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Friends of the Coos Watershed Will Hold a Public Conversation July 27

Coos Bay, OR (Coos Watershed Association), July 21, 2009 – The *Friends of the Coos Watershed* – the community support group of the Coos Watershed Association (CoosWA) – in collaboration with the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR), will host a conversation about the future of the Coos Watershed in the face of climate and land use changes. The meeting will be held on July 27th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Coos Bay Public Library located at 525 Anderson Avenue.

How will the Coos Watershed change over time with pressure from climate and land use changes? How will we know if these changes are taking place? Coos Watershed Association and SSNERR will explore how watershed conditions can be tracked and anticipated in the future using ecological indicators.

Just as we use blood pressure to indicate the state of a person’s health, ecological indicators are used to indicate the health of the environment. Participants are invited to discuss the development of ecological indicators to track the health of the Coos Watershed and to evaluate the effects of restoration projects.

If you cannot make this meeting, but would like more information please visit <http://www.cooswatershed.org>

About the Coos Watershed Association – The Coos Watershed Association is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1994 as a way for people with a wide range of interests to get together and discuss the “big picture” of the conditions of the Coos watershed. The Association implements restoration, monitoring, and outreach projects throughout the Coos watershed with the goal of restoring and maintaining healthy, functioning stream systems. The Association also helps individual landowners decide how to manage and restore the watershed’s natural systems.

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