Making Energy Work for Rural Oregon  
Hood River, Oregon  
November 6, 2015  
Hood River Fire Station, 1785 Meyer Parkway

8:30 am: Coffee, Check-in and Visit the LCRI Renewable Energy Trailer

9:00 am: Welcome, Mayor Paul Blackburn and Councilor Becky Brun

9:15-9:45 am: Creating Community Support for Developing Hood River’s Energy Potential  
(Speakers: Jim Walls, Lake County Resources Initiative)

  • Lessons from Lake County  
  • Inspirations for Hood River  
  • Flash Drive Energy Resources

9:45-10:30 am: Hood River’s Energy Potential  
(Speakers: Councilor Becky Brun, Susan Badger-Jones, Energy Trust of Oregon, and Nate Ulrich, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards)

  • Community baseline data  
  • Assessing Hood River’s energy potential  
  • Existing trends and accomplishments  
  • Best opportunities for savings  

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10:45 – 11:45 am: Hood River Energy Showcase  
(Speaker: Betsy Kauffman, Energy Trust of Oregon)

12:00-1:00pm: Lunch Table Topics

  • Renewable Energy Co-ops (Dan Orzech, OCPC and Dick Wanderscheid, BEF)  
  • Community leadership (Mayor Paul Blackburn, Councilor Becky Brun and Jim Walls, LCRI)  
  • Commercial/Industrial renewable and efficiency opportunities (Energy Trust, Pacific Power & Hood River Electric Co-op)  
  • RARE internship opportunities & capacity building (RARE and LCRI)  
  • State and Federal funding (Lisa Siesennop, USDA Rural Development and Wendy Simmons, Oregon Department of Energy)
1-2:00pm: Community Owned Energy
(Speakers: Dan Orzech, Oregon Clean Energy Cooperative and Dick Wanderscheid, Bonneville Environmental Foundation)

- Cooperative Model
- Community opportunities and benefits
- Steps to take

2-2:45pm: Action Planning with RARE
(Speakers: Megan Smith, RARE and Sara Mercier, LCRI)

- What is RARE and how does the program work?
- Lessons from LCRI
- Capacity support for energy assistance and planning
- Stipends and logistics

2:45-3:15pm: Next Steps and Take Away
(Moderator: Mayor Paul Blackburn, Councilor Becky Brun and Jim Walls)

- Facilitated discussion