2026 Grande Ronde Basin – State of the Science Meeting

Presbyterian Friendship Center, 1204 Spring Avenue, La Grande

November 18th–19th, 2026

Day 1 – November 18th

8:00am – Coffee, Fruit, and Snacks

8:30am – Welcome and Review of the Agenda

8:40am – 9:20am – *An Update on Progress and Preliminary Priorities on the UGR-CC Atlas* – Nick Legg – Lichen Land and Water

9:25am – 10:05am – *Learning While Restoring: An Adaptive Management Approach to Uncertainty in Restoration Prioritization* – Joe Lemanski – ODFW

10:10am – 10:30am – **Morning Break**

10:30am – 11:10am – *Supporting Partners' Efforts to Implement Floodplain Restoration and Monitoring Efforts in Oregon* – Ken Fetcho & Coby Menton – OWEB

11:15am – 11:55am – *The Heat Is On: Stream Temperature Dynamics in the Wallowa, Lostine, and Lower Grande Ronde Rivers* – Lora Tennant – Nez Perce Tribe

12:00pm – 1:30pm – **Lunch**

1:30pm – 2:50pm – **Poster Session**

3:00pm – 3:40pm – *Evaluation of Cold-Water Refugia and Temperature Benefits from Habitat Restoration in the Upper Grande Ronde River Basin Using Thermal Imagery* – Casey Justice – CRITFC

3:45pm – **Closing Remarks**

4:00pm – **Social Hour – Side A – Firehouse Museum**

Day 2 – November 19th

8:00am – Coffee, Fruit, and Snacks

8:30am – Welcome and Review of the Agenda

8:40am – 9:20am – *Bringing q'óyxc Home: Sockeye Salmon Reintroduction in Wallowa Lake* – Sarah Barnes – Nez Perce Tribe

9:25am – 10:05am – *The Hunger Games: Relative Susceptibility of Individual Fish to Tributary-Level Avian Predation on Juvenile Salmonids* – Polly Gibson – ODFW

10:10am – 10:30am – **Morning Break**

10:30am – 11:10am – *Conversion Rates of Grande Ronde Basin Chinook Salmon Populations* – Joe Dittmer – ODFW

11:15am – 11:55am – *Evaluation of IGF1 as a Tool for Assessing Growth in Juvenile Salmonids in Lookingglass Creek* – Anna Ringleman – CRITFC

12:00pm – **Closing Remarks**