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Objective

Full-time investigation, research, or management employment with an organization providing community support through effective and substantial environmental research and technical analysis.

Profile

With two-years of technical training in forestry, I gained twelve years of land surveying experience throughout the west and abroad. During winter downtime, I attended colleges to reach a senior level in geography with political science minor through the Eastern Oregon University.

I also volunteered with non-profit organizations where I learned that contentious political decisions, such as clean-up at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, could be more fully debated when the facts were fully revealed. I went on to organize non-profit volunteers, political events, and public meetings. Each activity afforded new opportunities to develop and test public skills. Avocation had become my vocation.

With a natural ability to understand issues, I built a nationally recognized tribal environmental program to advise tribal leaders on nuclear weapons clean-up at Hanford and on chemical warfare agent clean-up at the Umatilla Army Depot. In the private sector, I coordinated legal and research activities on an environmental civil law suit and successfully negotiated clean-up of a 2003 oil spill. Currently, I investigate complaints against engineers and land surveyors for the State of Oregon.

Organizational Development

Write Grant Proposals
Create Position Descriptions
Hire and Supervise Personnel
Prepare, Administer Budgets
Produce Annual Reports
Represent Organizations

Technical Analysis

Analyze Technical Documents
Interpret Legal Framework
Solicit Subject Matter Experts
Coordinate or Prepare Reviews
Develop Strategy to Goals
Support Litigation Attorneys

Community Network

Conduct Meetings, Agendas
Design Public Presentations
Motivate Interested Public
Listen to Diverse Groups
Negotiate Agreements
Promote Achievement

Employment History

July 2004 to Current: Investigator, Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying, Salem, OR

August 2000 to July 2004: Legal Coordinator and Researcher, GASP, Hermiston, OR

June 1994 to August 2000: Program Manager, Special Sciences and Resources Program, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Pendleton, Oregon

November 1991 to June 1994: Hanford Project Coordinator, Environmental Planning and Rights Protection Program, CTUIR, Pendleton, Oregon

1989 – 1991: Administrative Assistant, Citizen Alert, Reno, Nevada

1978 – 1989: Land surveying throughout the west, including Saudi Arabia and Alaska

Education and Training Highlights

- Undergraduate studies in Geography, Political Science Minor at Eastern Oregon University
- Public Health Practice Training Program, U.S. Public Health Service, Seattle, Washington
- 2-year Forestry Program, Missoula Technical College, Missoula, Montana
- Missoula Hellgate High School, Missoula, Montana
- See attached specialized training, highlights, achievements, and organizations

References Available on Request

Specialized Training:

Oregon Department of Justice Regulatory Training (2006)
Basic Investigator Training Program, Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation
(September 2006)
American Indian Cultural Law and Natural Resource Law (2000)
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA-
Department of Energy)
Equal Employment Opportunity Trainings for Tribal Managers (1998 and 2000)
Incident Command System (Tribal Fire Department)
EPA: Hands on Indian Country (1996)
National Archives and Records Administration-Researcher (1994)
National Environment Policy Act (Government Institute)
Natural Resources Damage Assessment (Department of Energy, 1994)
Pathway Analysis and Risk Assessment for Environmental Compliance and Dose
Reconstruction (1994)
Public Health Practice Training Program (Indian Health Service and CDC, 1993)
Radioactive Waste: Technical and Social Issues Workshop (Oregon State University, 1993)
Computer Training and Experience: Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, Front Page, Adobe
Acrobat, QuarkXpress, and Canvas (graphics)

Career Highlights:

- 2004-06 Oregon Board of Investigators, Private Investigator license (#2004106)
- 2003 Coordinated multi-agency response to oil contaminated soil under private residence
- 2000 July CTUIR representative to multi-jurisdictional Hanford Fire
- 1998-2000 Leadership on Department of Energy Cultural Resources Management Policy
- American Indian Policy (DOE) revisions through National Congress of American Indians
- 1996 Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement between Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and U.S. Army
- 1995 Panelist at the International Plutonium Roundtable, Seattle and Richland, Washington
- 1995 First U.S.-Russian Citizen Summit on Chemical Weapons Disposal, Saratov, Russia
- 1995 and 1997 CTUIR Employee Awards
- 1994 Memorandum of Understanding between CTUIR and the Office of Energy, Oregon
- 1993 Operation Plan and Bylaws: Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects
- 1992-2000 Tribal Emergency Response Commission (Umatilla Tribal Fire Department)
- 1992-1995 Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project: Phase I
- 1990 California and Southwest Tours, National Nuclear Waste Transportation Task Force
- 1984-1988 Co-founder and board member of the Hanford Education Action League (HEAL)
- U.S. Library of Congress issued copyrights: 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1993, 2001 and 2003
- 1976 State of Montana Engineer's License No. 1609 (Low Pressure Boilers)

Writing Achievements

History of the Definition of Electrical Engineering, Oregon Administrative Rule 820-040-0010,
Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (2006)
Hazardous Waste Site Clean-up, Blame and Costs, Summer Seminar, Oregon Association of
Licensed Investigators (2004)
Otto Property Restoration Project: Final Report (2003)

Disposing of Chemical Weapons: An Introduction to Incineration at Umatilla (2002)
Spearheaded Department of Energy *Closing the Circle* tribal oral history video projects
Final Report: Administration for Native Americans (Mitigating Environmental Impacts on Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Lands, Interests, and Rights from Department of Defense Activities at the Umatilla Army Depot) (CDC, 1999)
Lines Drawn in the Sand: A Review of Challenges, Opportunities, and Options for Chemical Weapons Disposal (1996)
Moving Beyond Legal Dimensions: Community Impacts and Cultural Assaults (A Review of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) (1995)
Scoping Report: Nuclear Risks in Tribal Communities (1995)

National, Regional, and Local Organizations:

- Oregon Toxics Alliance (2000-2006)
 - Pendleton Taxpayers Association (2000-2004)
 - Oregon Hanford Waste Board – tribal support staff (1992-2000)
 - State and Tribal Government Working Group (1991-2000): Tribal Issues Ad-hoc Chair
 - Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (transportation, CERCLA, chemical weapons)
 - National Congress of American Indians (Nuclear Waste Policy Committee)
 - Technical Steering Panel and Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects
 - Hanford Future Site Uses Working Group, Tank Waste Task Force, Hanford Advisory Board
 - Department of Defense, Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment Dialogue
 - Department of Energy, Alternative Technologies to Incineration Committee
 - Department of Energy, Hanford Natural Resources Trustee Council
 - Department of Energy, Transportation External Coordinating Working Group
 - National Nuclear Waste Transportation Task Force
 - Hanford Education Action League (1984-1988)
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