

# Wallowa County Planning Department

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 7,000

**Location** Wallowa County

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Wallowa County Planning Department

**Supervisor** Bill Oliver

## **Assignment**

The RARE Participant will serve as staff coordinator for a county-wide 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. She will continue to create digitized maps for county unincorporated areas, city urban map the Wallowa Lake map to ORMAP (Oregon Department of Revenue statewide digital mapping project) standards in preparation for a county-wide digital mapping project. The RARE Participant has received an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant to fund digitizing of county tax lot maps and development of a county "zone map" using GIS and computer technology to show ownership and zones, as well as many other layers with attached databases. The present "zone map" is a collection of mylar maps of assessor's tax lots (rather than discrete parcels) with zone designations overlaid. The RARE intern will also assure that appropriate new control points are available for each assessor's map so that the final digital map will be edge-matched and seamless.

## **Required Skills**

Ability to work effectively with office and agency staff and community residents in a rural setting to assess needs and effect change while respecting the traditions and accomplishments of the community as it now exists. Ability to use and teach the use of GIS mapping techniques and related computer technology. Ability to find ways to make hardware software, which is often recalcitrant, to effectively produce the necessary products, and the ability to read and understand complete statutory language and to write and speak effectively in a wide variety of settings.

## **RARE Member: *Dawn Smith - 2000-2001, Year 7 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 and report development. For the last year and a half she has been working closely with the Wallowa County Planning Director, Surveyor and County Commissioners to help get a geographic information system in place.