

REACH, Inc.

Klamath Falls, Oregon

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Established in 1987, REACH, Inc. (REACH) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide productive work, rehabilitation, and training for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. REACH provides services to approximately 100 people with a wide variety of rehabilitation and training needs. Each person is evaluated on a periodic schedule so that their progress can be tracked and planned on an individual basis, with the best outcome being integrated community employment. REACH employs 35 staff and management people to perform services including rehabilitation, training, production and support. The purpose of REACH is to assist people with disabilities so that they may access meaningful employment opportunities and have the ability to be involved in the same types of activities we all enjoy.



The new CAT loader just arrived to help with the huge volume of recycling processed at REACH.



Jon Williams operating a double end trim saw.

REACH is located in the old Maywood mill in Klamath Falls, Oregon where it operates a 105,000 square foot manufacturing facility, producing secondary products for local companies such as Jeld-Wen, Columbia Forest Products, and Collins Products. In addition to those services, REACH also has a recycle facility that processes and markets around 400 tons per month. This recycle division was established to help its secure shredding department operate more efficiently. The department soon branched out to help its manufacturing partners find green solutions for as much of its waste material as possible. With the help of Waste Management, REACH's recycling program has grown to be the Klamath areas primary solution for large scale recycle services.

REACH works to provide quality employment for the workers it serves as well as to operate as a successful business. The company uses their values and standards to provide them with the guidelines they need to successfully balance competing priorities. They currently coordinate services for participants in the following programs: Klamath County office of Developmental Disability Services, Oregon Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, SORB (Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Brokerage), NAFA (Native American Family Assistance), and Klamath County School District, providing job training in the real world environment. The goal is to have the participants learn skills that will help make them productive members of society.

The REACH facility operates a core machine which processes peeler core from Columbia Forest Products into useable lumber, and uses six cut-off saws, three gang rip saws, a single rip saw and a panel saw. The facility utilizes twelve pallet building stations,



Eric operates a resaw.

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four runner building stations and six round tables. All stations are operated by its program participants. Products that are produced include custom pallets, runners, panel sizing, cut to length lumber and specialty projects (upon customer request).

Recycling services began in 2008 with a small "secure document destruction" service. With the overall guidance of REACH's staff the recycling service has grown into Klamath County's final destination for large scale recycling.



Tarasita chops wood to length. Seth helps n the background.

at its physical address, 2350 Maywood Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon. The facility is a "locally based point of operation," giving it a logistical advantage as well as the ability to appeal to the community spirit and provide jobs for local residents. REACH also offers to provide a separate bin for collection and pick up of general paper recycled products for their customers. Again, this service is unique to REACH, and provides an additional source of revenue through consolidating and selling the bulk recycled papers along with the recycled shredded paper.

The company also provides a Day Services Program designed for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities who have either retired from the work force or elect not to work during the day. The Day Services Program provides a safe and supportive environment for participants to learn life skills, participate in arts and crafts, improve social skills and interact with others.

Many thanks to REACH, Inc., for providing a service to the Klamath Falls community and being a successful wood products company in a unique and valuable way!



Program participants sorting recycling materials to increase resale value. From the left - Izzy, Seth and Mac.

When local residents recycle products in Waste Management recycle containers, REACH will process it. REACH processes over four hundred tons of recycle materials each month. Partnering with local companies, like Waste Management, Rogue Disposal, and Klamath County Solid Waste, REACH provides the opportunity to grow and keep up with the needs of the Klamath Falls community.

REACH quickly expanded from providing only document destruction services, to handling large scale recycling as well, which helped provide stability for its business. Document destruction and shredding services as well as large scale recycling are provided



Wood products waiting to be shipped.

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