

Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors

HALEY LUTZ

Haley Lutz is an Oregon coast native, born in North Bend. She is the Executive Director of the Coos Watershed Association (CoosWA), a locally organized, non-regulatory organization that has been leading innovative science, restoration, monitoring, and education programs with the Coos watershed community since 1994. CoosWA has a deep interest in the Elliott and related partnerships and is pleased to have served on the Elliott State Research Board of Directors during the last year. Haley holds a Master of Studies in Environmental and Natural Resource Law from Lewis and Clark Law School. Before coming to CoosWA, she worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, interned with NOAA Fisheries working on the Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan, and led a watershed council on the North Coast. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing, bow hunting, swimming, exploring the outdoors, and trying to keep up with her wild toddler.

PAYTON SMITH

Born and raised in North Bend, Payton Smith spent much of her youth growing up on the Elliott. After graduating from college at the University of Oregon, she worked for Roseburg Forest Products in Springfield before moving home to Coos Bay. Payton serves as the Director of Communications and Government Affairs for Southport Lumber. Her job connects her with South Coast community and economic vitality efforts in many ways. She also serves on the board of directors for the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation as well as the American Forest Resource Council.

KEN CARLONI

Ken Carloni holds a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from OSU where his research focused on Indigenous burning practices in SW Oregon. He was an Assoc. Prof. of Biology and Natural Resources, Umpqua Community College from 1987-2018, chairing the Science Dept. from 2012-2018. Ken currently is the Vice President of the Yew Creek Land Alliance, Inc. (YCLA), a nonprofit in SW Oregon that manages a diverse 380 ac. landscape with a mission that includes conservation, restoration, education and recreation. From 2018-22 the YCLA has restored 37 acres of oak habitat and converted 17 acres of thinning slash to biochar. YCLA restoration projects have now sent hundreds of thousands of board feet of timber to local mills while developing best practices for onsite biochar production. Based on his experience with these projects, Ken began building and testing flame cap biochar kilns designed for safety, efficiency, portability, simplicity, and flexibility. His current research focuses on using biochar to mitigate toxic algal blooms, treat wastewater, and solve other environmental problems.

JENNIFER ALLEN

Jennifer Allen recently retired from Portland State University (PSU), where she was the Portland Professor of Environment and Natural Resources in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. She previously served as director of PSU's Institute for Sustainable Solutions. Jennifer served on the prospective board for the Elliott State Research Forest and chaired the Science Advisory Panel associated with earlier ESRF development efforts. She has also served as a commissioner and chair on the Oregon State Parks Commission as well as on the boards of several nonprofits. Jennifer offers knowledge and experience related to governance, research, and organizational development that would be of value to the ESRF board. Jennifer holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Public Policy from George Mason University, a Master of Environmental Management from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and a BA in American Studies from Yale University.

MELISSA CRIBBINS

Melissa Cribbins is a small business owner and an attorney. A former Coos County Commissioner, Melissa is currently a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Council and is past Chair of the National Association of Counties' Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee. Prior to her election in 2012, she worked for the Coquille Indian Tribe as in-house counsel for six years. She is a member of the Oregon State Bar, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Bar, and the Washington State Bar, and she also serves as a tribal judge. She has served on multiple boards and committees, including the Elliott State Research Forest Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors for the Association of Oregon Counties, and the Board of Directors for Energy Trust of Oregon. Melissa is a graduate of Portland State University and Gonzaga University.

PETER HAYES

Peter Hayes and his family own and care for Hyla Woods in the northern Oregon Coast Range where they experiment with what is needed to grow forests that are ecologically complex and resilient, economically sufficient, and culturally helpful. Building on 170 years of family work in forestry and sawmilling, Peter's public involvements include past service on the Oregon Board of Forestry, co-founding and leadership of the Build Local Alliance, and coordination of the NW Innovative Forestry Summit.

MIKE KENNEDY

Mike Kennedy recently retired as the Natural Resources Director for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, where he was responsible for operation of the Tribal Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Hunting & Fishing, Realty and Environmental Protection programs. Prior to that role, he served as the Tribe's Forester and Presales Forester and spent 8 seasons as a Forestry Technician on the Ochoco National Forest. All told, he has dedicated his career to forest management for 44 years and continues to remain engaged in these issues while living in Siletz, Oregon. Mike holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. In addition to serving on the Elliott State

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Research Forest Board, he has served on the Siuslaw National Forest Resource Advisory Committee, the BLM Western Oregon Resource Advisory Committee, the Oregon Department of Forestry State Forests Advisory Committee, and the Oregon State University McDonald-Dunn Research Forest Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

KEITH TYMCHUK

Keith Tymchuk is a lifelong resident of Reedsport. A graduate of the University of Oregon and Oregon State University, he has been an educator for 42 years, the last 40 at Reedsport High School teaching Government, History, Psychology and English. He served six terms as Reedsport's mayor, has been a Port of Umpqua Commissioner for 28 years and serves as the Regional Solutions Convener for Douglas, Coos, and Curry Counties. He is currently the President of the Board of Directors for Central Lincoln PUD. Keith also has been involved in projects as diverse as Wave Energy, Community Forests, and the Oregon Coast Trail. Keith served on the Elliott State Research Forest Advisory Committee since its inception in 2019. He is an avid reader and enjoys hunting, fly fishing and golfing in his free time.

MICHAEL WILSON

Michael Wilson served as the Natural Resource Department Director for the Grand Ronde Tribe (now retired), where he managed forestry and Indigenous stewardship approaches and programs on the Tribe's forestlands. He has also served on many state and federal committees and planning efforts where he has engaged in forest policy and tribal representation. Currently, he serves as a board member of the Oregon Agricultural Trust and Board Chair of the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District. Mike is a Grand Ronde Tribal member and brings valuable knowledge and experience of tribal forest operations and management. He continues to work on several projects that promote tribal rights and representation. Mike worked and recreated around the Elliott early in his career and worked as part of representation of Grand Ronde Tribal interests in the original Elliott advisory committee. Mike holds an MBA from George Fox University and Business/Environmental Studies from Linfield College.