

# **Baker County Department of Planning & Community Development**

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 16,500

**Location** Baker County

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Baker County Department of Planning & Community Development

**Supervisor** Bill Seares, Planning & Community Development Director

## **Assignment**

The Department of Planning and Community Development is revising and updating the comprehensive plan including amending the zoning and subdivision ordinances. The RARE participant researches, analyzes and helps develop land use policies pertaining to State Planning Goals. The participant is involved in work sessions and public hearings with the Planning Commission to develop comprehensive plan policies. Responsibilities include general planning duties including providing customers with zoning, floodplain and similar types of information and work with ArcView GIS.

## **Required Skills**

Ability to do independent research, to communicate effectively both orally and in writing and experience with ArcView GIS.

## **RARE Member: *Patrick Knight - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant***

Patrick completed his BA in Geography at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. Since that time Patrick has sought practical experience in the natural resource field. To meet this goal he volunteered for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Northeast Oregon. He spent the summer working along the John Day River learning forestry and restoration techniques that will help improve water quality. Patrick spent the last year serving as a RARE participant for the Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation District. He implemented an education and outreach plan by helping to design and write a survey of management practices and attitudes pertaining to groundwater.