

Coos County

Community Profile:

Population 62,800

Location Southern Oregon Coast

Position Description:

Sponsor Club BUMP and Bureau of Land Management

Supervisor Doug Strain, Project Director Coos County Mountain Bike Recreation Area

Assignment

Participant will work with several local residents who are developing a mountain bike "trail" system in Coos County using old logging roads. A proposed network of trails will radiate from a "hub" at Bridge. The trail "spokes" will be connected with a "bike beltline" trail. The RARE person placed here will help to research grants for funding, develop materials to attract visitors, write descriptions of "bike adventure" trips, estimate anticipated economic benefits to surrounding Coos County communities, and include the appropriate approvals and safety precautions for the trail system. This project will help offset the severe economic impact on the County due to the depletion of marketable timber.

Required Skills

Excellent writing skills; creative ideas for promotion and implementation; commuter data research skills; quantitative analysis; computer graphics; layout and graphics; group facilitation; telephone research; survey research.

RARE Member: Leigh Ann Baker - 1995-1996, Year 2 Participant

Leigh Ann recently completed her BS degree in Environmental Science from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. During the course of her studies she participated in an exchange program which led her to the Oregon Institute for Marine Biology in Coos Bay to study inter-tidal zones. This introduction to Oregon encouraged her to return to the state to work in a rural community. Leigh Ann hopes to use her knowledge of biology, statistics and economics as well as her experience gained through her work in Yellowstone National Park to help a community work towards its natural resource goals.