



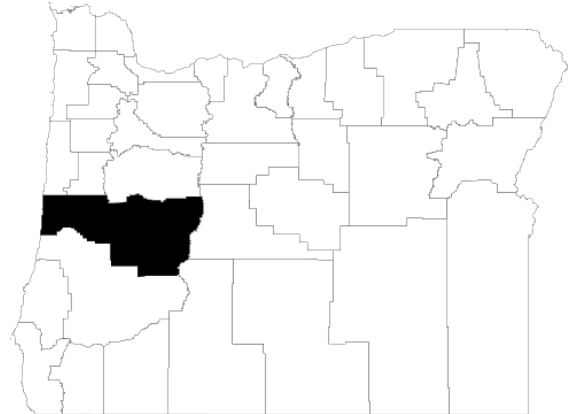
McKenzie River Action Team

Community Profile

County Lane
 City Blue River
 Population 5,000

Assignment

Organization McKenzie River Action Team
 Supervisor Marilyn Cross
 RARE Member Ashley Adelman



McKenzie Community Development Corporation

The McKenzie River Valley consists of a series of rural communities that extend for over 50 miles from Cedar Flats to past McKenzie Bridge along Hwy. 126 and the McKenzie River. There are no incorporated towns. Approximately 5,000 live along the 50 mile “Main Street”.

Ashley will assist with nonprofit and board development among organizations in the McKenzie River Valley. She will continue developing McKenzieCommunity.org and a comprehensive community calendar. Additionally, she will integrate a volunteer database into the website, working with local organizations to share available opportunities and connect volunteers with opportunities that match their skills and interests. Ashley is also continuing to work with the McKenzie River Ranger District, McKenzie Schools and additional partners to increase outdoor education opportunities for youth, families and adults through the Children’s Forest Initiative. Ashley will also reach out to residents to increase support for the McKenzie Rural Broadband Initiative as well as connect with residents and property owners of Blue River to gain support for downtown revitalization and a wastewater treatment system. As part of this work, she will coordinate with Chris Marko of Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Lane Council of Governments and additional partners. She will also develop a grants database for current and future community projects and assist with grant proposals for projects.

Meet Ashley Adelman



- B.S. in Planning, Public Policy and Management & B.S in Environmental Studies w/ Geography minor – University of Oregon
- People may be surprised when they learn that I visited 20 states before I was in middle school.
- I initiated and completed the application for the City of Eugene Neighborhood Matching grant as part of my internship with the Schoolhouse Garden. In order to provide more opportunity for student involvement in the garden, our team applied for funding to building a garden tasting stand. As the garden becomes a complete outdoor classroom, the stand can be used for a number of community events.