

Klamath dam removal topic of Nov. 1 Science Pub talk

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The world's largest dam removal project currently being undertaken on the Klamath River and will be the topic of Oregon State University's Science Pub on Nov. 1.

Desiree Tullos, a professor of biological and ecological engineering, and Bryan Tilt, a professor of anthropology, will give the talk at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Old World Deli in Corvallis. It can be viewed in person or online.

They will talk about the Klamath River dam removal, which started earlier this year, and its impact on the river's ecosystem and people.

They will also describe their interdisciplinary and cross-cultural research project in the area.

Tullos, Tilt and several other researchers, including scientists from the Yurok Tribe, have been awarded \$895,000 in grants from Oregon Sea Grant to study the connections between river quality, water use and the

aquatic food web and what they will look like after four Klamath River dams are dismantled.

The dam decommissioning effort, whose goals include improving water quality and fish habitat, includes restoration of 2,000 acres currently inundated by the hydroelectric dams, which were built between 1918 and 1962 and provide power through PacifiCorp.

The Klamath runs more than 250 miles from Oregon's high desert interior in Klamath Falls through the Cascade Mountains before entering the Pacific Ocean in northern California.

Registration is required to attend Science Pubs. Visit <https://univevnts.eventcube.io/events/51813/science-pub-corvallis-virtual/> to register.

The Old World Deli is located at 341 SW 2nd St., Corvallis.

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