

## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

WHAT: *WATER SUMMIT 2008*

WHERE: Brother's Conference Center, Prineville, Oregon

SPONSORED BY: Crook County Natural Resources Planning Committee

WHEN: May 16, 2008, 8:00 am until 3:30 pm

Dear Colleague,

This year's Water Summit 2008 is the second conference/workshop sponsored by the Crook County Natural Resources Planning Committee. While last year's summit was focused on questions related to both surface and ground water supply and conservation, the Water Summit 2008 has its focus on salmon and steelhead reintroduction to the upper Deschutes basin.

The topics will include information on federal legislation and assistance that will guide the reintroduction process, considerations of potential community effects such as land use, irrigation, industry and education, and what the short-term and long-term forecasts look like for a successful multi-agency and multi-community effort.

Featured speakers include people from the National Marine Fisheries Service, representatives from Wallowa County where reintroduction has been a resounding success, local officials, natural resource professionals and watershed staff.

The comprehensive flavor of topics and range of speakers is intentional as this significant act of restoring steelhead and salmon runs to this area of Oregon has the potential to influence and affect all of us in Central Oregon.

In order to garner as wide attendance as appropriate, the Natural Resources Planning Committee is asking for your help to sponsor the luncheon for the event. The goal is to have five \$200 givers identified, so that lunch is no obstacle to attendance. high school and OSU-Cascades students included! Please consider such a gift. Proceeds should be directed to the Crooked River Watershed Council, a 501(c)(3).

Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please call me at (541) 678-8933.

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