Lake County Resource Initiative

Community Profile

County: Lake
City: Lakeview
Population: 2,300

Assignment

Organization: Lake County Resource Initiative
Supervisor: Jim Walls
RARE Member: Kelli Roemer

About Lake County Resource Initiative

The mission of Lake County Resource Initiative (LCRI) is to demonstrate a sustainable approach to natural resource management to ensure quality of life for present and future generations. LCRI designs and manages resource-based projects and services in the communities of Lake County. LCRI educates the local workforce about economic opportunities that result from managing forests for ecological health and seeks to assist local workers access federal contracts. Further, LCRI has close ties to the Lake County Sustainability Working Group and strong board of directors, all of whom are taking action to promote a strong economy based on a healthy, thriving natural environment.

Kelli Roemer is placed with LCRI, where she will focus on promoting a number of local renewable energy programs and projects. A large part of LCRI’s mission is to transform Lake County into a net exporter of renewable energy. Kelli will further develop LCRI’s website and renewal energy documents; promote LCRI to Lake County residents; offer an array of renewable energy tours; perform energy audits for local income renters, homeowners and business; and help develop and coordinate curriculum for LCRI’s newly created Natural Resources Learning and Innovation Center.

Meet Kelli Roemer

Kelli received her Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation from the University of Montana, Missoula. While in college, Kelli was co-president of the student group 1,000 New Gardens, which helped people of Missoula grow their own food. After attaining her Bachelor’s degree, Kelli served as an AmeriCorps member in Lewis in Clark County as an Energy Corps Member, where she organized solar energy workshops. Now with the RARE program, Kelli plans to further develop her skills and gain experience in community development and natural resource planning. Following her year with the RARE Program, Kelli hopes to enroll in a Community and Regional Planning Master’s program.