



## Lake County Resource Initiative

### Community Profile

**County** Lake

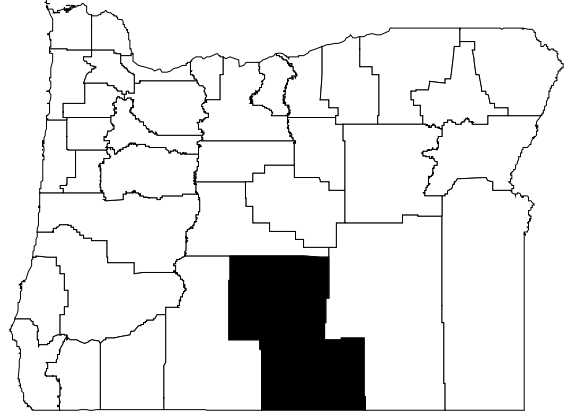
**City** Lakeview

**Population** 2,474

### Description

**Sponsor** Lake County Resource Initiative

**Supervisor** Jim Walls



**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 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 newly created Natural Resources Learning and Innovation Center.

### Meet Katie Kargol



Katie received her 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 second year with the RARE Program, Katie hopes to find a full-time position that allows her to integrate sustainable practices in government and community-based development projects.