

McKenzie River Trust

Community Profile:

Population 8,000

Location Lane County

Position Description:

Sponsor McKenzie River Trust (MRT)

Supervisor George Grier

Assignment

The participant will be an integral part of the McKenzie River Trust's transition into a regional land trust. MRT has been the only local land conservancy organization in the McKenzie Basin for the last 11 years. To meet the increasing need of land conservation, we are expanding our services to include all of Lane and Douglas Counties. In addition to assisting important projects within the McKenzie watershed, the participant will be coordinating the Many Rivers Project, the outreach phase of the MRT's expansion. This project focuses on the watersheds in our new service areas, establishing new partnerships with local natural resource agencies, organizations, and landowners. Our goal is to have one significant land acquisition and/or conservation project in each of these four new watersheds. Beyond this, the partnerships the participant will cultivate in the Many Rivers Project will serve the communities in the MRT's service area, the McKenzie River Trust, and the lands we protect for years to come.

Required Skills

Knowledge of natural resources and watershed management; understanding of non-profit organizations; well organized; meeting facilitation skills; strong oral and written communication.

RARE Member: *Mike Running - 2000-2001, Year 7 Participant*

Before graduating from the University of Oregon with a BA in Political Science in 1999, Mike had seen much of both the literal and intellectual worlds. He lived for six years in Scotland and began his university career there before moving on to Florida and Alaska. Born in Oregon, he was drawn back home to finish his undergraduate work. Intellectually, Mike has focused on subjects ranging from the Global Financial System to local currencies to sustainable transportation. Mike is currently in the graduate program of Community and Regional Planning at the University of Oregon. In recent years, he has gained much experience in neighborhood and community organizing, meeting facilitation, and outreach.