

Wallowa County Planning Department

Community Profile:

Population 7,500

Location Wallowa County

Position Description:

Sponsor Wallowa County Planning Department, *Enterprise, OR*

Supervisor William H. Oliver, Planning Director

Assignment

The RARE Participant will serve as staff coordinator for a countywide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) steering committee to establish a public/private consortium for GIS mapping services involving a wide variety of private and public agencies throughout the County. The participant will assist staff to invite agencies to participate in formation of a "Steering Committee," assess data available and agency needs, plan and carry out a "demonstration project" based on Tillamook and Marion County experience. The RARE Participant will also assist in the development of a county "Zone Map" using GIS and computer technology to show ownership and zones throughout the County. The participant will also assist in the development of a Wallowa Lake Basin Master Plan feasibility study to determine whether the various settlements around Wallowa Lake wish to collaborate to develop a "Master Plan" for future development of the basin. Additional duties include assisting in Periodic Work Program tasks including adoption of the transportation system plan; economic update; and air, water, and land resource quality. The participant will work with the Director in advising applicants and doing investigation of particularly complex land-use applications involving a need for ordinance interpretation and statutory research.

Required Skills

Ability to work effectively with office and agency staff, and rural residents; ability to use and teach GIS mapping techniques and related computer technology; ability to read and understand complex statutory language; verbal and written communication skills.

RARE Member: *Dawn Smith - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Dawn Smith received her Bachelor of Science in Geography from Southern Oregon University. She has worked with the City of Ashland in computer mapping and drafting, report development and surveying. She has also worked as a graphic artist for the Ashland Daily Tidings. Her primary interests are geographic information systems and computer aided design.