

Applications for Access & Habitat Landowner Representative

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January 10, 2017

Ray Jandl
635 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-2532

RE: John Breese Application for Oregon's Access and Habitat Board

Mr. Jandl,

Attached is an application from John Breese, a landowner near Prineville, to serve as a Landowner Representative on the Access and Habitat Board. As a District, we fully support John on this endeavor. The Breeses have a long history of working with ODFW and other agencies, and taking a very conservation-minded approach to all their operations. They have also participated in a hunting program through ODFW, so have a comprehensive view on issues related to hunting, landowners, and conservation. John would be an excellent fit for the A&H Board, and we hope you share this sentiment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Keenan".

Matthew Keenan
Assistant District Wildlife Biologist

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Personal Data

Name: Breese, John D
(Please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

Legal Residence: 3315 SE Paulina Hwy, Prineville, OR 97754

Business Address: Same

Residence Telephone: 541-447-6762 Business Telephone: 541-408-3206

Email Address: jlbreese@crestviewcable.com

Occupation: Rancher/Logger

Board position applying for *(you may check more than one):*

Landowner Hunter Chair

As a citizen of the United States and resident of Oregon, I will accept appointment to the Access and Habitat Board if selected by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Signature

10 Jun 2017
Date

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Gender
 Male
 Female

Race/Ethnicity
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 Black
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Name: _____

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8. Ability to foster positive relations between landowners, hunters, and ODFW.

Please see attached Statement of Interest

Name: _____

References (optional)

Meg Eden ODFW retired 541-410-3935

Stu Otto ODF Stewardship Forester, Prineville, 541-447-5658

Matthew Keenan
Assistant District Biologist, ODFW
Prineville Field Office
541-447-5111

Michael Fisher, Instructional Dean
Central Oregon Community College
541-383-7755

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John Breese

Statement of Interest

1. I have enjoyed hunting deer on our property since my youth. My wife, Lynne, and I own and manage our range and forest, which has been in the family for over 100 years. The ranch is a Certified Tree Farm. Before all the sawmills in Prineville and Redmond closed, we specialized in logging small timber tracts for neighbors. Our niche worked well when haul distances were shorter. We now operate our own 1700-acre forestland concentrating on forest health. From cruising to hauling our own logs, we are fully integrated. We log every year and have been slowly rocking roads to extend our ability to haul at different times of the year. We emphasize sustainability and profitability so that the next generation will have the same opportunity to enjoy ranching and forestry.

2. We take the long view. In 1929, my father as a young man, claimed to have shot the last antelope in the county. When I grew up in the 60's, deer were abundant. Then the deer population crashed. Elk were nonexistent. When we came back to manage the ranch in the late 80's, we cleared several hundred acres of juniper, and we began to see antelope return to our ranch. Deer are rebounding. Elk have returned. People work with the knowledge that they have at a given time. We have learned much and changed how to grow forage for livestock and wildlife. We have planted new grass and cut by hand acres of juniper and selectively cut several hundred acres of pine and fir. We have revamped our grazing plans to allow growth and re-growth of forage. We have rebuilt ponds, developed springs, drilled wells, piped water, divided pastures and realigned fences all in an effort to increase the available forage for livestock and all the creatures which depend on us as land managers. We have put up over 200 Bluebird boxes. If I can remember and find them, many get cleaned fall and winter when we are doing other projects.

3, 4, 5 & 6: I have been on the Crooked River Watershed Council for ten plus years and represent timber. I am on the Central Oregon Department of Forestry Budget Committee, a board member of the East Oregon Forest Protective Association and a past president of EOFPA. I have been a member of Oregon Small Woodland Association since 1989. I was active in our local chapter and president of the chapter. Sadly, our chapter dissolved at the height of the timber crisis. There is hope that the chapter can organize again. I am a Master Woodland Manager and put in several hours per year in that capacity. I participated on the Central Oregon Community College Forestry advisory committee and helped the college make their curriculum relevant to on-the-ground forestry. I am on the advisory committee for the Agriculture Research Service in Burns, OR. This committee verifies the research direction to answer questions of importance to today's ranching needs. I am a member of the Post-Paulina Rangeland Protective Association and have been active in ODF fire classes and a participant in controlled burns. I am happy to carry a drip-torch or run a pumper on other's property. I do the burn plan and am the fire boss

on the controlled burns on our place. I have been a member of the Society for Range Management since 1989 and president of the Pacific Northwest Section (OR, WA, & BC) in 2000. When it was active, I was a member of the ODF Forest Resource Trust Committee for several iterations of that group. I have testified twice on forestry issues at the Oregon State Legislature and have a written letter to the editor published in the *Bulletin* in Bend. We are active in our community and support diverse groups from the Community Foundation to the local Historical Society. The groups that we are involved with almost always work on collaboration.

7. We participated in a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation project in 1995. Later, we did a small reseedling with an A & H grant. Both of these projects were for elk habitat. While we saw little elk improvement, the antelope spend most of the summer on this site. In 2012 we participated in a major A & H grant. We were able to do projects in one year that normally could require multiple years and maybe not get the attention to make needed improvements. We improved fencing to the standards that help protect deer and elk crossing over the strands and antelope diving under. The new fences replaced fences built before the 1930's. For the next three years we opened our ranch to public hunting. Reservations through ODFW were required to ensure a quality hunt. ODFW filled the hunting seasons with as many hunters as possible. While most hunters didn't fill their tags, all the reports for a satisfied hunt were very positive. While we were at first apprehensive about the access part we had a positive experience. The amusing part of this adventure was that many hunters do not know how to lock multiple locks on a gate. We are a working ranch with several different individuals and neighbors plus the Central Electric power company needing to use our road system.

8. We have worked with ODFW in the past and have had a positive relationship. ODFW collared elk on our ranch in the past and we have offered to let them do the same with a new deer study if it works out. We have high school and college classes yearly on our ranch to learn and study. We have had OSU Extension classes and BLM, ODF and FS workshops. We have had OSWA tours and even video programs of our range and forest. We work with firewood cutters to take down and dry juniper, pine and fir. Our local Weed Management and Soil and Water district have an herbicide study on our ranch. As a ranch, we strive to be "life-long-learners".



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Personal Data

Name: Davies, Kirk W.
(Please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

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Business Address: Box 861, Burns, OR, 97720

Residence Telephone: 541-573-7463 Business Telephone: _____

Email Address: kirk.davies@oregonstate.edu

Occupation: Rangeland Scientist & Adjunct Professor/Ranch Owner

Board position applying for *(you may check more than one):*

Landowner Hunter Chair

As a citizen of the United States and resident of Oregon, I will accept appointment to the Access and Habitat Board if selected by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Kirk Davies
Signature

4-2-17
Date

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Gender
 Male
 Female

Race/Ethnicity
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Name: Kirk Davies

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I am a life-long Oregon hunter. I enjoy big game, upland bird, and waterfowl hunting. I am a member of the OHA and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. I also have served two terms on the southeast Oregon Access & Habitat Board. I also serve on the Harney County ESD board (elected position), National SRM Wildlife Habitat Committee, and SRM Awards Committee (appointed position). I have also served on the biological assessment committee for the Hart Mountain Refuge's management plan.

I have extensive experience with agriculture. I own a ranch outside of Burns, OR. I am currently working with the NRCS to improve the ranch for wildlife. My experience with agriculture has been life-long. I grew up on my parents' cattle ranch and alfalfa farm in southeast Oregon and from an early age participated in all aspects of ranching and farming. In my undergraduate program at Oregon State University, I dual majored in Crop & Soil Science and Rangeland Science, both from the College of Agriculture.

I am very involved with wildlife management and conservation issues. As a Rangeland Scientist, I have conducted numerous studies on management effects to wildlife habitat. For example, I conducted studies determining the effects of fire and management actions on sage-grouse food sources and habitat. Much of my research has focused on wildfires, restoration, preventing weed invasions, and grazing effects, which all directly affect wildlife. I have a long history of working with the public, private landowners, and ODFW. Most of the experiments I conduct occur on either public or private land, and thus, I must work closely with the landowner or land manager. I also consult the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of best land management practices. The BLM often requests that I review their post-fire restoration plans. I also interact with the public through outreach programs designed to educate land managers and the general public. This includes producer workshops, college science field trips, high school science camps, and grade school field trips.

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Name: Kirk Davies

References (optional)

<u>Tom Segal (ODFW)</u>	<u>541-589-1904</u>
<u>Travis Miller (BLM)</u>	<u>541-589-0852</u>
<u>Dan Otley (Rancher)</u>	<u>541-493-2120</u>
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Name: Decker Dianne M
Legal Residence: 8906 Reeder Rd Klamath Falls OR 97603
Business Address:
Residence Telephone: 5418108658 Business Telephone:
Email Address: dianne@gngpe.com
Occupation: Ranch Bookkeeper, office Union hall manager
Board position applying for (you may check more than one):
Landowner [X] Hunter [] Chair []

As a citizen of the United States and resident of Oregon, I will accept appointment to the Access and Habitat Board if selected by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3-1-17

To assist us in meeting our affirmative action objectives, we would appreciate information about your gender and background. This information is optional. Under state and federal law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

Gender: [X] Male [] Female; Race/Ethnicity: [] Asian or Pacific Island [] Black [] Hispanic [] Native American [X] White [] Multiracial/Other; Disability: none

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Name: Dionne Decker

Statement of Interest

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I have extensive knowledge in the agricultural industry. I managed a hay and cattle ranch on Swan Lake Rd. Hwy 143 East and one on Wu Rd for over 10 yrs. I love agriculture and the more I can be involved with it and learn the more I can educate others. I do bookkeeping right now for a ranch in Dairy Oregon. I also work at a 20,000 acre ranch in Montana in the summer. I have worked various jobs from the medical field to the union hall (I work part time now) so I am very confident in working with the public and representing them when needed. My oldest son is away at college and he is studying wildlife Biology and he is an avid hunter. So I am exposed to both of those things on a regular basis. I am also a landowner I purchased a small hay field with a barn and corrals last year by myself, so I know the importance of owning your own property.

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Name: Dionne Decker

References (optional)

Pete Nevin 541-891-1744 owns ranch in Dairy

Jeff / Lori Hoyal 541-732-0804 owned various ranches ^{I worked on}

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Personal Data

Name: DelCurto, Shella R.

(Please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

Legal Residence: 46411 Oliver Rd., Halfway, OR 97834

Business Address: _____

Residence Telephone: 541-519-5563 (cell) Business Telephone: _____

Email Address: mightyadashin@yahoo.com

Occupation: Self-employed rancher and retired Pine Eagle School District employee

Board position applying for *(you may check more than one)*:

Landowner Hunter Chair

As a citizen of the United States and resident of Oregon, I will accept appointment to the Access and Habitat Board if selected by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Shella R. DelCurto
Signature

12/29/16

Date

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Gender
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Race/Ethnicity
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Disability

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Name: Sheila R. DelCurto

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Please see attached

Name: Sheila R. DelCurto

References (optional)

<u>Jon Paustain</u>	_____
<u>Matthew Keenan</u>	_____
<u>Jason Harriman</u>	_____
<u>Barry DelCurto</u>	_____
<u>Craig Ely</u>	_____
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I am Shella DelCurto, a rancher, landowner, and hunter. I am interested in becoming an advisory member for the A & H program. I feel that my years as a landowner and avid hunter will help me to better serve the committee.

I live in Halfway, OR, which is a prime hunting area. I have lived, hunted, packed, and camped all my life. Ranching has been our way of life. We work at being good stewards of the land. My husband and I own over 300 acres of range ground located within the NRA plus deeded ground in Halfway. This ground is a prime area for deer, elk, and other wildlife. The wildlife range here year round. I hunt this area on a limited basis trying to improve the quality of wildlife. We also run cattle on this ground leaving winter feed for the wildlife.

Being a landowner/hunter has given me the opportunity to work with the Forest Service and the Oregon State Forestry Department. While working with the Forest Service, we have worked together to improve our range. The State Forestry Department helped us log our ground and replant it for a better future. Several years ago we lost approximately 100 acres to a wild land fire. This brought us in contact with ODFW. This fire burned 1000's of acres of prime range ground as well as timber. Because of this fire I learned about the A & H program and what it has to offer landowners. I feel this is a very beneficial program for all concerned.

I am a retired classified employee of the Pine Eagle School District. During my years at the school I worked in many areas. These years have enabled me to worked with a wide range of people including students and adults. I feel this experience has taught me to get along and understand the public's needs. While being an avid hunter I have also seen the needs of the public as well as the wildlife.

My husband, Barry DelCurto was an active member of the A & H program. While he was on this board I also attended some of the meetings and kept abreast with issues brought to the

Shella DelCurto App for A & H program

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board. I feel this gave me the opportunity to better understand issues facing ODFW. With this inside trac I know how the program operates and the great benefits it offers hunters as well as landowners. I would like to be able to help improve hunting for all ages be it through habitat work or by helping to obtain more hunting on private ground.

In conclusion I feel that my experience with all of the above named agencies makes me highly qualified for the position, and I ask that you appoint me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shella DelCurto". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Shella DelCurto



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(Please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

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Business Address: Same

Residence Telephone: 541 889 4268 Business Telephone: 541 881 7657

Email Address: crubird@smc.com

Occupation: Game bird producer & Gamebird Preserve

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					<input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial/Other	

Name: Chester Youngblood

References (optional)

Terry Henggeler
208-739-3910
Henggeler Packing Co.
David Stiefvater
541-881-6491
(Retired) Access & Habitat Board Member Farmer

Brian Wolfe
541-473-2328
Mathews County Sheriff
Ken Teramura
208-230-8514

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Refer to Attached

Member/Donor:

NRA
Ducks Unlimited
Pheasants Forever
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Oregon Hunters Association

Past Board Member:

Monterey County Steelhead Project
Monterey County Mule Deer Foundation
President of the Union of Salinas Valley Firefighters 1270

Work Experience:

Certified Firefighter Trainer for the State of California
Training Officer for Salinas Fire Department
California State Fire Marshal
California State Fire Inspector
Own/Operate Hunting Preserve in the State of Oregon (Flying High Game Birds) 20 years

Education:

AA Degree in Ag Business from Hartnell College, Salinas, CA