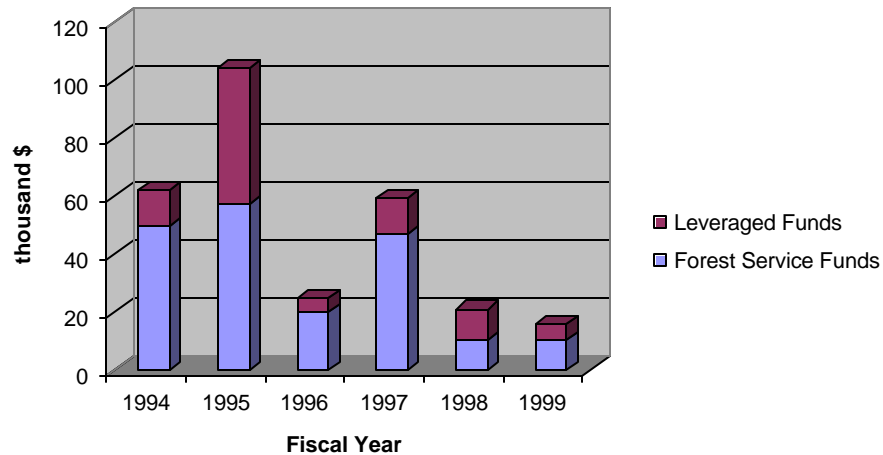
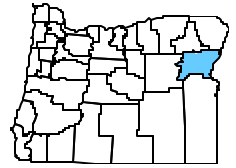




Economic Action Programs

Baker County, Oregon

Baker County is a nonmetropolitan county located along Interstate 84 in northeastern Oregon. Much of the landscape is composed of non-alpine forests, uplands, and valleys of the Blue Mountains eco-region. Cement and cattle industries also play major roles. Just over 40% of the county's land area is in farms and much of the remaining land (54%) is administered by the Forest Service or the BLM.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Sumpter	Community Strategic Plan	OREC-97-009	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Education and Training					
Baker County	Voc/Tec Training Center	OREC-94-061	\$29,500	\$7,500	\$37,000
City of Unity	Computer Technology	OREC-98-001	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$21,000
Natural Resource Related					
City of Baker City	Tourism Projects	OREC-95-006	\$10,100	\$18,000	\$28,100
City of Haines	City Park Interpretive Signs	OREC-97-003	\$7,000	\$2,400	\$9,400
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
Baker County	Hereford Comm. Ctr. Renovation	OREC-97-001	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
City of Halfway	Water/Sewer Reconstruction	OREC-95-013	\$47,000	\$28,905	\$75,905
City of Richland	Sidewalk/Roofing Materials	OREC-96-002	\$19,999	\$5,000	\$24,999
City of Unity	Community Park Improvement	OREC-94-062	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
City of Unity	Well Project	OREC-99-007	\$10,000	\$5,578	\$15,578





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Baker County, Oregon



Sumpter Valley Dredge Stabilization

The Sumpter Valley Dredge Stabilization project was completed through a partnership between Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Baker County, and the Forest Service Rural Community Assistance Grant program. The dredge is an historic remnant of gold mining days in this area, the early 1860's.

Until recently, visitors to the valley seeking tangible evidence of the local gold rush boom found only a deteriorating wooden hulk sitting in a backwater eddy. And in spite of the "wild west" lure of small historic towns nearby like Granite, Sumpter, and Greenhorn, there wasn't enough of a critical mass of tourism attractions to entice many visitors.

The objective of the grant was to assist in restoring the Sumpter Valley Dredge which included providing the structural stability

necessary for the dredge to eventually be open to the public. Completion of the project led to creation of the Sumpter Valley State Park, the first new Oregon State Park in over 20 years. Development of the park and surrounding area continues to enhance the economic development of the entire Sumpter Valley area.

Dredge today.



Dredge today.



Applicant: Baker County

Grant No: OREC-93-004

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$70,000

Total Project Cost: \$379,000



Dredge before 1992.