

# Taking charge

## Watershed partnership director title now official

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He's the new executive director for the Klamath Watershed Partnership, but for Nathan Jackson the job is nothing new.

Jackson, 34, officially took over duties earlier this month. It's an easy fit because it's a job he's been doing as the partnership's interim executive director since July 2009.

He was appointed to the "temporary" job for the partnership, which was undergoing major reorganization, because of experience as the group's treasurer.

"At that time I didn't have any plans to remain but I came to enjoy what I was doing and felt I could do a very good job and make a difference in how we get things done," he said of shedding the interim title.

The partnership is a community-based, nonprofit organization that tries to balance landowner needs with natural resource sustainability. Relying on federal government and private foundation grants, Jackson said most of the Foundation's \$1.7 million budget for 2010 was project-based.

"Private landowners want to do good work on their land to enhance their operations and at the same time provide ecological benefits," he said. "We find the funding to make these projects happen on private lands."

The partnership led efforts for the nearly completed Barkley coordinate restoration Springs Enhancement projects among the alpha-Project, which is improved variety of agencies.

The partnership has helped find habitat for endangered sucker. The group but the group has a 14-member board of directors chaired by Matt along streams, rivers and Walter. Jackson's job is to implement board policy for livestock access. the private landowners

Working with a cross-section of organizations. He and his wife, like the Klamath Tribes, Katharine, operate the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Oregon operation, with her mother-Watershed Enhancement er, Sylvia Gerber Bruce. Board, the group helps. In coming months, Jackson said, the partnership will develop a strategic plan aimed at setting a direction and goals for the organization, including identifying projects "where you can get the most bang for the buck."

He notes the Upper Klamath Basin watershed covers 4.7 million acres, basically from Chemult to the Oregon-California state line. "It's a big chunk of ground."

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