

# Lake County Resource Initiative

## Community Profile

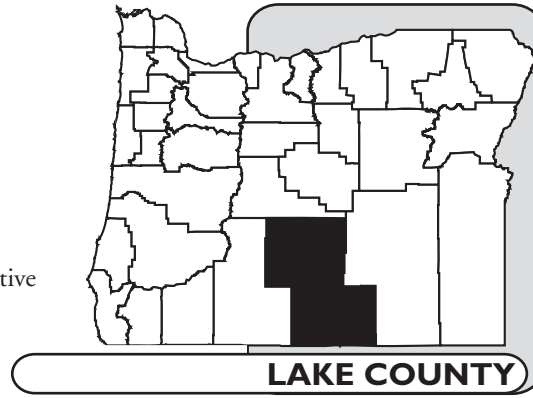
**Population** 2,474

**Location** Lakeview

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Lake County Resource Initiative

**Supervisor** Jim Walls  
Executive Director



**Assignment** The mission of Lake County Resource Initiative (LCRI) is to demonstrate a sustainable approach to natural resource management to ensure quality of life for present and future generations. LCRI designs and manages resource-based projects and services in the communities of Lake County. It educates the local work force about economic opportunities that result from managing forests for ecological health and seeks to assist local workers access federal contracts. Further, it has close ties to the Lake County Sustainability Working Group and strong board of directors all of whom are taking action to promote a strong economy based on the healthy, thriving natural environment.

The RARE participant placed with the LCRI focuses on promoting local renewable energy programs. A large part of LCRI's mission is to transform Lake County into a net exporter of renewable energy by 2012. To move towards this goal, the participant will further develop LCRI's website and renewal energy documents, promote LCRI to Lake County residents, assist ongoing community efforts to market Lake County via the internet, and help carry an array of renewable energy projects forward by assisting municipalities and businesses with collecting data and weighing options.

## RARE Participant



David Wade

**David Wade** grew up in rural Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Virginia. Following college, David volunteered as an eco-tourism guide and computer instructor in Guatemala at an NGO that focused on educating local low-income and homeless children. After working in Guatemala he completed a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oregon where he focused on public-private sector partnerships to boost renewable energy use and encourage watershed restoration while increasing social and economic gains. Following his second year with the RARE Program, David hopes to continue his work in the renewable energy field.