said Nathan Jackson, Interim Executive Director for the Klamath Watershed Partnership.

Six youth from Integral Youth Services spent part of their summer building and painting the kiosks. Members from Wingwatchers will also use the South Portal kiosk to provide information about birds and the trails to visitors who visit the site or use the trail. The kiosk at Putnam's Point will be used to provide information about parks, partnerships for wildlife enhancement projects, and planned development of the Putnam to Moore Park Marina Wetlands.

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