

# South Central Oregon Economic Development District

## Community Profile:

**Population** 7,000 (Lake County); 64,000 (Klamath County)

**Location** Lake and Klamath Counties

## Position Description:

**Sponsor** South Central Oregon Economic Development District

**Supervisor** Tonya Dowse

## Assignment

The RARE participant will be working with the combined efforts of the following organizations: Lake County, South Central EDD, OECD (Oregon Economic & Community Development Department), and Klamath County Economic Development. The RARE participant will assist in general economic development by providing assistance to the Lake and Klamath County Region in evaluating and updating strategic plans. This will include working with and reviewing and updating the Consolidated Economic Development Plan and the Regional Investment Plan. Following this, the RARE participant will assist in project development and the Needs and Issues inventory. The RARE Participant will work with the town of Lakeview (a very progressive community with a new activist mayor and city manager) and the smaller communities throughout Lake County towards identifying and prioritizing community and development needs and to advance solutions.

## Required Skills

Good oral and written communication skills are desirable, along with a willingness to work with small groups of citizens (public and private), and learning about life in a vast sparsely populated county.

**RARE Member: *Brian Janz - 2000-2001, Year 7 Participant*** Brian Janz recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Environmental Sciences from Oregon Institute of Technology. Brian emphasized water quality and its related issues in the environmental courses he has taken. Brian is from Newberg, Oregon, and has worked with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Klamath Soil and Water Conservation District, a game preserve in north central Oregon, and the Chehalem Park and Recreation District.