



Lake County Resource Initiative

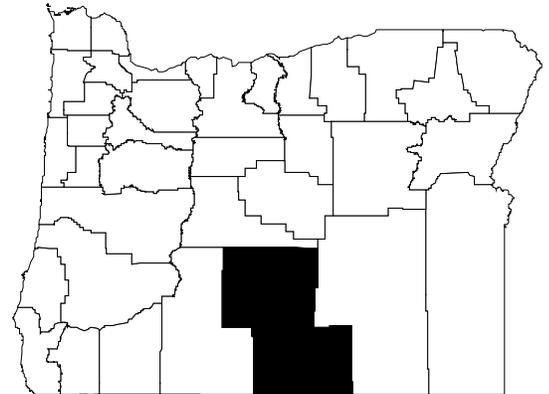
Community Profile

County Lake
City Lakeview
Population 2,474

Description

Sponsor Lake County Resource Initiative
<http://www.lcri.org>

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. LCRI 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, LCRI 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 a healthy, thriving natural environment.

The RARE participant placed with the LCRI will focus on promoting a number of local renewable energy programs and projects. A large part of LCRI's mission is to transform Lake County into a net exporter of renewable energy. Specifically, the participant will further develop LCRI's website and renewal energy documents; promote LCRI to Lake County residents; offer an array of renewable energy tours; perform energy audits for local income renters, homeowners and business; and, help develop and coordinate curriculum for LCRI's Natural Resources Learning and Innovation Center Project.

Meet Katie Kargol



Katie Kargol grew up on a small ranch in rural Michigan. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from the University of Colorado. While in college, Katie moved to Alaska for a summer to work as a passenger service/naturalist on a whale watching tour boat. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Katie moved to Oregon for another adventure. Katie enrolled in an array of classes at Northwest Renewable Energy Institute where she ultimately attained a Wind Turbine Technician Diploma. Following her year with the RARE Program, Katie hopes to obtain a career that allows her to integrate sustainable practices in government and community-based development projects.