

# La Pine Community Action Team

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 7,000

**Location** Deschutes

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** La Pine Community Action Team, *La Pine, OR*

**Supervisor** Jill Phillips-McLane

## **Assignment**

The RARE participant will help the La Pine Community Action Team (LCAT) achieve the goals of the La Pine Strategic Plan by assisting the LCAT and its sub-committees to implement projects identified in the plan. Projects include revision of the Strategic Plan, possible transition to an incorporated community, coordination of a telecommunications education plan, development of a 24 hour health care facility, and creation of a 10 year regional partnership plan in coordination with the Northwest Area Foundation. The participant will provide technical assistance in the areas of research, project management, public involvement processes, and grant research and writing. In addition to the above duties, the RARE participant will be working with the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council to implement projects to increase telecommunication service through the Central Oregon Community Network (COCN). The COCN is an internet site which provides local residents and government with information on local services, resources, and events.

## **Required Skills**

Excellent written and verbal communication, ability to work with a diverse population, computer aptitude, strategic planning.

## **RARE Member: *Jeff Whitbeck - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant***

Jeff Whitbeck graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.A. degree in English. He recently returned to the U.S. after serving four years with the Peace Corp as a Sustainable Economic Development Volunteer in Kyrgyzstan and Secondary Education Teacher in the Ukraine. Jeff worked on sustainable tourism projects including training adults at the Karakol Tourism Center on business and tourism, creating the Karakol Youth Mountain Club, and producing guides and brochures that focused on tourism. As a secondary school English teacher, Jeff taught literature, American culture, business, environmental studies, and conservation. Jeff has extensive experience in wilderness skills and working with youth.