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Governor and Legislative Leaders Honor “Oregonians Working for Healthy Watersheds”
Awards recognize individuals and groups in communities throughout Oregon

WHAT: Governor Ted Kulongoski and legislative leaders will celebrate the achievements of more than 30 citizens, public servants, landowners, industry leaders, conservation organizations, tribes and local governments committed to restoring watersheds and recovering salmon. The ceremony will include remarks by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House.

WHO: Governor Ted Kulongoski
President of the Senate Peter Courtney
Speaker of the House Karen Minnis
Directors of the Governor’s Natural Resources Office, Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Fish and Wildlife, Forestry, and State Lands, Oregon Water Resources Department, and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Award recipients and guests from throughout Oregon

WHEN: Wednesday, May 18, 2005
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Ceremony on the steps of the State Capitol in Salem
3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Reception in the Capitol Galleria

WHY:

- The event celebrates the achievements of more than 30 individuals and groups from across Oregon who are committed to restoring watersheds and recovering salmon.
- Honorees come from all walks of life and all areas of the state. Through voluntary actions and cooperative efforts, all have overcome obstacles and found solutions that support the goals of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.
- The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is the state’s unprecedented effort to restore healthy watersheds, clean water and salmon to productive and sustainable levels in a manner that provides substantial environmental, cultural and economic benefits.

EDITOR’S NOTE: To arrange interviews or for more information on award winners from your region, please contact Diane Kightlinger at (503) 288-2095 or eclipse@gorge.net. In addition, a Web site will be available shortly after the ceremony with photos of the award winners and full text of remarks. Look for a release with the Web site URL on May 18.

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