

Vitae for Greg Cox in Consideration for Ocean Shores Position 4 City Council Member

Gregory L. Cox
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Education and Professional Experience:

1976 B.S. in Forestry and Biology, Stephen F. Austin State University
1976-1979 Forester for International Paper Company, Marshall, Texas
1979 M.S. in Economics and Operations Research, Colorado State University
1979-1984 Forest Economist, for Land Management Plan on the Siuslaw National Forest
1984-1987 Planning Team Leader and Forest Economist for Siskiyou National Forest Land Management Plan
1987-1991 Lands, Minerals, and Planning Staff Officer, and Tribal Liaison Officer for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Land Management Plan
1991-1992 Acting District Ranger for Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Gifford Pinchot National Forest to construct Coldwater Visitor Center
1992-1996 Wind River District Ranger, Gifford Pinchot National Forest
1996-1997 PNW Regional Leader for PNW Forest Plan
1997-2004 Mt. Adams District Ranger, Gifford Pinchot National Forest
2004-2005 Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Leader for Future Development Plan
2005-2011 Assistant Manager for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Civic and Volunteer Experience:

Chamber of Commerce member, Stevenson, WA
East Clark County, WA Fire and Rescue Commissioner
WA Back Country Horseman member
Ocean Shores AARP Tax Preparer
Member (and past Chair) of Education Committee for Coastal Interpretive Center
Ocean Shores, WA Planning Commissioner
Ocean Shores, WA Library Foundation Treasurer

Personal:

Proud Father, Grampa, and Great-Grampa to 3 daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.
(And I love to fish the Humptulips River any chance I can get.)

Qualifications:

Registered voter in Ocean Shores since 2015. Property owner in Ocean Shores since 2004. Able to serve out term until next election certification.

With 11 years of constituent-supported, environmentally sustainable, comprehensive land management planning, programming, and budgeting experience, and 20 years' experience executing and

implementing those plans as the Line Officer (District Ranger/CEO) of four administrative units of the USFS, I offer a unique skill-set that may be helpful in the resolution of issues facing Ocean Shores.

As a Line Officer for the USFS between 1991 and 2011, I was responsible for managing 65 to 120 permanent employees (with 120 to 300 seasonal employees), with annual operating budgets of \$5MM to \$30MM, and contracting authority up to \$50MM, to comply with Federal and State environmental laws, higher authority direction, and to provide goods and services to the tax-paying public.

Aside from satisfying an ever-growing national, regional and local Portland/Vancouver demand for a myriad of goods and services to tax-payers on roughly 350,000 acres of public land, I effectively managed one to three small self-sustaining municipalities on each of four Ranger Districts during my career.

Served on the PNW Region and three National Forest Executive Management Leadership Teams focused on customer service to the tax-payer, transparent compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations, employee training, safety, and welfare, and satisfaction of Congressional performance direction within budget.

In combination with 11 years of Land Management Planning leadership, and 20 years of recognized Line Officer leadership, I am a seasoned strategic thinker, who effectively engages the public and subject-matter experts, to achieve community and agency objectives within budget.

My achievements with the USFS were formally recognized every year of my career (with the exception of two). Perhaps my most noteworthy, was being recognized in Washington DC as the "Line Officer of the Year for Aquatic Resource Achievements". The Mt. Adams Ranger District was recognized for developing the model for planning and implementing in-stream salmon restoration work in the western US, which is still the standard to this day.

As a public servant, I have worked diligently with every Federal, State, County, City, and Tribal entity in the Columbia River Gorge area, including National, Washington, and Oregon Congressional delegations, county, and local governments, in concert with public participation, to make sound land management decisions which not only benefited local communities, but in many cases, created Regional recreational legacies. (See attached Career Achievements.)

My record demonstrates a consistent pattern of effective partnerships with private and public entities to get things done, with more public support than not. A number of controversial multi-million-dollar projects were completed with absolutely no opposition, including significant NGO financial partnerships.

My professional achievements demonstrate I respect the rule of law, rely and trust subject-matter staff, and genuinely engage the public and all governing entities, including Tribal governments, to get things done without legal repercussions.

I want to help Ocean Shores in any way I can to get things done with genuine regard for public and other agency interests. I believe my acquired skills and capabilities can help Ocean Shores' businesses and residents fulfill their quality-of-life expectations in Ocean Shores.

My family has enjoyed recreating in Ocean Shores for the last 17 years. Since making Ocean Shores my principal residence in 2015, I have dedicated my skills and capabilities to volunteering for organizations focused on helping Ocean Shores realize its full potential.

Thank you for your consideration to serve in Position Four of the Ocean Shores City Council. I may not be able to fill Jon Martin's shoes, but I am certainly committed to giving my best.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Respectfully,

Greg Cox

GREG COX PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS RELEVANT TO CITY COUNCIL POSITION

1980-1984, Served as Forest Economist in the completion of the **Siuslaw National Forest Comprehensive Plan**; the first in the PNW Region to comply with the National Land and Resource Management Act of 1976.

1985-1987, Led the development of the **Land and Resource Land Management Plan for the Siskiyou National Forest**.

1986, Conducted the first comprehensive **Watershed Analysis on the Elk River** basin of the Siskiyou National Forest in the USFS.

1986, Detailed to the Washington DC USFS headquarters to modify Federal regulations concerning **economic analysis in National Land and Resource National Forest Land Management Planning**.

1987-1992, Led the completion of the **Gifford Pinchot National Forest Plan**.

1990, Detailed to the PNW Regional Office as the Congressional and Portland Liaison for the **Asian Gypsy Moth Aerial Eradication Project**.

1991, Detailed to the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to oversee the planning and development of the **Coldwater Visitor Center**.

1992- 1996, Promoted to **Wind River District Ranger**.

1993, Delegated by the PNW Regional Forester to dedicate the opening of **Skamania Lodge** as part of the National designation of the Columbia River National Scenic Area.

1994, Detailed to the Washington DC USFS headquarters as the **Congressional Old-Growth Liaison** for the PNW Region.

1995, Formally recognized for leadership in the National USFS **Reduction In Force (RIF)** to close and relocate employees in the first PNW Regional Tree Nursery, the first USFS PNW District Ranger Training Facility, the first USFS PNW Ranger District, and combining the remaining Wind River District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest with the Mt. Adams Ranger District.

1996, Completed the draft EIS and **PNW Forest Plan for the Recovery of the Spotted Owl** endorsed by President Clinton.

1997, Engaged the public, US and WA State Fish and Wildlife agencies to establish the **Mt. Adams Snow-mobile shelter and trail system**.

1998, Engaged the public, US and WA State Fish and Wildlife agencies to establish the **Mt. Adams Horse Camp** and associated trail systems.

2000, Engaged the public, and all regulating Federal and State agencies to support the **only comprehensive watershed analysis and timber management EIS that was not legally appealed in the PNW**.

2001, Engaged the public, all Federal and State regulating agencies, and affected Tribes to support in-stream **salmon habitat restoration**, which became the standard for fish habitat restoration in the western US. My District personnel were recognized for their accomplishments in Washington DC by the Secretary of Agriculture, and I was awarded the **Line Officer of the Year for Achievements in Aquatic Resources**.

2002, Nominated to be President of the **Stevenson WA Chamber of Commerce** for my leadership in the City's downtown revitalization, but had to decline as a Federal member of the Chamber.

2007, Engaged the public, all Federal and State regulating agencies, and affected Tribes to support development of the **Klickitat Rails to Trails** recreation area and pedestrian, horse and bike trail system.

2008, Engaged the public, all Federal and State regulating agencies, and affected Tribes to support the pedestrian, horse, and bike trail system for the **Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Coyote Wall Syncline Recreation Area**, which has become the 4th most visited site in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

2009, Engaged the public, all Federal and State regulating agencies, and affected Tribes to support development of the **Sandy River Delta** recreation area and pedestrian, horse and bike trail system. Obtained Oregon Governor Kulongoski support for the Oregon National Guard to complete construction, which has become the 2nd most visited site in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area outside of Multnomah Falls.

2010, Engaged the public, all Federal and State regulating agencies, and affected Tribes to support development of the **Cape Horn** recreation area and pedestrian, horse and bike trail system. Personally, secured a \$5MM grant from WA State Recreation to finance WDOT's installation of two pedestrian tunnels under SR 14 to complete the trail system, which has become the 3rd most visited site in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

In summary, complying with Federal law to satisfy public, other Federal, State, Tribal, and local government interests and participation processes is onerous. Actually obtaining concurrence, surviving legal appeals, and working with partners to achieve tangible results is noteworthy.

No man is an island; it takes a village (a team) to make things happen. I hope my professional accomplishments provide some confidence I respect the rule of law, rely and trust subject-matter staff, and genuinely engage the public and all government entities to get things done without legal repercussions.

I believe my USFS career achievements demonstrate I have skills and capabilities which can help Ocean Shores become a role-model for other communities, as measured by Dept of Commerce and MRSC standards. Most importantly, I believe I can help Ocean Shores realize its full potential with a quality-of-life businesses and residents expect.

Respectfully,

Greg Cox