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For

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Personal Data

Name: Lefi Tausaga

Residence: Roseburg, OR

Regional Council applying for (check one):

Northwest	Malheur
Southwest X	Northeast
Deschutes/Klamath	

Regional Council Position applying for (you may check more than one)

Landowner: X
Hunter:
Chair:



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Statement of Interest

- 1) Experience and knowledge of hunting or knowledge and breadth of experience in the agriculture or forestry industries.

Growing up in the Illinois Valley, I spent much of my childhood in the woods. I started hunting at 12 years old and have not stopped since. After high school I obtained a Bachelors of Science in Forest Operations Management and a minor in Business and Entrepreneurship from Oregon State University. I have worked in various capacities all over the Pacific Northwest, with a passion for forestry.

- 2) Involvement in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations or experience with fish & wildlife resource management issues.

I worked in Washington State for several years and was tasked with helping industrial landowners comply with the State's stringent RMAP rules and regulations. The focus was on fish passage and sedimentation of streams. The projects ranged from culvert design to road relocation and abandonment.

- 3) Leadership in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations or involvement in agriculture or forest industry organizations.

I have been on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Logging Conference since 2019. The conference promotes the forest industry in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, offering training and educational programs (meeting OPL requirements) and is paired with one of the largest equipment shows in the United States.

- 4) Leadership and experience on or with councils, boards, commission, and legislature.

Oregon Logging Conference Board of Directors since 2019.

- 5) Experience working with and/or representing the public.



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During my time as a Production Forester for Manulife on the South Pudget Sound, I would regularly assist recreational permit holders locate "green dot" roads, trails and approved firewood cutting areas, in addition to hanging signage. The Snoqualmie tree farm had a robust recreational program and great relationship with the general public despite its active harvest program.

- 6) Ability/interest in working collaboratively with others.

I have been part of natural resource interdisciplinary teams and forestry collaborative groups throughout my career. I think they can be positive as long as the work is getting done and projects are yielding results.

- 7) Participation in the A&H program

I am interested in participating in the A & H program.

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

I have been in raw wood procurement for the last 8 years. Buying logs and standing timber is very relationship-based. Talking with landowners (small and industrial) and agency personnel (BLM, Forest Service, ODF, etc.) is crucial for developing trust and a good rapport.

References (optional)



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Jeff Wimer		
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Name: Thomas W Mossberg

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For 28 years I have managed forestry work with the objective of complete reforestation of my 200 acre tree farm in Douglas County. My land started mostly as an abandoned sheep farm which had evolved into heavy scotch broom and blackberry stands. I took the Master Woodland Manager (MWM) course offered by OSU extension in Roseburg. I do all the clearing, spraying and prep work myself and manage hired tree planters. As a MWM, I have volunteered for a variety of OSU extension forestry activities.

- 2) Involvement in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations or experience with fish & wildlife resource management issues.

I personally have not found the time to engage in significant hunting or fishing (aside from occasional forays). However, family members hunt on my land for turkey, deer, and bear.

- 3) Leadership in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations or involvement in agriculture or forest industry organizations.

I am a member of OSWA including chapter membership in Douglas and Lane Counties.

- 4) Leadership and experience on or with councils, boards, commission, and legislature.

Prior to my retirement, I ran my own manufacturing company which involved extensive coordination and meetings with staff and customers. Clear, polite, effective interactions contributed strongly to success.

- 5) Experience working with and/or representing the public.



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As a MWM, I have volunteered to visit various landowners to help them with their forestry projects. Also as a MWM, I have manned various booths at expositions, fairs, and tree schools providing interested members of the public with forestry information.

- 6) Ability/interest in working collaboratively with others.

In our society, collaborative interactions lead to optimization of programs and practices. I can give my two cents while being open to the ideas and interests of others.

- 7) Participation in the A&H program

I would be new to the A&H program. But this means entering with fresh perspectives and approaches.

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

As a member of OSWA and participant at their meetings, I could convey news and possibilities to members. As far as large landowners are concerned, I respect their achievements and would welcome meeting them in the context of the A&H program.

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Name: Michael Lund

Residence: Gig Harbor, Wa

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- 1) Experience and knowledge of hunting or knowledge and breadth of experience in the agriculture or forestry industries.

I was born and raised on a ranch in Coos County on the S Fork of the Coquille River. I hunted and fished extensively up until completing college. Growing up I worked with our cattle and sheep and was active in 4-H with a sheep flock and market animals. After moving to Washington, I gave up hunting game. I've fished some in Oregon and Washington, particularly when the girls were younger. While the family still runs a small cattle herd (managed by a 3rd party on the ranch), a large focus is forestry at this point. I've attended a number of forestry seminars and workshops over the years and consult regularly with our forester to better understand best road, forestry and silviculture practices. Last year I became qualified to perform stream flow permanence surveys and submitted two to ODF/ODFW for successful reclassification. Now that I'm retired, I spend about 3 months a year at our Oregon property.

- 2) Involvement in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations or experience with fish & wildlife resource management issues.

I've had no involvement in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations. Any experience with wildlife management issues comes from the last couple decades on the family ranch. Elk have been a significant problem and more recently fallow deer have made their way onto the place. I don't manage our Land Owner Preference or Damage Control involvement, but have developed a working understanding of those programs. I've experienced first hand the damage elk can do. I've also dealt firsthand with hunters trespassing/poaching on the property.

- 3) Leadership in sportsman/hunter/conservation organizations or involvement in agriculture or forest industry organizations.

I'm a member of OSWA in both Coos and Douglas county and have attended some seminars/workshops through those organizations.

- 4) Leadership and experience on or with councils, boards, commission, and legislature.

I've participated as a volunteer member on three boards over the years. I was a member of our Home Owners Association board for several years in the early 2000's. I was an assistant program director and VP of Admin for our local premier soccer club, which involved recruiting coaches, assigning players to teams, coordinating the club's annual soccer tournament of up to 100 teams, assisting in the hiring of coaching directors, and planning for the goals and direction of the club. I also served on a benevolent fund board for our union at work that assessed applications for members in need and determined disbursements. In addition to those areas, I also coached and/or managed soccer teams. Finally, I served on several hiring panels at work and teams evaluating key equipment procurement for the Navy in my area of responsibility.

- 5) Experience working with and/or representing the public.



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Aside from the many years as a civil servant and knowing my actions affected the public directly or indirectly, my other experience would be on the boards mentioned above representing the portion of the public affected by those organizations.

6) Ability/interest in working collaboratively with others.

Collaborating with others is always a great experience because it provides the opportunity to gain knowledge, experience new viewpoints, and meet new people. In addition to the volunteer boards, I've had many collaborative opportunities in 35 years as an engineer. I was a member of numerous management teams to plan and perform the defueling and refueling of several dozen nuclear submarines and surface ships from 1992 to 2005. The last 20 years of my career involved bi-annual program manager seminars focused on sharing knowledge, brainstorming best practices, and developing junior technical personnel. Personnel development and training was a large part of those years, as well as performing oversight of labs under my cognizance and representing the navy during over two dozen external audits.

7) Participation in the A&H program

I have no prior exposure to the A&H program. Ryan and I had a lengthy and informative conversation about the program and I am eager to learn more.

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

This specific relationship would be new for me, but based on my years of experience working on teams, often with members with several varying perspectives, I think I have those basic skills. I would draw on my beliefs in stewardship and conservation, as well as an understanding of landowner challenges and concerns, to help build relationships that would be beneficial for the landowner, stewardship, and hunters.

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ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Regional Advisory Council

Council Appointment Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Southwest

Type of Appointment: Chair _____ Landowner X Hunter _____

Applicant(s): Lefi Tausaga

Date of Council Review: 6/17/2026

Motion: Rob called for motion to nominate Lefi Tausaga for SW Council Landowner Representative, Seconded by Zach. Votes are as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Rob Schab	Chair	Yea
Joe Vargas	Landowner Representative	Yea
	Landowner Representative	-
Suzi Armstrong	Landowner Representative	Yea
Red Schlichting	Hunter Representative	Yea
Brian Perkins	Hunter Representative	Yea
Zach Davis	Hunter Representative	Yea

Disposition of Vote: 6-0 to recommend Lefi Tausaga to Landowner Representative for SW.

Rob, Red, Brian, Zach and Ryan met remotely via TEAMS for landowner applications review and discussion of 3 applications in hand. Joe and Suzi both voted independently via email for Lefi Tausaga after their reviews.

Applicant's Strengths: Lefi is active in timber industry as a log buyer for Douglas County Forest Products and also has nearly 7-year tenure (still active) on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Logging Conference. Previous career experience with recreational programs for Manulife managed lands in Washington State. He is a hunter and has a young family as well and interested in advocating for expanded youth opportunities. The hope is that Lefi can help bring in valuable perspective and connection with industrial landowners as well as smaller family-owned woodlands.

Council's Concerns: No real negatives of Lefi's application other than we needed to confirm that he also owned property, which he does...120 acres near Wilderville, in Josephine County,

which he actively manages for multi-seral stage timber production and fish/wildlife habitat. The other two applicants were both good, but 1 did not live in Curry County (WA state). These applications were included for the Statewide A&H Board to review.

The SW Council will now have two landowner reps for Douglas County. Considerable effort was made to reach out to Coos and Curry county landowners through the OSU Extension Service, contacts from soil and water conservation districts/boards, cold calls to landowners and businesses, and utilizing ODFW's damage and LOP tag holder contacts, but were unable to get any applicants that resided in those counties to submit an application even after extending the deadline for 2 weeks. Council and coordinator will continue these efforts in future to hopefully get more representation from the coastal communities which we represent. However, we feel that we were very fortunate to get the interest of Mr. Tausaga during this open solicitation and he will add a valuable perspective to the current council.
