

The Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors

Melissa Cribbins, Coos Bay

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, Portland

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.

Haley Lutz, Coos Bay

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. Haley holds a Masters 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.

Mike Kennedy, Siletz

Mike Kennedy leads the Natural Resources Department for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians as the Natural Resources Manager and is responsible for operation of the Tribal Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Hunting & Fishing, Realty and Environmental Protection programs. It is the mission of the Siletz Tribal Natural Resources Department to care for, protect, enhance, and provide for the wise use of all the Tribe's natural resources in a manner which will ensure that all generations to come will benefit from these resources. Prior to his current role, he has served as the Tribal Forester, Presales Forester, and Forestry Technician. All told, he has dedicated his career to forest management for forty-two years. Mike holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from the State University of New York

College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He currently serves as the Tribe's representative on the Elliott State Research Forest Advisory Committee, 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.

Bob Sallinger, Portland

Bob Sallinger has more than 30 years of experience working on conservation issues across the State of Oregon including three decades of service to the Audubon Society of Portland. He has focused primarily on conservation of avian species. His expertise spans urban, rural, and wild landscapes. Bob takes a multi-dimensional approach to conservation that includes policy, law, advocacy, science, and public engagement. He has been directly involved in achieving collaborative solutions to some of Oregon's most challenging natural resource issues including long-term participation on the Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative, Private Forest Accord and Elliott State Research Forest. Bob's involvement with the Elliott stretches back more than a decade, and he was part of the Elliott State Research Forest Advisory Committee that met for more than three years to develop the Elliott State Research Forest proposal. He currently serves as board president of Humane Voters Oregon, and on the boards of the Portland Utility Board, the Intertwine Alliance, the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District. He previously worked as an adjunct professor of law at Lewis and Clark Law School and as an elected director at East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. Bob has a BA in Biology from Reed College and a JD from Lewis and Clark Law School with a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. Bob lives in NE Portland with his wife Elisabeth Neely, three children and assorted goats, chickens, dogs, and homing pigeons.

Keith Tymchuk, Reedsport

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.