

Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program

Community Profile:

Population 31,000

Location La Grande, Union County

Position Description:

Sponsor Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program

Supervisor Jeff Oveson

Assignment

The RARE Participant serves as the coordinator for two projects: outreach and education for the Model Watershed Program and the Grande Ronde Subbasin Plan. For the outreach program, the participant is conducting community meetings, disseminating information via newsletter, website and video, and creating outreach tools such as a brochure and presentation. For the subbasin plan, the participant will be working with the Northwest Power Planning Council to assess the conditions of the Grande Ronde basin and develop subbasin goals.

Required Skills

The RARE Participant should have natural resource background, basic understanding of regional and local watershed issues, good oral and written communication skills, and the ability to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.

RARE Member: *Melissa Cochran - 2001-2002, Year 8 Participant*

Prior to joining the RARE Program, Melissa Cochran worked as a Water Resource Specialists' Assistant with the Chautauqua County Department of Health in Mayville, New York. She also volunteered as a Chimpanzee Wildlife Rehabilitation Volunteer in Guinea/Cameroon. Prior to that, Melissa served in the Peace Corps in Cameroon working on agricultural and community development on a grassroots level.