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Klamath Watershed Partnership recognizes local Landowners and Volunteers at Leadership Dinner

Klamath Falls, OR – January 24, 2011 – A Leadership Development Dinner, hosted by the Klamath Watershed Partnership and sponsored by the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, was recently held to identify potential leaders for the Partnership and to recognize landowners and volunteers.

The purpose of the Leadership Development Dinner was to identify potential leaders to help us remain a viable organization, promoting ecosystem health and landowner sustainability in the Klamath Basin. Leadership comes in many forms, from volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors, to being a contact point within the community that neighbors can go to for information. With the challenges and opportunities facing the Basin, a broad based, diverse leadership pool from which to draw is essential.

“Our leadership only works if we have the involvement of landowners and community members,” said Nathan Jackson, Executive Director of the Klamath Watershed Partnership. “This leadership dinner provided us an opportunity to visit with landowners, gather valuable input about restoration issues in their areas, and gave us a good base for developing a pool of leaders to work on restoration opportunities in the Basin”.

During the dinner, several local landowners and partners were recognized for their volunteer work and in promoting ecosystem health and landowner sustainability in the Klamath Basin. Award recipients were: Volunteers: Marshal Moser, Vince Belleci, Judy Foote, Ken Hay, Tom Crist and Tom Monroe. Landowners: Greg and Jacqui Bulkley, Steve and Debbie Hilbert, Glen and Bonnie Kircher, Jerry Neff, Martin and Shirley Kerns, and Wingwatchers. Special landowner recognition was presented to Gerda, John and Jerri Hyde for their continued support of the Klamath Watershed Partnership.

The Klamath Watershed Partnership is a community-based, non-profit organization that focuses on the needs of landowners and natural resources sustainability. Working in collaboration with Upper Klamath Basin landowners, agencies and other partners, the Klamath Watershed Partnership provides education and implements restoration projects. Water from the 4,766,181 acres in the Upper Klamath Basin drains into the Klamath River and eventually ends up in the Pacific Ocean, traveling over 250 miles. The Partnership is governed by a board of directors

representing diverse points of view in the Klamath Basin. The directors and staff are dedicated people with long-term stakes in the health of local communities and the watersheds that support them.

For more information about the Klamath Watershed Partnership or if you are interested in participating in our programs or becoming a volunteer, contact us at 541-850-1717 or visit our website at www.klamathpartnership.org.

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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