

Columbia County Roads, Forests, and Parks

Community Profile

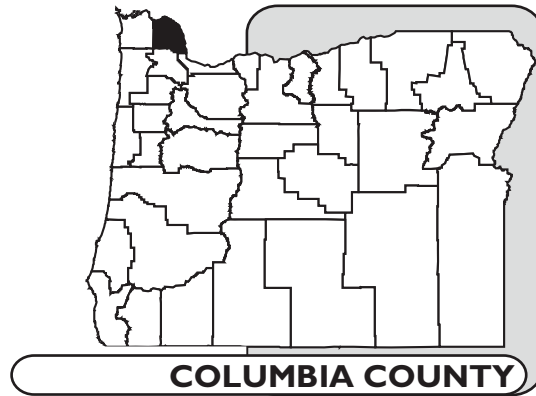
Population 47,565

Location St. Helens

Position Description

Sponsor Columbia County Roads,
Forests, and Parks

Supervisor Glen Crinklaw,
Assistant Public
Works Director



Assignment The RARE participant working in St. Helens with Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation will work on five projects.

The first project will be to research information on existing trails and trail development in Columbia County. The participant will develop and obtain approval for a Trail Master Plan for Columbia County to include a review of the potential for additional trails to include.

The second project will be the preparation of a Map of County Trails. The participant will develop the map and input the trails in the statewide trail databank.

The third project will be the creation of a brochure. The RARE participant will develop a brochure of Columbia County Trails to encourage tourists and citizens to explore the Columbia County Trails, which may also include the map developed in project. This project may include additional outreach efforts.

The fourth project will be planning, developing, obtaining approval and constructing a new trail.

The participant will identify a location for a new trail, obtain authorization for construction or marking, and construct the trail for use by others. The participant will be responsible for coordinating volunteers for assistance.

The final project is developing the Master Plan for the CZ Trail. Most of the right-of-way for the trail has been obtained. This project would take the next step to develop the master plan for specific location of amenities for the trail to include interpretive information and prioritize the order for construction of the amenities.

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RARE Participant



Mary Deschene

Mary recently completed her Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning at the University of New Mexico. Most recently Mary worked with the small New Mexico community of Doña Ana as a planning consultant where she successfully wrote a USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant, achieved National Park Service Historic Trail designation for a local trail, founded a farmer's market and a non-profit focused on community revitalization and historic preservation.

Mary is working in St. Helens with Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation on natural resource management projects.

Mary is researching existing trails and trail development in Columbia County in an effort to develop and obtain approval for a Trail Master Plan for Columbia County. Mary will then prepare a map of the trails and a brochure to encourage tourists and community members to explore area trails.

Mary is also planning, developing, obtaining approval and constructing a new trail in the County.

Mary's final project is developing the Master Plan for the CZ Trail. Most of the right-of-way for the trail has been obtained, and the next step is to develop the master plan for specific location of amenities for the trail to include interpretive information and prioritize the order for construction of the amenities.