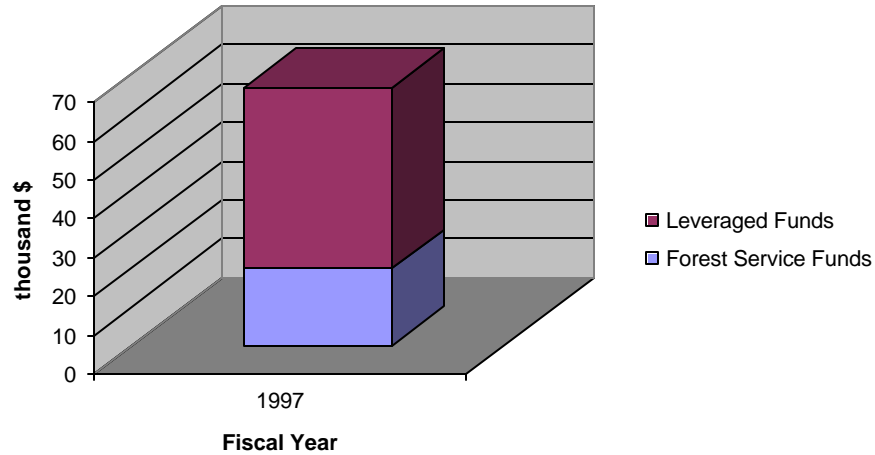
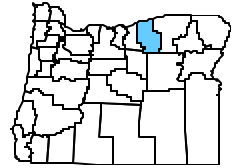




Economic Action Programs

Morrow County, Oregon

Morrow County is a nonmetropolitan county located on the Columbia Plateau in northeastern Oregon. It is bordered on the north by I84 and the Columbia River. The county's 1990 population density of 3.8 persons per square mile is far below the US average. In 1990, 100% of the population was rural and 20% of workers commuted outside the county to work, most to Umatilla County. About 85% of the land base is farms, only 10% is administered by Forest Service or BLM, and less than 5% is private timberland. Agriculture is important to the County, employing about one half of the residents. This proportion of employment in agriculture ranks second largest in the state.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Heppner	Downtown Lights & Landscaping	OREC-97-002	\$19,957	\$46,500	\$66,457
Morrow County	Farm/Agri Museum Renovation	OREC-97-011	\$30,570	\$20,000	\$50,570





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Morrow County, Oregon

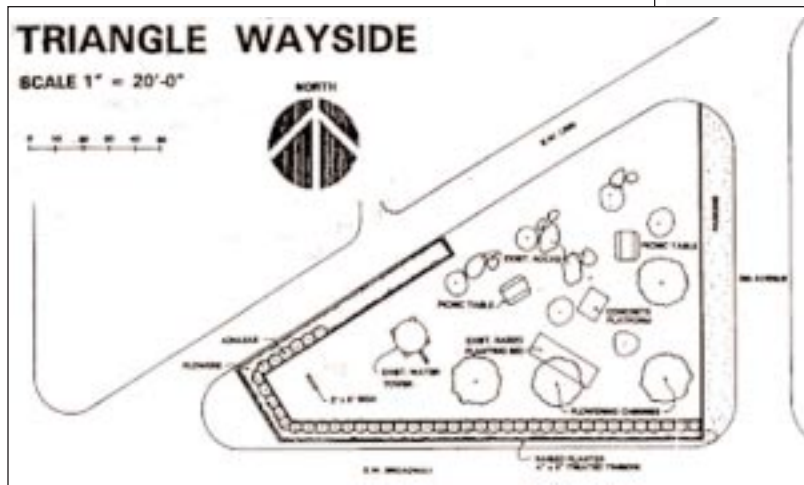


Planning and Feasibility

In the mid-90s City of Heppner citizens were actively working on goal setting and strategic planning, but then began to experience difficulties prioritizing projects. Two Forest Service Rural Community Assistance grants and a significant event were catalysts for changing attitudes and moving community efforts toward success.

At the same time as the Kinzua Lumber Mill, a primary employer in south Morrow County, was facing closure, the Forest Service funded a Morrow County planner and a motel/restaurant marketing/feasibility study in the City of Heppner. Professional direction provided by the planner and the data from the marketing/feasibility study created unexpected,

yet critical and timely analysis of motel and restaurant attractability in the rural area. Eventual shutdown of the mill caused citizens to rally and focus on high priority economic strategies and community well-being.



Applicant: City of Heppner

Grant Nos: OREC-93-013

**USDA Forest Service
Funding: \$11,997**

Total Project Costs: \$56,597

