City of Talent

Community Profile

County  Jackson
City    Talent
Population  6,323

Assignment

Organization  City of Talent
Supervisor  Zac Moody
RARE Member  Connor Shields

About the City of Talent

The city of Talent is south of Medford, about halfway between Phoenix, to the north, and Ashland, to the south, along I-5 and Oregon Route 99. This is toward the southern end of the Rogue River Valley, near the Siskiyou Mountains and the border with California. Wagner Creek, a tributary of Bear Creek, joins the larger stream at Talent.

Connor will be taking leadership in implementing the Clean Energy Action Plan for the City of Talent. He will be the face of renewable energy and efficiency projects for the City. From tabling at local events to speaking at City Council meetings, he will conduct outreach about projects going on that are rooted in the plan developed by last year’s RARE member. Part of this work includes the creation of education and outreach materials about renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Meet Connor Shields

• Bachelors in Geography and Planning, Public Policy and Management – University of Oregon
• People may be surprised when they learn that I am an aspiring short filmmaker. I use the word aspiring because I have not actually produced a film, with the exception of a 10-minute documentary in high school.
• Helping assemble a narrative and viable solutions regarding the re-establishment of a neighborhood, gathering from a web of perspectives and possibilities in the form of a twenty-five-page report is my most significant accomplishment because it gave birth to an ongoing conversation within the City of Eugene about community involvement in the neighborhood to the west of the UO campus.