Columbia River Gorge Commission

Community Profile

**County**
Multnomah, Hood River, Wasco, Oregon; Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Washington

**City**
White Salmon, WA

**Population**
75,000

Description

**Sponsor**
Columbia River Gorge Commission

**Supervisor**
Darren Nichols

Assignment

The Columbia River Gorge Commission was established in 1987 to develop and implement policies and programs that protect and enhance the scenic, natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Gorge, while encouraging growth within existing urban areas and allowing development outside urban areas consistent with resource protection.

The RARE participant placed with Columbia River Gorge Commission will manage a number of projects. Specifically, the RARE participant will assist the United States Forest Service’s National Scenic Area Office in assessing the potential for a coordinated inter-agency volunteer program to effectively manage resources in the Gorge. The coordination program will ideally promote increased volunteer participation and improve the effectiveness of volunteer efforts in protecting and enhancing the Gorge. Additionally, the RARE participant will assist in a graphic sign update, review development applications and help coordinate and convene Regional Forums.

Meet Jason Sergeant

Jason received his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from Southern Illinois University. Continuing his education, Jason received a Masters in Architecture from the New School of Architecture and Design. He decided to choose the aforementioned educational path as a result of his desire to help cities and towns plan for growth and redevelopment in a manner that focuses on embracing their identity and unique attributes. After completing his Masters Degree, Jason worked as an intern architect, adjunct instructor and a planning consultant. Jason joined the RARE Program alongside his wife, Rebecca, and their daughter Mary. Following his second year with the RARE Program, Jason hopes to find a job that will allow him to enhance the communities in which we all work, live and play.