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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Forest Resource Council • Olympia, Washington • 2013 - Present

Advocate for healthy forests and healthy communities through policy and education.

Washington Manager

Engage with diverse stakeholders on public timber issues on state trust lands and federal lands, review policy issues impacting the forest products sector, lobby state legislative members, educate various groups on trust land issues, assist Public Affairs Director in various advocacy efforts, track timber volume outputs from Washington state trust lands and US Forest Service lands in western Washington, provide comments on various forestry projects and issues, review and draft potential legislative requests.

- Regular guest on monthly 1 hour radio segment to discuss current timber issues – ‘Local Matters with Johnny Manson’ – Timber Country 94.7 FM Aberdeen, WA
- Member of Washington State Forest Health Advisory Committee
- Co-chair of Forestry Workgroup – Pacific NW Economic Region – pnwer.org

Washington State Department of Natural Resources • Castle Rock, Washington • 2006 - 2013

Manage State Trust Lands for the benefit of the trust beneficiaries.

District Engineer

Forest road design; water crossing design; road maintenance planning and project scoping; GIS; GPS; CADD; contract and construction specification preparation; mentor foresters in road location and design; limited heavy equipment operation; Wildland Fire Fighter

- Lead Engineer for 2007 blowdown storm damage recovery of approximately 110 million board feet of timber covering over 3,200 acres of Washington State Trust Lands in Pacific County.
- Oversee site construction of bridge and large culvert installation projects.
- AgForestry Class 31 Graduate
- PIOF Trainee – Wildland Fire Public Information Officer (Selected as Apprentice/Trainee PIO for WAIMIT #1 for 2013 fire season.

Fortech, Inc. • Chehalis, Washington • 1996 -2006

Provide professional forestry and engineering services to small and large landowners throughout western Washington.

Engineer / President

Project management on large lot subdivisions; harvest unit and forest road design; water crossing design; road maintenance planning; permitting of forest management activities including FPAs and HPAs; interface with regulatory officials regarding projects; GIS; GPS; CADD; manage day to day operation of business activities; limited heavy equipment operation.

- Project management for construction entry ways for large-lot gated community projects
- Oversaw bidding and construction of multi-use and nature trails.
- Developed RMAP tracking database for Weyerhaeuser Cosmopolis Tree Farm
- Developed a bridge inspection database for the Kapowsin Tree Farm under Champion Pacific ownership.
- Composed 70 Forest Management Plans for Weyerhaeuser Forest Reserve Communities

Baker Resource Group • Olympia, Washington • 2003-2005

Provide commercial real estate brokerage services to large and small clients focused on timberland properties.

Real Estate Agent / Forester

Real Estate sales of residential, small, and large forested parcels; GIS; Assist Broker in review of parcels for forestry purposes and road issues.

Weyerhaeuser Company • Vail, Washington• 1992 -1996

Multi -National Land and Timber management company headquartered in Federal Way, Washington

Assistant Area Engineer / Construction Harvest Manager

Engineering responsibilities for approximately 50,000 acres of the Vail Tree Farm that included the following: harvest and road construction planning; harvest unit and forest road field location; Interface with regulatory officials regarding projects; permitting of projects; use of computers including CADD and MS Office software; assist in development of annual engineering budget; supervise Contract Engineers, Land Surveyors, and summer engineering interns; review and supervision of road construction/maintenance projects and harvesting activities; Landscape and view shed planning.

- Watershed Analysis prescription team member for the Upper Mashel Watershed Analysis
- Designed and engineered relocation of an approximately 2-mile section of the “Murray Mainline” in northeastern Lewis County after the 1996 Flood event.

VOLUNTEER AND CAREER RELATED POSITIONS

Olympic Natural Resources Center • Forks, Washington• 2019 – Present

Established in 1991 by the Washington Legislature to pursue the goal of better integrating ecology and economics in the management of both forest and marine resources.

Advisory Board Member

Timber Industry representative providing technical and policy input on various projects undertaken by the Center. Assist ONRC staff in advocating for funding from the state legislature for the Center and its projects.

Advocates for School Trust Lands • Salt Lake City, Utah • 2015 – Present

Promote and support the active management of trust lands across the west for the support of public education.

Board Member and Current President

Support the organization’s work on trust land issues and policy. Facilitate Board meetings. Oversee operations and IT needs.

Pinchot Partners Forest Collaborative • Randle, Washington• 2014 - Present

Working within the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and surrounding areas, to promote watershed health, create quality local jobs, and encourage sustainable recreation.

Board member

Work with other collaborative members and representatives of the US Forest Service on a variety of issues primarily focused on vegetation management projects in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Lewis County Fire District #6 • Chehalis, Washington• 1994 - 2007

Rural Chehalis Volunteer Fire Department providing emergency services over 177 square miles from 5 stations.

Fire Fighter / EMT

Volunteer Structural Fire Fighter performing fire suppression, incident command, heavy rescue, and medical response tasks; Operation of a variety of fire service equipment including Compressed Air Foam (CAFS) equipped fire apparatus, rescue tools (power saws, jaws of life, etc.) and medical equipment.

- District Training Officer from 2005 to 2007 developed, implemented, and instructed a training program for 65-member volunteer fire department.
- Fire Service Instructor 1 certification

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Foundation Graduate, Class 31, 2010

Bachelor of Science, Forest Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1991

REFERENCES

Available upon request