

Umatilla Basin Watershed Council

Community Profile:

Population 67,100

Location Umatilla County

Position Description:

Sponsor Umatilla Basin Watershed Council/ Umatilla-Morrow Education Services District, *Pendleton, OR*

Supervisor Tracy Bosen, Coordinator

Assignment

The RARE participant will assist in a community effort to develop a TMDL (Water Quality Plan) for the Umatilla River Basin, including pollution load allocations and water quality management plans. The participant will also research and write grants for projects identified in these plans. The participant will assist the Coordinator in public outreach activities, seasonal water quality sampling, data analysis, and compilation of data.

The Council has an aggressive education project that provides coordination to the Natural Resource Systems Consortium, which is made up of 25-30 school teachers and administrators from various school districts and is facilitated by the Umatilla-Morrow Education Services District. The participant will connect classroom teachers with natural resource professionals to create field-based learning opportunities for students; assist teachers in identifying and securing technical assistance and curriculum resources for classroom instruction; and assist the Umatilla-Morrow ESD staff to coordinate and manage the consortium and its activities, including the website and annual Watershed Field Day.

Required Skills

Public involvement and presentation skills; verbal and written communications skills; appreciation of human diversity; flexibility of time, schedule and temperament.

RARE Member: *Aletha Eastwood - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Aletha Eastwood received a BA in History from Grinnell College in 1991. After graduating, she taught English in Japan for two years and lived in New Zealand for one year working on organic farms and participating in native revegetation projects. She then studied Biology at the University of Kentucky for two years as a post-baccalaureate student and worked for the University of Georgia Marine Institute on Sapelo Island. In addition, Aletha worked for the Hood River Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest as an environmental interpreter and visitor information assistant. Aletha will continue with the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council, where she has served as a RARE participant for the past year.