**McKenzie River Trust**

**Community Profile**

- **Population**: 430,000 (Southern Willamette Valley)
- **Location**: Eugene

**Position Description**

- **Sponsor**: McKenzie River Trust
- **Supervisor**: Joe Moll, Executive Director

**Assignment**: The RARE participant will conduct background research on prospective land projects and prepare materials for use by staff, lands committee, and Board members in their review. These materials will become a part of the baseline documentation of projects that are approved and taken on by the Trust. The RARE participant will work with the Trust’s Land Steward to conduct field work, including land management, restoration, and monitoring activities at Green Island, Big Island, and other Trust properties as needed. The participant will also assist in getting information related to these activities into reports and database records. The RARE participant will coordinate the Trust’s tree planting, weed removal, and other work parties on Trust properties; coordinate participation by partner organizations and individual volunteers; provide training opportunities prior to events when appropriate; and develop a long-term volunteer management program template for the Trust. Finally, the RARE participant will help in all aspects of outreach materials production and events. This will include the development and publication of a newsletter, writing website content, preparing media releases, organizing member parties and public events.

**Required Skills**: The position requires someone with a commitment to learning, excellent written and verbal communication skills, a true interest in people, and a passion for natural areas conservation. Skills in database management, print layout, and GIS mapping techniques will be very helpful.

**RARE Participant**

Katie Mader is a native Oregonian and was born in Portland and raised in Dundee. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 2006 with a degree in Human Geography and a minor in Art. During her free time in college, Katie spent time traveling and volunteering in community development projects abroad and in Oregon. Through these diverse projects, she gained leadership skills, an interest in community systems and development, and an understanding of the importance of citizen involvement. She has a deep love of Oregon and its unique and diverse landscapes.