

**Lake County Renewable Energies:** The South Central Economic Revitalization Team (SCERTeam) continues to work on a variety of projects with our local partners in Lake and Klamath Counties. In June of this year, the SCERTeam held multiple outreach meetings with the City of Paisley and Lake County. Although many projects and issues were discussed, a focal point of all the meetings was the huge potential for renewable energies in this area of the state and Lake County's desire to lead the state in developing and utilizing renewable energy.

Lake County hopes to lead the way and has dedicated themselves to be "*the most renewable county in Oregon.*" Life time resident and long time Lake County Commissioner Brad Winters stated, "I support and promote renewable energy. It makes good common sense and we will continue to look at all potential resources we have in Lake County to make it Oregon's most renewable county. I appreciate the South Central ERTeam working with us and look forward to their continued help with our various projects."

OECD recently awarded a Renewable Energy Feasibility Fund grant to the City of Paisley for the evaluation of geothermal resources for local heating systems. The SCERTeam visited well sites near Paisley and shared information and ideas for both private and public geothermal wells and potential energy production. The SCERTeam is also working in North Lake County where solar studies have shown great potential. South Central Oregon Economic Development and the USDA are also partners in furthering renewable energies in this part of our state.

Through the continued work of our local partners and the SCERTeam, Lake County may very well prove to be "*the most renewable county in Oregon*" and help further Governor Kulongoski's renewable energy priorities.



The South Central ERTeam at a geothermal well site near Paisley, June 2008