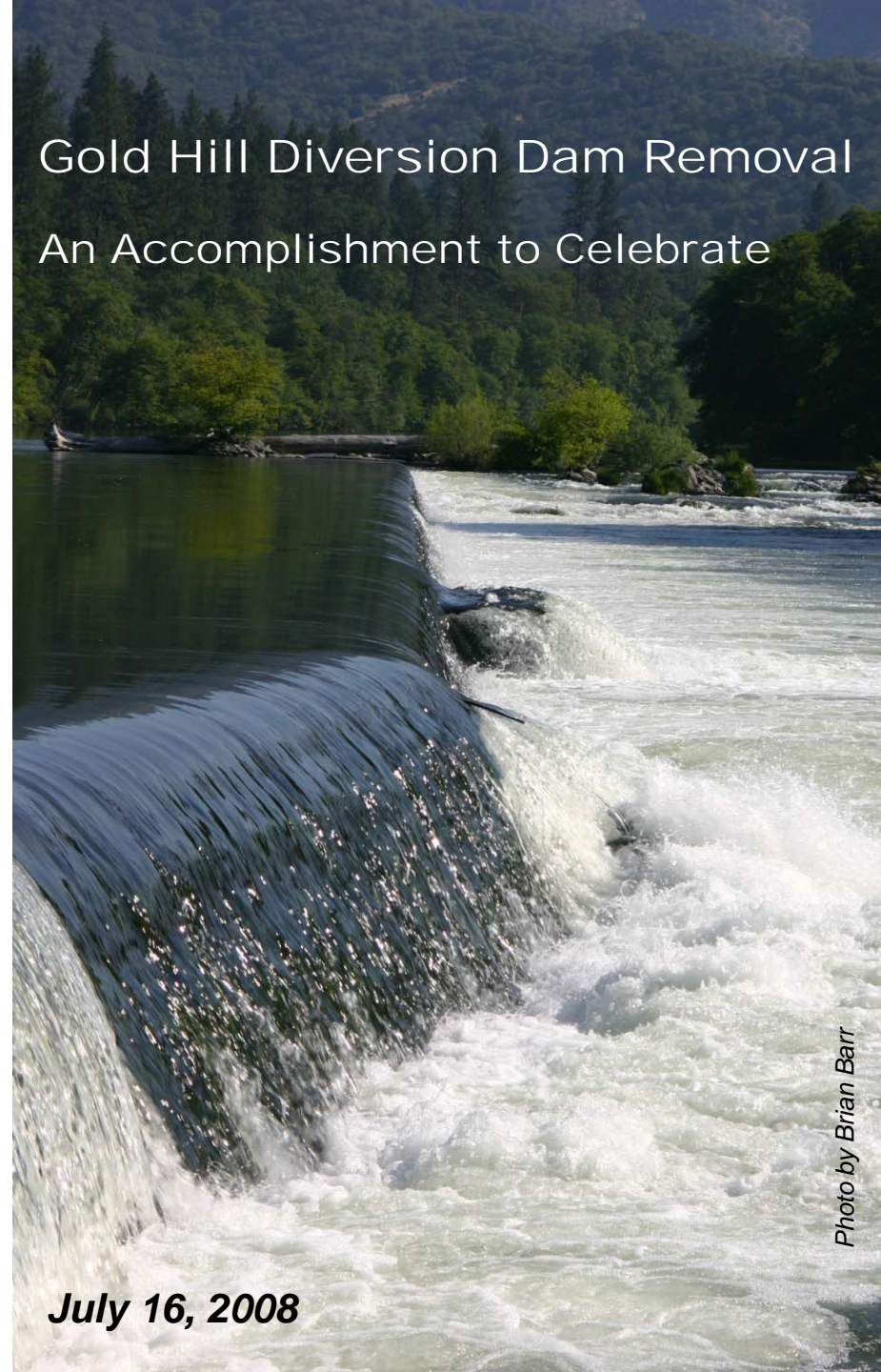


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- City of Gold Hill
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Center for Conservation Science & Policy
- State of Oregon
- WaterWatch of Oregon
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Land Management
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Rogue Valley Council of Governments



Gold Hill Diversion Dam Removal An Accomplishment to Celebrate



July 16, 2008

Background

Gold Hill Diversion Dam (Ideal Cement Diversion Dam) is the second greatest barrier to fish passage in the Rogue River Basin. This 8-foot high, concrete dam spans across the entire Rogue River just a mile upstream of the City of Gold Hill. Salmon migrating downstream pass into the diversion canal and get trapped or injured, and are unable to complete their journey to the ocean. Adult salmon are slowed by this dam on their way back to their spawning grounds.

In 2005, the City of Gold Hill constructed a new municipal water supply intake. The diversion function of the dam was no longer needed when the City of Gold Hill completed this pumping station, making the dam obsolete.

Construction crews began dam removal activities on July 8th and are scheduled to finish by mid-August 2008.

After the dam is removed, the canal intake area will be sealed, keeping water and fish out of the canal.

Streambanks along the project area and other sites disturbed by construction activities will be restored and replanted following dam removal.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and NOAA's Restoration Center funding make this effort possible and give a reason to jump for joy — because now the salmon will not have to.



Gold Hill Diversion Dam Removal Ceremony

July 16, 2008, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
14775 Highway 234, Gold Hill, OR

Welcome

- Gus Wolf, Mayor, City of Gold Hill

Introductions & Project History

- Craig Harper, Rogue Valley Council of Governments

Construction Overview

- Scott Wright, Project Manager, River Design Group

Speakers

- Jeff Griffin, Governor's Office
- John Snider, Representative Greg Walden's Oregon District Director
- Bob Lohn, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Mark Grenbemer, Southwest Program Representative, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Steve Kiesling, Gold Hill resident

Closing

- Craig Harper, Rogue Valley Council of Governments

Barbecue lunch will follow the ceremony