South Central Oregon EDD

Community Profile

County Klamath
City Klamath Falls
Population 42,500

Assignment

Organization South Central Oregon Economic Development District
Supervisor Betty Riley
RARE Member Katie Jameson

About the South Central Oregon Economic Development District

The South Central Oregon Economic Development District, formed in 1999, serves as the primary conduit for regional economic development resources for Klamath and Lake Counties Oregon. It provides the professional staff to support economic development planning on a regional basis and the individual economic development efforts of Lake County and Klamath County. SCOEDD also manages and administers regional grant and loan programs.

Katie is responsible for convening, coordinating, and helping to manage volunteer teams in five small communities involved with local development projects as well as regional efforts. She will work closely with volunteers on developing and implementing strategies to broaden volunteer engagement and help with creating community events. Katie will facilitate a variety of downtown revitalization and economic development projects, along with strengthening the Basin Revitalization Network and improving communication between communities through the Rural Klamath Connects website. She will also be involved with preparation efforts for the Rural Tourism Studio and will work with SCOEDD’s Executive Director to establish and participate on a local steering committee to help set the direction and customize the program plus serve as ambassador for the process.

Meet Katie Jameson

• B.A. in History, Minors in Peace Studies and Religion and Philosophy – Wilmington College
• GIS certificate – University of Cincinnati
• People may be surprised when they learn that I helped lead a group of students on a week-long service trip to the Food Bank of the Rockies in Denver, Colorado.
• Traveling and volunteering in southern Africa has been one of my most significant accomplishments. I am especially grateful for my experience working on a small organic farm in the KwaZulu Natal region of South Africa. The spirit and generosity of my host and the community, along with the opportunity to participate in organic gardening practices put my life on a totally different trajectory.