



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

September 2007

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Action Through Understanding

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10th ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 11th, 2007

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Eugene Yacht Club

Fern Ridge Reservoir

(map & directions on back)

***Restoring Watersheds,
Building Community:***

*Managing watersheds to sustain our
environment, economy & quality of life*



Fern Ridge Reservoir

Featuring:

- ◆ Dinner by *Our Daily Bread Restaurant*
- ◆ Local Wines
- ◆ Silent & Live Auctions
- ◆ Election of new Board Members
- ◆ Watershed Awards

Guest Speakers:

- * Governor Ted Kulongoski (*Invited*)
- * Erik Petersen
Army Corps of Engineers
- * Deborah Mattson
Restoration Project Landowner

Cost: \$20/person
RSVP and send payment
by October 2nd
See inside for details!

Our Mission

The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin through education, coordination, consultation, and cooperation among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

Benefit Auctions

SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PREVIEW

Take home great stuff and support the Council

Get ready to bid on some exciting auction items at our Annual Meeting & Celebration! Bring your checkbook or credit card so you don't miss out. Here's a sneak preview:

Learn to Scuba Dive - Scuba lessons from local divers Jim & Chris Pendergrass and gear rental

Afternoon Sailing Cruise - Explore Fern Ridge Reservoir on a sailboat with Mike Thoele

Beginner's Edible Mushroom package - guided mushroom foray led by ecologists Bruce Newhouse and Peg Boulay, membership to Cascade Mycological Society, & basket of goodies

Day on the Farm - Spend the day and have lunch with the Stroda Brothers on a fourth generation, 1000-acre, grass seed, peppermint and Christmas tree farm

Birdwatcher's Kayaking Tour - 3-hour, guided bird watching and kayaking tour on Fern Ridge Reservoir

Whitewater Adventure - 4-hour raft trip on Upper McKenzie with \$100 gift certificate for Belknap Hot Springs

Local wine, gift certificates, art by local artists, and more!

SPECIAL LIVE AUCTION

Bid on a week at a Puerto Vallarta Resort!

At this year's Annual Meeting & Celebration, you'll have a chance to bid on a fabulous Mexico get-away during our special live auction! Get a one-week stay at Villa Del Palmar Vallarta, a Puerto Vallarta Beach Resort & Spa!

- 7 nights/8 days at a 5-star resort on Banderas Bay
- Perfect for 2 couples! 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 fully-equipped kitchens
- Amenities: private beach, 3 pools, 2 Jacuzzis, gym, spa, tennis courts, onsite banking & travel agency, Kids Club, laundry facilities, filtered water
- 5 minutes from downtown Puerto Vallarta & 7 minutes from Puerto Vallarta airport
- Choose from 3 locations: Villa del Palmar, Villa del Mar, Villa del Palmer Flamingos
- Only blackout dates are Christmas & Easter



Visit www.longtom.org and villadelpalmarvallarta.com/cms/ for more information.

Reserve your spot now!

10th ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION

DATE: Thursday, October 11th, 2007
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Eugene Yacht Club, Fern Ridge Reservoir

Dinner Menu:

Appetizers & Local Wines

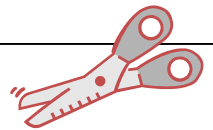
Mesclun mix salad with house vinaigrette and topped with tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, and shredded carrot

Smoked Tri tip served with a fresh seasonal vegetable and roasted red potatoes

Vegetarian option: Capellini Pomodoro

Cost: \$20/person
RSVP by October 2nd

Space is limited.
Please use the form provided below to reserve your spot ASAP.



Long Tom Watershed Council Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Please RSVP to our office by Tuesday, October 2nd

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ E-mail: _____

Would you prefer a vegetarian meal? If so, how many? _____
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Number of adults for dinner _____ X \$20.00 each = \$ _____ ENCLOSED

Please make check payable to Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC) and mail to:
751 South Danebo Avenue
Eugene, OR 97402

Questions? Please call Jenna Garmon at 683-6949 or jgarmon@longtom.org.

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RSVP for the Annual Meeting!

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By October 2nd

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Only \$20

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Please join us!

Meeting Backgrounder

ERIK PETERSEN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Erik Petersen has served as Operations Project Manager (OPM) for the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Portland District, in the Willamette Valley for 3 years, arriving in August 2004. Petersen oversees the operations and maintenance of 13 dams, lakes and associated lands and 8 hydroelectric power facilities operating as a multi-purpose system providing flood damage reduction, power generation, recreation, environmental stewardship and water quality benefits. Petersen previously served as an OPM in the Mobile District at the Allatoona Project, just north of Atlanta, Georgia. Other Corps assignments included serving as Natural Resources Manager for the Walla Walla District at Dworshak in North Central Idaho, and as a Park Ranger for the Savannah, Omaha and St. Paul District Corps of Engineers.

Erik served on several regional and national teams and task forces and was nominated for Natural Resources Employee of the Year in 2002 for the Northwestern Division. He led the Corps Operations Project Manager Community of Practice Advisory Board in 2005-2006. More locally he is a partner on the McKenzie Watershed Council and serves as the Corps representative on the Wetlands Executive Team for the West Eugene Wetlands.

Petersen went to work for the Corps while still in College in 1988, after serving internships with municipalities and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and seasonal work with the USDA Forest Service. He received a Bachelor's of Science in Forestry from the University of Minnesota, College of Natural Resources in 1990.

He appreciates the challenge of balancing competing demands, leading and supporting people to excel, seeing results on the ground and building understanding and support for Corps missions and projects.

DEBORAH MATTSON, RESTORATION PROJECT LANDOWNER

Local landowner Deborah Mattson is working with the Council to improve fish passage, reduce bank erosion, restore native species and improve water quality and stream habitat on farmland she owns in the Coyote Creek subwatershed.

This restoration project involved installing a bridge to replace an undersized culvert on the mainstem of Coyote Creek that was creating a fish passage barrier and significant downstream erosion. The culvert, located mid-way up Coyote Creek, blocked access to 46 miles of perennial streams, which drain almost half of the sub-watershed. Many of these streams have good to excellent spawning and rearing habitat for cutthroat trout.

The project also involved removal of blackberry and other invasive, non-native vegetation and planting of native trees and shrubs along Jordan Creek. This will also provide needed shade for much of the channel and reduce summer stream temperatures. Other project objectives were to increase large wood, pool frequency and sinuosity to improve habitat conditions for cutthroat trout, lamprey, and other aquatic species in the summer and winter.



Steering Committee Elections

Steering Committee Membership

Status as of September, 2007

Lower Long Tom

1. Eric Freepons, Owner/Operator, Freepons Farms (2005-2008)
2. Tony Stroda, Farmer, Stroda Brothers Farm (2006-2009)
3. Brent Skiles, Owner, Spring Creek Gardens (2004 - 2007)*

Amazon

1. Tina Fenley, Veneta Resident (2004-2007)*
2. Sarah Medary, Natural Resources Section Manager, Eugene Parks & Open Space (2004-2007)*
3. Peg Boulay, Wildlife Biologist & Ecologist (2006-2009)

Upper Long Tom

1. Will Bondioli, Poodle Creek Landowner and Director, East Lane SWCD (2004-2007)*
2. Ric Ingham, City Administrator, City of Veneta (2006-2009)
3. Gary Nolan, Country Fair Member, UO Chemistry Dept. (2004-2007)*

At-Large

1. Ryan Collay, OSU Educator and Spencer Creek Landowner (2002-2008)
2. Corey Johnson, Eugene Resident (2006-2009)
3. Rich Reeves, Forest Engineer, Rosboro (2006-2009)
4. Jim Pendergrass, Retired President, Wells Fargo's Small Business Banking (2006-2009)
5. Rich Margerum, UO Professor of Community and Regional Planning (2003-2006)*

*Denotes rotating member when replacement found

Candidates for Open Positions

New Steering Committee Members will be elected at the Annual Meeting & Celebration on October 11th. The Council received no self-nominations after advertising it in the July newsletter. The Nominating Committee has presented priority candidates to the Steering Committee and worked to recruit them. The Committee will present a set of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting.

Confirmed candidates are:

- **Brad Taylor**, Water Resources & System Planner, EWEB (Amazon)
- **Kat Beal**, Stewardship Supervisor, Willamette Projects, Army Corps of Engineers (At Large)
- **Eric Wold**, Natural Resources Supervisor, City of Eugene Parks and Open Space (Amazon)

Three additional candidates are considering serving on Steering Committee. Biographical sketches will be distributed at the Annual Meeting for the Council's consideration before a vote is called.

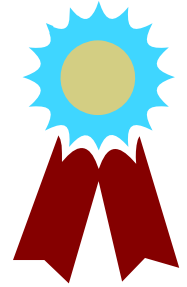
**Would you like a presentation about the watershed and our Council?
Would your agency or organization like to talk about ideas for collaboration?**

Please call Dana Erickson at 683-6578

Council News

Watershed Awards

The Council is pleased to honor the following people and organizations at our Annual Meeting & Celebration!



Sustaining Entity: Private
Roseburg Forest Products

Sustaining Entity: Public
Army Corps of Engineers

Project Landowner
Hal & Kathy Noble

Outstanding Volunteer
To Be Announced

Project Contractor
Tony Stevens, Conser Quarry

Steering Committee Service Awards:

A big thank you to our outgoing Steering Committee members for their dedication and service to the Council:

Will Bondioli

Tina Fenley

Rich Margerum

Sarah Medary

Gary Nolan

Brent Skiles

Your Membership & Vote at the Annual Meeting

On October 11, those persons signing in at the Annual Meeting become members of the Council and can vote on Council business. The event is RSVP only and tickets must be purchased in advance. We will have limited seating, so please get your tickets early!

Council Receives Tax-Exempt Status from the IRS!

The Council received its tax-exempt status from the IRS in 18 days - record time! Thank you to Anne White, (CPA), Corey Johnson (Steering Committee member), David Atkin, Lynette Williams & Elizabeth Albrecht (Nonprofit Support Services) and Dana Erickson (Coordinator) for putting together an excellent application.

**What habitats do you have and could you enhance them?
What can you do about the health of your stream and riparian area?**

Call Cindy at 683-2983 to discuss project possibilities

Council Meeting Notes

RESTORATION PROJECT TOUR & DISCUSSION - July 16, 2007 Owens Creek Fish Passage & Riparian Restoration: Managing Small Dams & Ponds to Enhance Habitat

July's Council meeting was a walking tour of one of our restoration projects on Owen's Creek, a tributary of Bear Creek that empties into the Long Tom River of Fern Ridge Reservoir. The goal for this project tour was to discuss how to manage small dams and instream ponds to enhance habitat and watershed health. On this site, the Council worked with partner landowners David Turner and Suzanne Linquist to remove a dam onsite that was blocking fish passage on Owens Creek and are in the process of restoring the riparian area.

David, Suzanne and Cindy Thieman began the tour by providing an overview of the restoration project. David



Owens Creek Tour

and Suzanne noted observing a greater diversity of birds and the appearance of river otter and mink and

6-7 varieties of fish since the restoration project. Gordon Grant (US Forest Service) explained that most "little dinky dams" can be removed with few negative results, noting that dam removal does not increase flooding. OSU Extension Educator Sam Chan focused on invasive species, a key challenge with restoration projects. Several sur-

A CREEK RUNS FREE AGAIN

A couple remove a dam from Owens Creek on their land west of Junction City

By Susan PALMER
The Register-Guard

HIGH PASS ROAD — Hydrologists call them LDDs — little dinky dams — and they're not much of a deal in the realm of waterworks.

The dam partially blocking the flow of Owens Creek on David Turner and Suzanne Linquist's 17-acre property west of Junction City was just a couple of metal front-end loader buckets dropped into the narrow channel.

That's nothing compared with, say, Fern Ridge Dam, a mile-long 44-foot-high structure that can hold back 3,000 acre-feet of water.

The Owens Creek number was put in by a previous homeowner who had a hazelizing for ornamental ponds on the property 25 to 30 years ago.

But the dam impeded the movement of resident cutthroat trout, slowed and warmed the water and held back silt, which left it rankly.

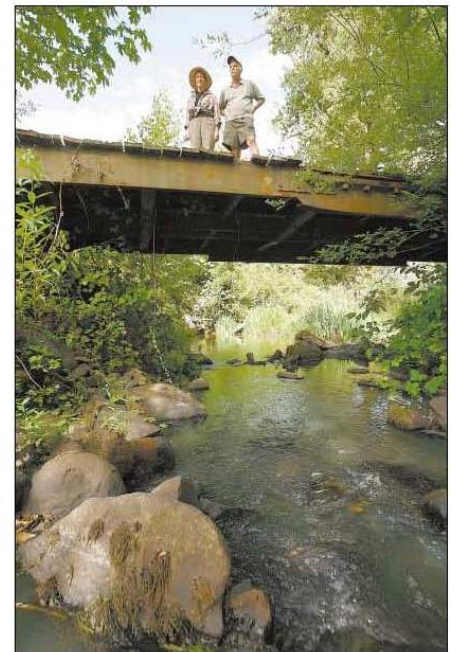
So last year, Turner and Linquist — with help from the Long Tom Watershed Council — ripped their dam out to let the creek flow more naturally into Bear Creek and then on down to the Long Tom River.

On Monday, they invited neighbors and outsiders to have a look at the results — faster moving water, less silt and cooler temperatures, which all add up to improved habitat for fish.

It wasn't an easy decision for the couple, who bought the property six years ago, in part because of the ponds, which attracted great blue heron, beaver and wood ducks.

But after getting involved with the Long Tom Watershed Council, they began hearing their doubts about the dam. The council, a non-profit agency devoted to improving water quality in the 10 square miles that make up the watershed, works closely with such landowners, council coordinator Dana Ericson said.

"People want to do it themselves, but they need to be connected to the



DANIEL BOSS / THE REGISTER-GUARD



Sam Chan

Council Makes Headlines! Register-Guard article on July 18th A Creek Runs Free Again

Register-Guard Reporter Susan Palmer was at our Restoration Project tour at Owens Creek on July 16, and she wrote a great front page article about the project and the Council. Read the article on our website: www.longtom.org.

Watershed Announcements

Living on the Land: Stewardship for Small Acreages

Living on the Land is a workshop series tailored for small acreage landowners. There are 4 workshops in the series and 1 field tour. Workshops will be taught by agency and industry professionals and local landowners. The field tour will include stops to visit with landowners in Lane County to learn about some of the management practices these neighbors are implementing on their land.

Workshops

Scandinavian Festival Hall, 5th Street and Greenwood, Junction City
6:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m. (Please feel free to bring your dinner with you!
Snacks will be provided.)

Wednesday, October 24: Managing Soil to Keep it Productive

Learn about soil fertility, composting, cover cropping, soil types and how to evaluate your soil quality.

Wednesday, October 31: Pasture and Grazing Management

Identify pasture grasses. Learn about rotational grazing, improving productivity, renovation and winter-time management.

Wednesday, November 7: Understanding Your Water Rights, Wells and Septic Systems

Bring well water for nitrate screening. Meet your water master!

Wednesday, November 14: What to do About Weeds?

Bring weeds for identification. Develop a weed management strategy. Learn about small woodland management resources.

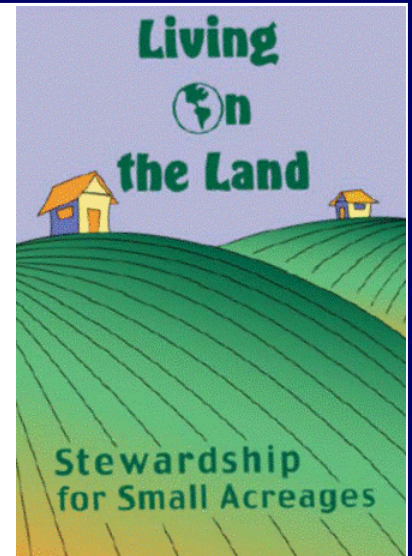
Field Tour

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Picnic lunch fixings will be provided.)

Saturday, November 17: Farm Tours in Long Tom River Watershed Area

Please send registration plus \$20/person or \$30/couple from same farm, made payable to Ag Research Foundation to: OSU Benton County Extension Service, Living on the Land, 1849, NW 9th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Living on the Land is sponsored by OSU Extension Service Small Farms Program, East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District and Oregon Governor's Fund. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.



Interested in other watershed councils in Oregon?

Contact the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils: www.oregonwatersheds.org

More Opportunities & Calendar

Council Events

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 4; 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Contact: Jenna Garmon, 683-6949;
jgarmon@longtom.org

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Eugene Yacht Club, Fern Ridge Reservoir

See pages 1-7 for details and to RSVP.

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DONOR RECOGNITION

Our Gratitude To
Phil Larsen & Phil Kaufmann,
Environmental Protection Agency,
Corvallis Office
For supporting the Monitoring
Program this year!

Other Events

Rural Living Basics: Well Water & Septic Systems Class

Learn the basics of drinking water well and septic systems. For a free nitrate screening of your drinking water, bring a cup of well water in a clean container.

September 27: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Monroe High School Library, Monroe
Contact Chrissy at 766-3556 or
wellwater@oregonstate.edu.

WOW! Wonders of Wetlands Workshop For Educators

Participants will learn how to bring wetlands alive and into the classroom. Presented by WREN & Environmental Concern.

October 20: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$45; includes WOW curriculum guide.
Register online at www.wetland.org or call 410-745-9620.

Mountains to Meadowlarks: A Geologic History of the West Eugene Wetlands

Join BLM Soil Scientist Karin Baitis and WREN Educator Liz Myers to learn about the origin of the unique soil found in the southern Willamette Valley.

November 7: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Meet at West Eugene Wetlands Yurt.
Contact Holly McRae at 683-6494;
hmcrac@wewetlands.org.

Opportunities on the Web!

www.longtom.org
www.wewetlands.org
www.ortrout.org

**Do you have a neighbor or friend that might be interested in the Council?
Are you interested in volunteering?**

Please call Jenna Garmon at 683-6949

Our Watershed & Council



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Steering Committee

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Chair
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Immediate Past-Chair

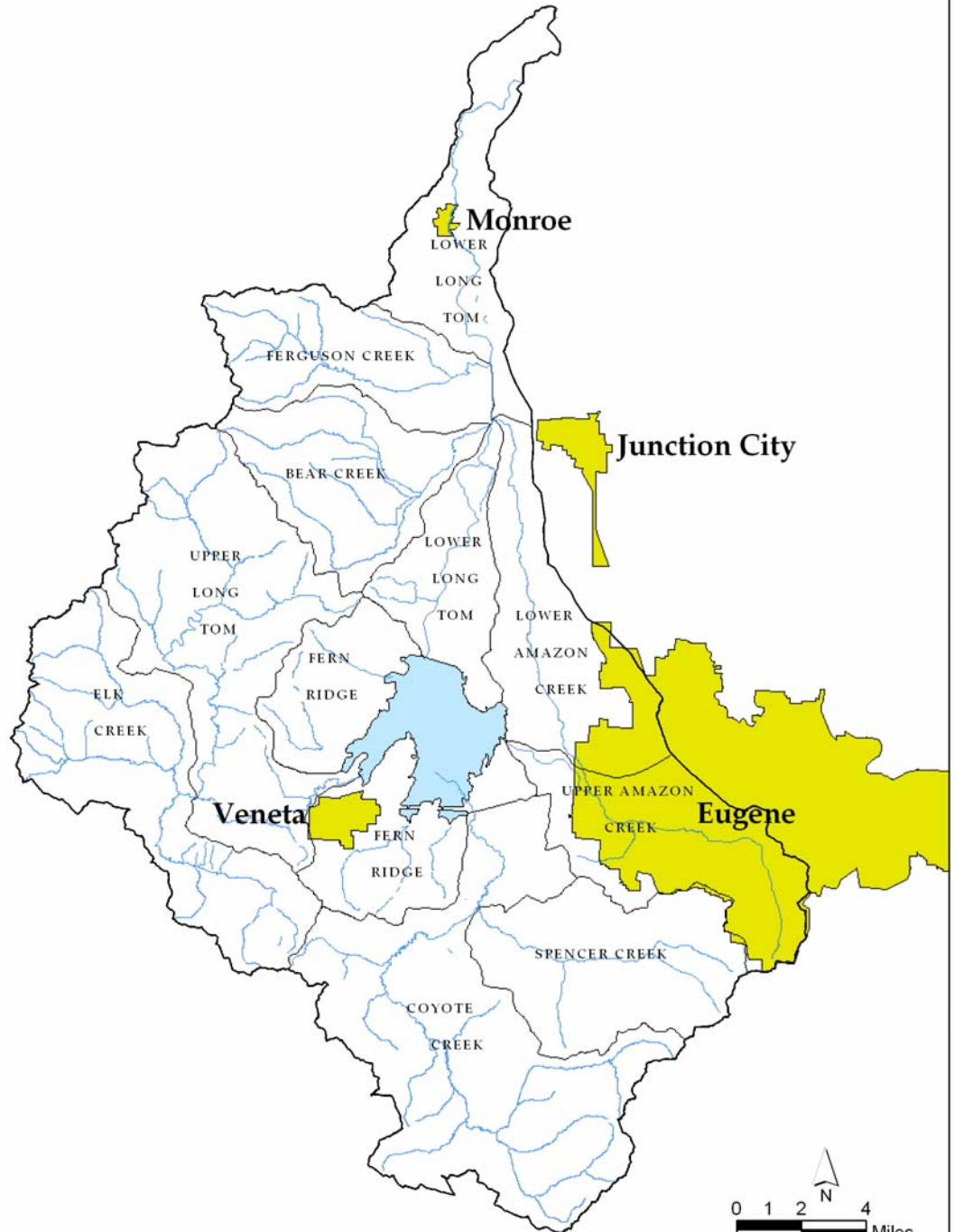


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Long Tom Watershed Ten Major Subbasins



Source: Long Tom Watershed Council, Brian Issa 9/03

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Thursday, October 11th - 5:30 p.m.
Eugene Yacht Club, Fern Ridge Reservoir
26126 Bangs Rd., Junction City

Directions from Eugene:

Head WEST on W. 11th/HWY 126. Turn RIGHT onto GREENHILL RD. Pass through 1 roundabout. Turn LEFT onto CLEAR LAKE RD. Turn LEFT onto BANGS RD. End at 26126 BANGS RD.

Directions from HWY 99:

Head SOUTH on HWY 99. Turn RIGHT onto OR-36/Mapleton-Junction City Hwy. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto TERRITORIAL HWY. Turn LEFT onto CLEAR LAKE RD. Turn RIGHT onto BANGS Rd. End at 26126 BANGS RD.