

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

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Governing Board, Public Events in Prineville October 9th

Portland, Oregon: The Governing Board of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will meet at 8:30 AM, October 9, 2008, in the Ochoco National Forest Conference Room, 3160 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, Oregon. The public is invited to attend. Agenda items include a look at a new FEMA Flood Mapping and Multi-Hazards Grant project, an update on the Oregon Lidar Consortium and a discussion of regulatory issues relating to the Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation Program.

The complete agenda can be found online at:

<http://www.oregongeology.org> or call (971) 673-1555 to obtain a copy.

Also that same week, The Oregon Department of Geology has an evening lecture and half-day field trip the public is invited to participate in.

October 8th - Oregon's Supervolcano and the Geology of the Lower Crooked Basin, Crook County Library – 6:30 PM

On October 8th at 6:30 PM at the Crook County Library, Geologists Mark Ferns and Jason McClaughry will present a free public lecture that examines new evidence that the area around Prineville sits inside one of the largest volcanic calderas in the world!

October 9th - Field Trip on the Geology of the Lower Crooked Basin, meet at Ochoco National Forest Building – 1:00 PM

On October 9th at 1:00 PM, the public is invited to join Mark and Jason for a half-day field trip through the Lower Crooked Basin, from Prineville Reservoir to Smith Rock State Parks, to learn about the amazing geologic history of the region.

These programs are presented in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River Watershed Council.

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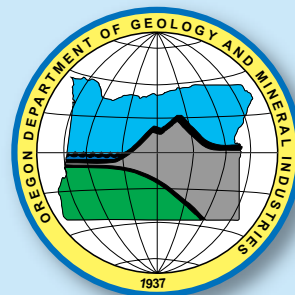
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DOGAMI has also completed a major geological mapping effort in the Lower Crooked Basin. "We have dedicated several years to conducting detailed mapping and compiling the best published geologic information ever available for the area," said State Geologist Vicki McConnell. "This information can be used to drive decisions about water and land use and identify areas of geological hazard. These maps can tell the geologic history of a landscape and also help us to project what the future uses of an area might be."

For more information on available geologic maps for central Oregon, including the Oregon Geologic Data Compilation (OGDC-4), please contact the Nature of the Northwest Information Center, 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 177, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 872-2750 or go online at: <http://www.NatureNW.org>

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State, and has a broad responsibility in developing a geologic understanding of natural hazards. We then make this information available to communities and individuals to help reduce the risks from earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. We assist in the formulation of state policy where understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards are key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

Learn more about Oregon's geology by going online at:

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