

# LaGrande, City of

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 11,890

**Location** Eastern Oregon

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** City of LaGrande

**Supervisor** Dan Moore, City Planner

## **Assignment**

The position in LaGrande is following up on the work of Amy Drought, a RARE worker who helped start the city's non-point pollution urban impacts on the Grande Ronde River. The city has received a grant to continue and implement the surface water management plan. The current RARE participant will improve water quality and riparian restoration and address flooding concerns within the city. In addition, the worker will increase awareness of water issues in the County and promote behavioral changes in water use.

## **Required Skills**

Computer skills; word processing, data management, data analysis, GIS. Good research and writing skills; map reading and map use skills. Planning background.

## **RARE Member: Melinda McKibben - 1995-1996, Year 2 Participant**

Melinda received her BS in Environmental Conservation from the University of New Hampshire in 1991. Working with the Peace Corps in Senegal as an extension agent and mediator, she honed her skills in public relations and environmental education through her work in community development. Melinda is very interested in aiding rural communities to reach their goals through diversifying their economy, improving education levels and sustainably managing their natural resources. She is confident that her experience in research and proposal writing will lend itself well to this endeavor.