

Northeast Oregon (ONHW)

Community Profile

Population Union County: 24,530
Wallowa County: 7,226
Grant County: 7,935
Baker County: 16,741

Location Union, Wallowa, Grant and Baker Counties

Position Description

Sponsor Oregon Natural Hazards Workgroup (ONHW)

Supervisor Krista Mitchell (ONHW)

Assignment This is one of three positions focused on natural hazard mitigation. The RARE participant in this position is responsible for facilitating and documenting Northeast Oregon's Natural Hazards Mitigation planning process. The counties included in the northeastern region are Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa. Together, they will develop a plan that includes both regional and local components. Initially, the participant will work with emergency managers and commissioners to build steering committees for each county. Committee participants will help to guide in the plan's development by setting goals, engaging the public, and overseeing the implementation of future mitigation activities. As the plan progresses, s/he will facilitate several meetings, help the steering committees identify vulnerabilities and assets, and then identify and prioritize mitigation action items. This will lead to a completed regional mitigation plan which will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) for review.

Required Skills The ideal RARE candidate for this position will have strong written and verbal communication skills and should be comfortable working with the public and facilitating meetings. The participant should have experience in planning, outreach, and public management.

RARE Participant



Megan Findley

Megan Findley graduated in 2006 with her master's degree in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia. During school, Megan worked as an intern for her academic advisor on projects focused at the intersection of the planning and public health fields. After graduation, Megan interned with the Albemarle County, VA, planning department. After her year with RARE, Megan hopes to pursue her interests in environmental psychology, urban design, and green building.



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