

Klamath Waters Digital Library Project Vision Statement

The story of water in the Klamath Basin mirrors the larger story of water in the West. It is a story of many people and many perspectives. How this story unfolds tells us much about the development of the West in the 20th century. Though much research has been done on the subject, the information itself is scattered among government agencies, interest groups, libraries, museums, research institutions and other sources. Many of these materials were not commercially published and are very difficult to find. There is a need for a central, reliable, unbiased repository of information. This information needs to be available both regionally and nationally, and be part of a larger initiative exploring water and natural resources issues in the western United States

The *Klamath Waters Digital Library* is an ongoing project of the Oregon Institute of Technology Library and the Shaw Historical Library. Together with our information partners, we will create a collection of water-related information resources available to a variety of user groups in order to help promote understanding of the many issues associated with water supply and use in the Klamath Basin. We are committed to creating a dynamic collection, with content that reflects the complexity of the subject. The digital library does not take an advocacy position, and is not associated with a particular point of view. This collection will be available to the general public, researchers, students, and policymakers via the Internet.

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