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Community Engagement Related to Rogue River from Gold Ray Dam to Lost Creek Dam

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(Medford, Oregon, February 23, 2024) After several years of hearing from some community members about conflicting uses of the Rogue River in a stretch roughly between the now-removed Gold Ray Dam and Lost Creek Dam, a collaboration of four state agencies—Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)—have come together to learn more about the community's values, needs, and concerns related to this stretch of the river.

The agencies have partnered with [Oregon's Kitchen Table](#), a statewide community engagement program, to give Jackson County residents and visitors a clear way to express their values, beliefs, and expectations related to this stretch of the river. That input will inform the agencies' decision-making now and in the future.

Community engagement opportunities in multiple languages and in multiple venues (including online) will be available between mid-May and late June. This will include regional and culturally specific conversations, a survey available in five languages, and hosting materials so that anyone can hold their own Kitchen Table Conversation. By the end of July, a report summarizing the values, beliefs, and expectations shared in the community engagement process will be shared with the agencies and with community members. Project manager Eliot Feenstra lives in Josephine County and will be leading the effort. If you have questions or know of engagement opportunities and community events late this spring or summer the project team should consider attending, please contact Eliot Feenstra, feen@pdx.edu.

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