

Applegate River Watershed Council

Community Profile:

Population 12,000 (Applegate Watershed)

Location Jackson and Josephine Counties

Position Description:

Sponsor Applegate Watershed Council

Supervisor Jan Pettru, Coordinator Watershed Council

Assignment

The RARE participant serves as the Information and Project Coordinator for the Applegate pilot site of the Lead Partnership Group (LPG) project. LPG is comprised of ten community-based partnerships working in local collaborative ecosystem management. The Applegate Partnership works directly with national interest groups to develop projects that recognize the relationship between sustainable ecosystem management and community well being. The Coordinator identifies regional and national interest groups who need to be involved; explores how these groups can be productively involved in local activities; and identifies what these groups want to know and collaboratively determines how monitoring can produce this information.

Required Skills

Knowledge of land management principles, practices and concepts and the ability to analyze problems and gather pertinent data. Experience in rural community problem solving is preferred, as well as experience in collaborative processes.

RARE Member: *Allan Whiting - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant*

Allan completed a BA in International Relations, Political Science and Latin American Studies from Beloit College in 1992. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. Allan served in Costa Rica as a Peace Corps Volunteer working in a rural land-resettlement community. He developed a pre-school and an environmental education program for two primary schools and also created and organized a women's group. During the past year, he assisted with watershed assessments for both the South Santiam and Long Tom Watersheds. He also served as a consultant to the McKenzie Watershed Council in creating a GIS-based database for a storm event-monitoring project.