

# Crooked River Watershed Council

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 7,356

**Location** Prineville

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Crooked River Watershed Council

**Supervisor** Jason Dedrick

## **Assignment**

The RARE participant is responsible for developing a detailed assessment of the Lower Crooked River Watershed in accordance with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board's Assessment Manual. The area of study is approximately 250,000 acres. This part of the watershed is a priority area because of poor sub-basin conditions and a lack of detailed assessment data. The major impetus for this project is the Oregon Plan, which focuses on the successful reintroduction of anadromous fish into Oregon watersheds. The reintroduction will not be completed for a number of years. The RARE participant will conduct research that is needed to prioritize habitat restoration efforts that will promote general watershed health and successful reintroduction efforts in the future. The final product will be a detailed assessment document that is derived from primary and secondary research. Additionally, it will include a comprehensive map section produced using GIS technology.

## **Required Skills**

The RARE participant should have experience with natural resource issues. Strong project management and communication skills (oral and written) are also important. Experience working with private landowners and with water quality monitoring would be beneficial.

## **RARE Member: *John Eustis - 2004-2005, Year 11 Participant***

John Riley Eustis is from Blacksburg Virginia. He earned his bachelors degree in Sociology from Virginia Tech University. He will receive his Master in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech in the fall of 2005. His concentration is environmental planning with an interest in water resources management. For the last two years, John worked at a bike shop and traveled to Costa Rica and Spain during each summer to study Spanish.