United Community Action Network

Community Profile

County  Douglas  
City Roseburg  
Population 22,000

Assignment

Organization United Community Action Network  
Supervisor Randy Magnuson  
RARE Member Sander Lazar

About the United Community Action Network

United Community Action Network (UCAN) is a the backbone of Douglas and Josephine County’s human service systems, serving 1/3 of local residents. Needs addressed by the programs include housing, energy, transportation, food, early childhood development, family strengthening, health, tax assistance, insurance enrollment and education, consumer protection and personal finance. UCAN also operates local AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs.

Sander will help with development of solar array projects for non-profits and local government agencies and energy efficiency public awareness campaigns. More specifically, he will work with stakeholders to research financing models for solar arrays, prioritize top projects, conduct outreach with landowners, financers and other stakeholders, provide technical assistance on two community solar projects and will help with moving forward on construction of one or two projects. The public awareness campaigns will be targeted towards specific community groups, school groups and the general public.

Meet Sander Lazar

• Bachelors in Biology – University of Utah  
• Masters in Urban Planning – University of Washington  
• People may be surprised when they learn that I once went eleven days without seeing another person. This was not planned. I expected to see at least a few people on my twelve-day solo backpacking trip. This was in Utah’s High Uintas Wilderness where I immersed myself in the wild and walked the length of the Highline Trail’s 84 miles over eight major mountain passes and many smaller ones.  
• Earlier this year I produced, with mostly new friends, a volunteer fair that we titled the “Connect to your Cause Fair.” The idea was to showcase the great work that’s being done in the Columbia Gorge by local community groups and non-profits and to boost the number of people informed, engaged and actively involved with the groups.