

Q. Why is everyone talking about water?

- A. Local, state, and national news media are filled with stories about water, from drought and scarcity to flooding and pollution.

Oregon's east side receives very little rain, and in the summer months, the whole state is hot and dry. Groundwater levels are declining in many places; many of our water bodies have impaired water quality; and fish and their habitat are not as healthy as they used to be. Demands for all types of water use continue to change.

These challenges, along with those posed by climate change, population growth, and land-use change, highlight the urgency for a state-wide strategy that meets Oregon's water needs.

Oregon's natural resource and economic development agencies are now developing Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy and invite you to an open house in Klamath Falls to share your concerns and priorities for Oregon's water future.

Klamath Falls Open House Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Oregon Institute of Technology, Mt. Mazama Room
3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

- **Project Overview, followed by Discussions**
Program begins at 4:00 and again at 5:30
- **Project Showcase**
Local water resource partnerships and projects
- **Map Gallery**
Challenges & opportunities for our water resources
- **Kids' Center**
Water-related word find, coloring, and more



Thank you to our local open house partners!



Lead Agencies:

Oregon Water Resources Department
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Agriculture

State of Oregon Partners:

Oregon Business Development Dept.
Department of Energy
Department of Forestry
Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries
Dept. of Housing & Comm. Services
Dept. of Human Services
Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Department of State Lands
Department of Transportation
Parks & Recreation Department
Watershed Enhancement Board
The Governor's Office

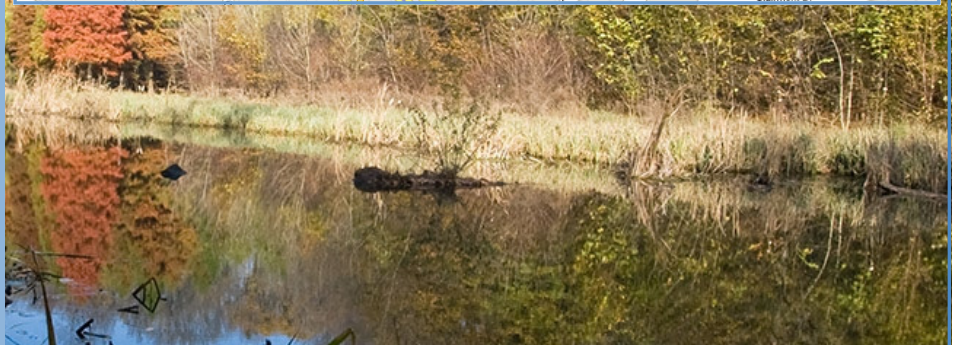
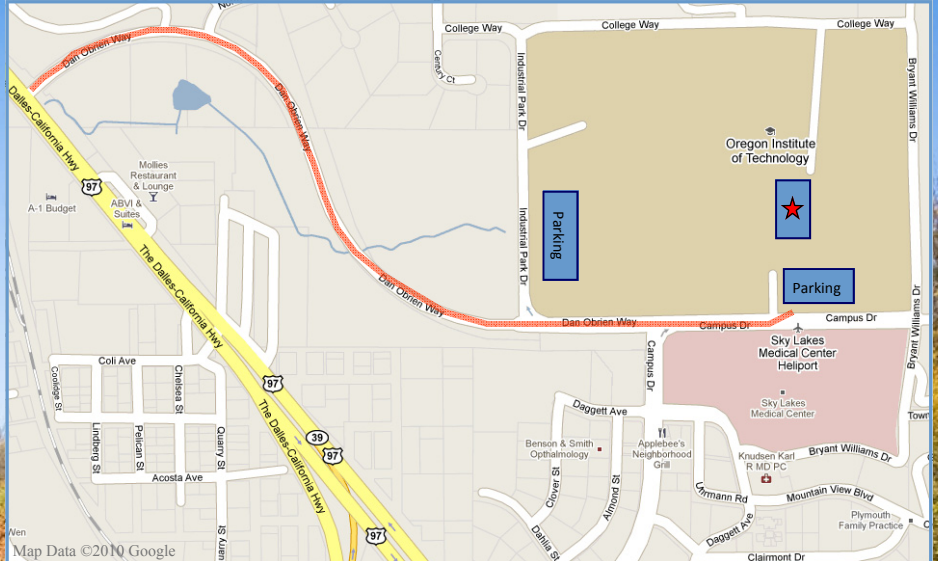
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Directions to the Mt. Mazama Room, Oregon Institute of Technology
Campus Number: 541-885-1030

From Hwy 97:

- Head east on Dan O'Brien Way.
- The Mt. Mazama Room is located in the College Union Building, Second Floor.
- General Parking is available via Campus Drive or Industrial Park Drive.



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