

KBREC Faculty & Staff Biographical Sketch

Name: Jedediah D. Smith, B.S.
Job Title: Interim 4-H & Youth Development Coordinator

Professional Background:

Employed by Klamath Basin Research & Extension Center (KBREC) since Feb 2008. Prior to that I was employed by Knife River Central Oregon Division (formerly Hap Taylor & Sons), working as a pipe layer/equipment operator in Bend, and then Project Manager in Klamath Falls, 2005-2007; Bachelors in Construction Engineering Management with Minor in Business Administration from Oregon State University (2005); Structurally certified Welder under Code D1.1 (2001).

Research and/or Educational Expertise:

Research work in the past; Construction Worksite Layout and Productivity Study. Has an intimate knowledge of underground construction procedures & practices, a good working knowledge of soil mechanics in both central Oregon and the Klamath Basin along with an understanding of general human behavior in the work place; personnel management, and conflict resolution. Also has background in Leave No Trace (LNT) practices, and animal packing in wilderness and other remote settings.

Current Program Assignments:

4-H & Youth Development Coordinator for Klamath County, leads the program for the youth of the county by creating educational opportunities through 4-H with the Leaders Association, OSU staff, and other outside sources. Working with Klamath County Emergency Services to aid in creating an Animal Emergency/Disaster Plan, as well as working in conjunction with the Youth Development Network to expand the reach youth development in both Klamath and Lake Counties.

Emerging Areas of Interest:

The viability and economic impact of combining traditional and new age business practices to new and old operations be it agriculture, timber, or service industry i.e. construction. Effective and productive communication between the urban and rural communities, and the long term effect this may have.

Professional Principles:

I believe in

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Leading by Example
- Taking ownership in something
- Believing in what you do