



## Upper Grande Ronde Watershed Place-based Planning Field Trip Friday, July 28, 2017

**Meeting Time:** Coffee at 7:45 a.m., field trip starts at 8:00 a.m.

**Location:** 306 12th Street, La Grande, Oregon 97850

**Directions:** Travel south on 12th Street past E Avenue and the Blue Mountain Conference Center (BMCC). Turn right on paved access road immediately past the BMCC; park in the gravel lot near the well.

**Questions?** Dana Kurtz, 509-953-1804

### **Field Trip Agenda:**

1. 7:45-8:45 Meet by the **12th Street Well** (306 12th Street, La Grande, Oregon 97850). We will park our vehicles and have coffee and social time.
  - o Donna Beverage, Union County Commissioner: Welcome group and discuss purpose of field trip
  - o Kyle Carpenter, City of La Grande: Describe well, telemetry, meter reading, and general municipal water trends in La Grande
2. 8:45-9:15 Carpool to **Lower Reservoir** (top of 2nd Street, La Grande, Oregon 97850)  
**Directions:** Travel south on 12th Street, turn right on Gekeler Lane, curve right onto C Avenue, turn left onto 2nd Street, follow 2nd Street to the top.
  - o Kyle Carpenter, City of La Grande: Describe reservoir system, record keeping, how municipal water demand has changed over time
3. 9:15-9:45 Carpool to **Southern Cross Ranch\*** (CC-44) (59370 OR-203, Union, Oregon 97883)  
**Directions:** Travel north on 2nd Street to C Avenue, turn right on C Avenue, which curves into Gekeler Lane. Take Gekeler Lane to Highway 30/OR-203. Turn right and take Highway 30/OR-203 for 17 miles until the sign for Southern Cross Ranch is visible. Turn right into the driveway.
  - o 9:45-10:15 Allen Childs, CTUIR: Provide site history, summary of need for project, description of improvements that have occurred, and ecological benefits
  - o 10:15-10:45 Shad Hattan, Watermaster, Oregon Water Resources Department: Describe changes in water use in the Upper Grande Ronde watershed
  - o 10:45-11:15 Jed Hassinger, Union County Farm Bureau: Discuss irrigation efficiency improvements, differences in agricultural water demands between crops, time of year, and type of farming
4. 11:15-12:30 Lunch provided on site at Southern Cross Ranch
5. 12:30 Drive back to parking area in La Grande and complete tour

### **What to Bring:**

- o Vehicle (carpool will be arranged at the first stop)
- o Sunscreen/bug spray/hat/sunglasses
- o Comfortable clothes and closed toed shoes (one area of the tour may be slightly wet)
- o Water

\* No restrooms will be available at the field trip sites. However, we will plan a quick break at the Short Stop, 1709 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, after the Lower Reservoir site visit.