

McKenzie River Trust

Community Profile

Population: 114,000

Location: Eugene

Position Description

Sponsor: McKenzie River Trust

Supervisor: Joe Mall, Executive Director

Assignment: The RARE participant will work as the Stewardship Coordinator for the McKenzie River Trust (MRT). Working closely with MRT's Conservation Director, the participant will help to maintain existing working relations with project landowners, monitor activity on the lands, and identify areas where restoration work is necessary. The participant will organize volunteer restoration projects, visit project sites, and organize projects for future maintenance and restoration. In addition, the participant will be involved with GIS mapping and monitoring of project properties.

Required Skills: The successful RARE participant will be self-motivated, an independent worker, and comfortable learning on the fly. The participant should have some working knowledge of GIS, database management, land use and management practices, and habitat conservation issues in western Oregon. Familiarity with native and non-native flora and fauna would also be important.

RARE Member



Jessica Nell graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, with a BA in Zoology. After graduation she worked in Nicaragua as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, working in sustainable agriculture. After finishing her service in 2001, she worked in Seattle, Washington, for her family's business, halfloopy, an organic soil amendment company. After working on a farm in Wyoming, Italy and traveling throughout Spain and Turkey (she returned to the Northwest to begin graduate school in the Community and Regional Planning Program at the University of Oregon). Having completed one year of her master's program, she plans to finish her degree after her return to RARE. Her interests lie in environmental planning, especially green building and sustainable development, with an international focus.

