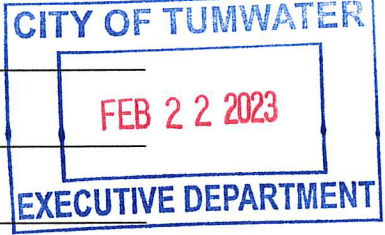


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Address:	<div style="background-color: black; width: 300px; height: 80px;"></div>		
Telephone:	_____ (Home)	_____ (Cell)	
	_____ (Work)		
Date:	02/10/2023	Email:	<div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>

BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

PREFERENCE
NUMBER:

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Hannah Ohman



February 10, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the open position on the tree board. I have always loved being outdoors and learning about my surroundings and decided to learn more in college; I began taking environmental studies classes my second semester at Warren Wilson College. I thrived at my university because of my excellent time management and organizational skills and would be happy for the chance to apply my knowledge as a part of this group.

At Warren Wilson, I learned how to identify native southern Appalachian plants by sight, and their common uses. Additionally, I am experienced in using wildflower and twig identification keys and am confident about learning to identify some new plants. I gained lots of experience hiking, removing invasive plants, re-routing and grading trails, and performed trail maintenance. Many of my classes included education in the field; I conducted experiments observing the effects of solarization and occultation on local field crops, worked with a group of my peers and constructed a forest management prescription plan for local land owners, and worked with the American Chestnut Foundation (ACF) planting hybrid blight resistant trees to name a few. However, my skillset extends beyond classroom education; as a recent graduate I took a job as a groundskeeper at Givens Highland Farms, I spent almost two years providing general grounds maintenance, assisted in the construction land development of 16 new homes, and successfully completed the OSHA 10 hour class and became a certified organic grower. At this job, I interacted positively with the public/residents and communicated closely with my supervisors and coworkers to ensure that each task was completed properly and safely. Recently, I have started a new chapter of my life working for the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) here in the capitol. I am a member of the parks unit that helps with the upkeep of the capitol grounds and surrounding parks.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I believe my strong background in ecological forestry, grounds maintenance, and interacting with the public/residents would make me well suited for this position and an integral member of your team. I am excited for the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,

Hannah Ohman

Hannah Ohman

[REDACTED]

Experience with:

- operating a chainsaw, felling trees, logging and skidding lumber
- bucking, splitting, and stacking firewood
- invasive plant removal through applying Garlon herbicide
- cultivating shiitake mushrooms, creating tinctures and selling them at market
- writing forest management prescriptions for local land owners
- worked with the American Chestnut Foundation (ACF) planting hybrid blight resistant trees
- wildland firefighter trained by the Swannanoa Fire Rescue substation in Bee Tree NC
- relating to and working with ill, disabled, elderly, emotionally upset, and at times hostile people
- trail rerouting, grading, and general grounds maintenance
- running and repairing irrigation systems

Education

Graduated Lisbon High school, Lisbon, Iowa, May 2015

Graduated from Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC, May 2019 with a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Studies with a concentration on Ecological forestry.

Completed OSHA 10 hour safety class

Completed Texas Organic Research Centers, Natural Organic Growers Certification

Skills

- Facilitating group lessons, creating lesson plans
- Time management, implementing self created schedules
- Critical thinking skills, creative problem solving
- Strong communication skills
- Team building
- Setting and meeting both independent and team goals
- Resilience

References

Dave Charbonneau, Director of Facilities, Heron's Key, [REDACTED]

George Smith, Maintenance Supervisor, Heron's Key, [REDACTED]

Jim Boyer, Director of Facility Services, Givens Highland Farms, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jason Carney, Land Management Crew Supervisor, Givens Highland Farms, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


Mark Norwood, Maintenance Supervisor, Givens Highland Farms, [REDACTED]
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Name: Brodrick Coval

Address:

Telephone:  (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

_____ (Work) 
Date: 03/02/2023 Email: _____



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Brodrick Coval



Dear fellow civil servants,

I am interested in participating in the Tumwater Tree Board and am eager to speak with you regarding the strengths of my candidacy as a new member of the Board. I have a passion for civil service, strong and transparent democratic processes, and a lifelong affinity for forestry and all things arboriculture. I have long sought an opportunity in local government but am adamant that my work in such a role needs to bring value to my community first and foremost—a seat on the Tumwater Tree Board is a perfect opportunity in this vein.

I received a bachelor of science in Environmental Studies and Agriscience from Michigan State University, with a concentration in Science and Policy. Committed to higher education, I then earned a Master of Forestry from Michigan Technological University. I received high honors from both institutions and was heavily involved in extracurricular activities.

My entire professional career has been focused on trees and public land management. I worked as a stewardship crew member on a county parks and recreation commission, and as a timber marker for the USDA Forest Service before life brought me to Tumwater. Here, I have worked for the WA Department of Natural Resources for six years, working in several capacities, from Field Forester to Legislative Coordinator, and most recently, Statewide Recreation Policy Manager. From these opportunities, not only have I deepened my understanding of trees and forests, but I have come to appreciate the public process when working with legacy projects.

Additionally, in 2020 I started a small business, [South Sound Wood](#). My company works with area arborists and community members to deliver a full suite of locally sourced salvaged wood products and services. We specialize in the “tree-to-table” model, beginning with salvaging local urban trees that would otherwise be turned into woodchips or burned as firewood, and giving them a second life as custom furniture pieces or dimensional lumber for building. This venture has deepened my roots in the community, built lifelong relationships, and furthered my understanding of the value of proper urban tree management. From the ecosystem services trees provide, to the environmental justice disparity issues we are grappling with as a society, the role of urban forests is the center of my professional life.

I see the Tumwater Tree Board as an excellent opportunity to serve my community and assist government decision-makers in developing and implementing sustainable policies that improve the lives of all their constituents. I hope to add value to this team of subject matter experts in whatever way I can.

I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to learning more about the role of the Tumwater Tree Board and the important work that this team accomplishes.

Best,
Brody Coval

Brodrick Coval

Work Experience

South Sound Wood—Tumwater, WA

8/20 – Present

Owner/President

- Initiate, develop, and implement company business strategies aimed to provide locally-sourced wood products from salvaged materials
- Run operations for multiple small-scale sawmills to salvage local urban wood and manufacture and sell dimensional and live-edge wood products
- Head furniture maker, specializing in the “tree-to-table” model
- Head of client relations and procurements (including arborist outreach)
- Member of Olympia Woodworkers Guild

Washington Department of Natural Resources—Olympia, WA

9/16 – Present

EP-3 Statewide Recreation Policy Manager (Recreation and Conservation Division 7/22 – Present)

- Review, update, and create policies for statewide recreation on DNR-managed uplands (~3 million acres)
- Manage statewide recreation contracts with non-profit cooperators
- Represent DNR on the Recreate Responsibly Coalition and associated workgroups
- Provide service for DNR recreation managers statewide
- Project team member and contract manager for DNR’s inaugural Statewide Recreation Plan (currently in progress)
- Analyze bills in the Washington State Legislature that impact DNR Recreation and lobby/respond accordingly

NRS-2 Timber Sales Forester (SPS Region 6/18 – 7/22)

- Lead forester for 11 timber sales; pre-harvest review, sale layout (VRH and Riparian Restoration), sale packet completion
- Support forester for several timber sales; pre-harvest review, sale layout and map-building
- Compliance forester for several timber sales; road building/maintenance and harvest
- Primary mentor and trainer for new foresters and forester on developmental assignment
- Point of contact for Unit representation at recreation user group meetings as well as directly with FOCF
- Unit lead for roadside spray vegetation management program
- Active member of the statewide Timber Sales Process Optimization team
- Active in Wildfire Program—qualified Receiving and Distributions Manager and Firefighter Type 1
 - Supervise Supply Unit and hand crew squad on wildfire incidents

Legislative Coordinator (Developmental Role in Legislative and External Affairs 1/20 – 6/21)

- Coordinated the Department’s analysis, response, and messaging for pertinent legislation
 - Passed a historic number of impactful agency-request bills as part of the Legislative Team
 - Develop and lead training efforts for Division Bill Coordinators and Subject Matter Experts
 - Participated in strategy meetings with DNR’s Executive Management Team
 - Led meetings with agency Bill Coordinators and Region Managers
 - Write weekly agency-wide updates on the status of legislative affairs
 - Staff and provide talking points for the Commissioner of Public Lands in legislator meetings
 - Collaborated with subject matter experts in public hearings in response to proposed legislation

NRS-2 (In-training) Silviculture Forester (PC Region 9/16 – 6/18)

- Contract administration—actively complied multiple contracts as both lead administrator and assistant forester for site prep (aerial and ground-based), reforestation (contracts and camps), vegetation management (mechanical and chemical release), and young-stand thinning (PCT) contracts while dealing with neighbor concerns and related social licensure parameters
- Stand assessment – conduct young stand surveys, recommend prescription/treatment, collect/record data.
- Design, build, and implement efficient record-keeping and planning-type spreadsheets for IMF district staff
- Acting timber sales forester
 - Lead forester for one timber sale pre-harvest review, sale layout, and packet completion
 - Support forester for one timber sale layout and map-building

Bartlett Tree Experts—Grand Rapids, MI**4/15 – 8/15**

- Plant Health Care Specialist – client consultation and plant diagnoses/prescription, pesticide applications, prescription fertilizer applications, soil sampling, root collar excavations, and record-keeping
- Tree and Shrub Work – tree climbing and ground-man operation for pruning and removals, aerial lift and crane training and usage, installation and maintenance of tree cables
- Scholarship – selected from a national pool of applicants to receive the Bartlett At-Large Scholarship award
- Achieved Tree Care Industry Association membership

USDA Forest Service—Watersmeet, MI**6/14 – 12/14****Forestry Technician—Timber Sales Prep**

- Timber cruising and marking in mixed northern hardwoods, and softwood plantations
- Successful completion of Qualified Timber Cruiser written examination.
- Reconnaissance and layout of timber sale units, GIS and GPS work
- Inspection of contractor timber cruising and marking
- JW Toumey Nursery; Field Technician—Watersmeet, MI

Ottawa County Parks and Recreation—Grand Haven, MI**5/12 – 1/13****Stewardship Technician**

- New trail design and construction
- Trail maintenance on existing trails and associated infrastructure
- Coordinate and work with volunteer community members
- Manage and map invasive species problem areas
- Forest ecosystem restoration
- Erosion control and shoreline restoration

Academic Work Experience**Michigan Technological University—School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science 8/15 – 8/16****Teaching assistant (FW3377)**

- Instruction and curriculum input for Forest and Environmental Resource Management: supervise 18 students in field forestry practices, such as timber cruising and marking, road layout, property line delineation, riparian management zones, etc.

Teaching assistant (FW2051)

- Instruction in Forestry Field Techniques: supervise 22 students on practical skills field skills and tool usage
- Guest lecture on timber merchantability standards
- Set-up and proctoring of field labs and tests

School Forester's Aide—Earn and Learn Assistantship

- Assist in the management of over 6,000 forested acres on school property

Michigan State University Department of Forestry**8/12 – 12/12****Teaching Assistant (FOR 202)**

- Instruction, examination, and assessment for 31 students in Introduction to Forestry

Education**Michigan Technological University****8/15 - 8/16**

- Master of Forestry (accredited by Society of American Foresters)
- Overall GPA: 4.0
- Awarded Outstanding Graduate Student Service honor

Michigan State University**9/10 - 12/13**

- B.S. in Environmental Studies and Agriscience, in Science and Policy concentration
- Overall GPA: 3.83
- Dean's List with Honors 2010-2013

Skills and Certifications

- FFT1 and RCDM qualifications for wildland fire fighting (2017-present)
- WSDA Pesticide License Holder (2017-present)
- WA DNR Forklift Operator License (2016)

- First Aide Certified (2016-present)
- USDA Forest Service ATV Safety certification (2014)

Academic and Community Involvement

- Friends of Capitol Forest (FOCF) – trail volunteer
- Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honors Fraternity member—Michigan Technological University chapter
- Awarded Mont Ripley Snow Sports Instructor of the Year award for youth and collegiate ski programs
- Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (USVI National Park)—parks/operations volunteer
- Michigan Technological University Integrated Field Practicum—264+ hours field forestry
- Michigan Technological University Forest Stewards Guild – Adopt-a-trail volunteer
- SAF student chapter—Michigan Technological University Forestry Club
- Michigan State University Leaders in Environmental and Agricultural Fields Club
- Michigan State University Alpine Ski and Snowboard Team Captain, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator