

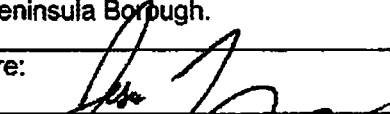


KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

Please print or type this form and attach a resume or send a letter of application by mail, fax or email to:

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Which Planning Commission district are you applying for:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. East Peninsula ^{MOOSE PASS}	<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Kalifornsky Beach
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Southwest Borough	<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Ridgeway
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Anchor Point/Ninilchik	<input type="checkbox"/> 12. Sterling
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Kasilof/Clam Gulch	<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Northwest Borough
How long have you lived in the Borough? since 2004	
Occupation or place of employment: United States Forest Service- Natural Resource Specialist	
What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to the Commission?	
With over 10 years of living and working in the area I have made many strong connections in the area with both people and places. I have a vested interest in seeing borough and all lands throughout Alaska managed soundly. I have 12 years of land management experience in Alaska having worked for the U.S Forest Service, State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Bureau of Land Management. This experience coupled with a Bachelor's degree in Geography and Natural Resource Planning and a Master's degree in Park and Resource Management would be a benefit to the borough and provide insight into the management frameworks of the above mentioned agencies.	
What are the land use and planning issues in the Kenai Peninsula Borough?	
In the Moose Pass area where i live some of the issues i see are the fact that there is very little land that can be developed, the lack of covenants and zoning restrictions in some areas and the need to make land available at an affordable price for those looking to live and raise a family in this community.	
What would you like to see done with Borough owned lands?	
I would like to see some community spaces created. Also if the borough creates future land sales it would be nice to see 1. The land be affordable for the average person or family. 2. Provide incentives for the land to be purchased by those who wish to live and work within our communities, instead of those looking for a second home that they will rarely be at.	

Have you, or do you currently, serve on other Kenai Peninsula Borough commissions, boards, or task forces? No.	
Comments: (areas of interest, additional experience, or qualifications) See above qualifications.	
Are you available for night meetings? Yes	
Are you available for daytime meetings? No	
I am a qualified voter in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and I reside within the boundaries of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.	
Signature: 	Date: 03/30/2016

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OBJECTIVE To continue to gain experience as a Natural Resource Specialist.

EDUCATION Masters of Science in Park and Resource Management
Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA- Spring 2012- GPA 4.0

Bachelors of Arts in Geography with a minor in Natural Resource Planning
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA-Spring 2004- GPA 3.4

EXPERIENCE

**January 2015- Present: Natural Resource Specialist (Special Uses)-
GS-9- United States Forest Service-Chugach National Forest
Supervisor- Kathy VanMassenhove- 907-743-9542- kvanmassenhove@fs.fed.us**

- Administer over 60 Special Use Permits for outfitting/ guiding on the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts. Uses include guided whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, hunting, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, photography, horse-back riding, ATV tours and gold panning. Administration includes creating bills, documenting insurance, updated operating/ safety plans, business licenses, compliance with Title VII non-discrimination clause, tracking use, annual performance evaluations and site inspection to check compliance with permit terms.
- I'm proficient in the content of special use guidance (handbooks, manuals, regulations, and regional direction). With little to no assistance, provides accurate, sound and logical advice to customers, demonstrating the ability to apply existing rules and guidance to standard and non-standard circumstances to meet customer needs.
- Administer 10 Special Use Permits for recreation events on the forest. Events include the Soggy Bottom mountain bike race on the Resurrection Pass trail, the Lost Lake Run a 16 mile -750 person foot race, the Tri-harder than a kayak, bike and running triathlon, The Six Mile Whitewater boat race and festival and in 2015 the Expedition Alaska cross country multi-sport adventure race which took place across two districts. Events are closely monitored to ensure permit compliance with mitigation measures lined out in the permits.
- I am responsible for the administration of the Alaska Recreation Management (ARM) campground concessionaire permit. ARM manages 14 campgrounds on both the Seward and Glacier Ranger districts. I am responsible for coordinating with the manager, campground hosts, maintenance staff and other ARM staff as well as district rangers, recreation staff and law enforcement on both districts. In coordination with ARM and the

recreation staff officers we annually come up with appropriate projects to utilize with the Granger-Thye fee offset agreement. Projects are focused on campground improvements and have included new fire rings, picnic tables, new outhouses and more. I am also responsible for: reviewing and editing an annual operations plan, a bi-annual performance evaluation, coordinating monthly water well testing, responding to inquiries and complaints from the public, identifying hazard trees for removal and ensuring visitors adhere to bear and food storage regulations.

- I also process commercial filming and photography requests, often with little notice and a quick turnaround.
- Assists with lands special use permitting including communication sites, right of ways, leases, transmission lines and railroad proposals.

**September 2013- December 2014: Natural Resource Specialist (Mining Compliance)-
GS-9/11- Bureau of Land Management- Central Yukon Field Office
Supervisor- Tim Hammond- 907-474-2210- thammond@blm.gov**

- Verify compliance with mining plans, NEPA stipulations, 43 CFR 3809/3715, and other relevant regulations through on-site inspections of assigned case files.
- Work with claimants and operators to identify and correct non-compliance situations in a timely manner.
- Ensure mitigation and reclamation is implemented properly and in an efficient and timely manner.
- Update and maintain 3809 and 3715 case files and field files with accurate maps, field photos, field inspection summaries, and correspondence.
- Conduct use and occupancy actions on inactive operations and occupancy to ensure cleanup begins and moves toward completion.
- Organize interdisciplinary team meetings, one-on-one sessions, and on-site visits with resource specialists, other agencies, and permittees to mitigate impacts of resource use through science-based best management practices and reclamation during the NEPA process, during operations, and reclamation.
- Identify and report unsafe working conditions and implement safety protocols into work environment.

December 2012- August 2013: Natural Resource Specialist II/ Knik River Public Use Area Manager –GG16- Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land and Water

Supervisor – Clifford Larson-907-269-8508- clifford.larson@alaska.gov

- Solely responsible for the management of 260,000 acres of legislatively designated Public Use Area. The KRPUA was established to preserve, perpetuate, and enhance public recreation, enjoyment of fish and wildlife, and the traditional use of fish and wildlife resources. The area is popular for both motorized and non-motorized activities including OHV use, hunting, fishing, trapping, target shooting, boating, flying planes, horseback riding, biking, hiking, camping and wildlife viewing. This is the most popular OHV use area in the State of Alaska due to its close proximity to the state's largest population centers.
- Act as the main public contact in the area, and on the ground representative for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources as well as the regional manager. I actively educate/ enforce users on the 17 KRPUA Land Use Compliance Regulations. These include shooting in unauthorized areas, burning of wooden pallets and using OHV's in fish bearing streams.
- Negotiate and coordinate a joint management agreement with the Alaska State Troopers for enforcement / compliance patrols within the KRPUA.
- Attended an 80- hour Law Enforcement for Land Managers training. A large portion of this course was focused on effective communication including topics on professional communication maxims, redirecting behavior with words, communication styles/ personality types applied in law enforcement and dealing with conflict; enforcement/ compliance topics including; field contacts, field documentation, safety, decision making in enforcement actions and legal issues.
- Independently set and coordinate my fieldwork schedules with my administrative duties and determine priorities for field projects.
- Actively developing a comprehensive trails management plan for existing and future trails within the KRPUA. This process will provide an inventory of current trails, and provide an assessment of trail conditions and their impacts to fish and wildlife habitat. Each trail will be classified from Trail Class 1 (least developed) to Trail Class 5 (most developed). Any new trails constructed, upgrades, or re-routes will follow a sustainable trails framework.
- Act as the project manager on a four-mile re-route/ re-construction of the Rippy Trail. I drafted the contract for the trail prescription, and am currently developing a contract for its final construction. When completed, this trail will meet the criteria for a sustainable multi-use trail.

- Design and construct public meetings; this includes setting agendas, delegating action items, notifying participants of time and place, and establishing protocols. I have led public meetings for the Rippy Trail Re-route Project. These meetings gauged public interest in the new trail design and allowed them to voice their concerns and suggestions.
- Provide land use authorizations in the form of both Land Use Permits as well as Commercial Recreation Permits for all commercial and non-commercial activity, which takes place within KRPUA. Authorizations include ATV tours, jet boat tours, horse tours, flight seeing and dogsled tours; non-commercial authorizations include trail and habitat re-habilitation projects, heavy equipment use, as well as group events. Draft letters of non-compliance for activities that violate terms of land use authorizations.
- Process and authorize both private and public easements requests located within KRPUA. Review and comment on proposed easements vacations of section line easements, RS2477 rights of way and DNR reserved easements.
- Acting as project manager for the development and construction of the Maud Rifle Range. This range is designed to NRA range standards and will meet requirements set forth in the Environmental Protection Agencies Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges. Project startup costs were provided through grants received from the NRA and Friends of NRA. I am currently managing these grant monies and have allocated funds to the initial site clearing, site survey, wetland delineation, subsurface geo-tech survey as well as a comprehensive design and engineered blueprints. An additional \$400K has been allocated for this project in the governor's FY 2014 budget and I am currently drafting a contract for construction of the range, which will occur spring 2014. Collaborations on this project include those with Alaska State Parks, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, DOWL-HKM consultants, DNR's Division of Forestry, National Rifle Association, and interested members of the public.
- Coordinate and implement a Region wide trespass and unauthorized uses program. This includes developing set procedures for consistent implementation by all staff, serving notice of unauthorized use and drafting additional statutory and regulatory language as needed.

**October 2011- December 2012: Natural Resource Technician II (Permitting)- GG12-
Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land and Water
Supervisor – Clifford Larson-907-269-8508- clifford.larson@alaska.gov**

- Responsible for the administration and management of 125 Seasonal Land Use Permits (LUP). These permits authorize the temporary use of state land or resources for up to five years. Provide authorizations for big game guiding camps, sport fishing camps, outdoor leadership groups, commercial filming, grazing, and dog mushing operations on over 100 million acres of state of Alaska lands.

- Responsible for the administration and management of 200 Commercial Recreation Permits. A Commercial Recreation Permit (CRP) is required for any commercial recreation operator or business using State owned land managed by the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) to locate short term (portable) camps that will remain overnight or up to, but no longer than, 14 days in any one location. The CRP can be issued to cover short-term (portable) camp use on a seasonal or year round basis.
- Drafted and implemented special stipulations for each authorized Land Use Permit.
- Use a bonding matrix to determine the appropriate surety level each operator must have in place prior to authorization.
- Proficient in the State of Alaska's Internet based Land Administration System (Web LAS), which is a computer record system that tracks all actions affecting each permit.
- Provided a 30-day public comment period for any new Land Use authorization I administered, all comments received were addressed when the Memorandum of Decision is issued.
- Commonly interacted with the public on a daily basis through email, phone and in person meetings to assist them in obtaining land use authorizations. This ensures that the state of Alaska maintains a high standard of customer satisfaction.
- I am proficient in using status plats, Geographic Information Systems, ALLTOPO program, and area plans to determine if customer requests for land use authorizations are allowed in specific areas.
- I conducted field inspections and wrote reports to ensure that permit stipulations were being met and camps are kept clean and orderly and are in the location stated on their permits. These field inspections occur in remote areas accessed by fixed wing aircraft, helicopter, inflatable rafts, snow machines, ATV's and hiking. All travel requests are authorized prior to departure and safety protocols are followed.
- Worked closely with other agency groups including the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska State Historic Preservation Office, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation, Alaska Native Corporations, state municipalities and boroughs and other private organizations to ensure they have the opportunity to comment on proposed land use decisions prior to authorization.
- Completed a semester long internship with the state of Alaska in order to fill requirements for a Master's of Science Degree in Park and Resource Management from Slippery Rock University. This internship culminated in a special project completed for the State of Alaska looking at the feasibility of administering a Public Use Cabin program through the Division of Mining, Land and Water. To fulfill these duties I met with other recreation managers from agencies including the United States Forest Service, Alaska

State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service who all currently manage public use cabin programs in the state of Alaska. In addition this internship required me to reflect on different aspects of my work with AKDNR including permit administration, dealing with the public, challenges, projects I am working on and future endeavors.

February 2010 – September 2011: Forestry Technician (Minerals) GS-6
U.S. Forest Service, Seward, AK.
Supervisor- Karen Kromrey- 907-288-7745- kkromrey@fs.fed.us

Mining Operations Inspection - 50%

- Inspected, evaluated and documented over 30 active mining operations for compliance with approved plans of operations. Inspections were documented in electronic files and follow up correspondence was sent to the operators if necessary. These inspections occurred in remote locations commonly accessed by hiking, ATV's, watercraft and aircraft. Safety protocols were consistently followed and included check in/ checkout procedure with dispatch and supervisors, the use of proper personal protective equipment, the safe use of firearms and bear spray, trip briefing as well as tailgate safety sessions.
- Assisted the Minerals Administrator with processing new and existing plans of operation and drafted official letters in the correspondence database including acknowledgement letters and project initiation letters.
- Assisted with generating decision memos, which comply with the National Environmental Protection Act, 36 CFR 228, FSM 2800, and FSH 2800.
- Actively worked with mining operators to promote clean, neat mining operations and to restore impacted areas through ongoing reclamation. I became familiar with both large and small-scale mining operations. This included both placer and lode operations. I have worked around and become familiar with equipment such as various size suction dredges, high bankers, wash plants, trommels, sluice boxes, large earth moving equipment, drill rigs and processing plants. Reclamation techniques and associated bonds are determined by the scope of work proposed in the plan of operations. The types of reclamation I have been exposed to include ongoing operation considerations such as storm water run-off as well as site safety and security. I have dealt with Haz-mat mitigation, water treatment, removal of structures and associated facilities, earthwork, revegetation, and environmental considerations including stream restoration, habitat enhancement, and adit closures. I also have experience with long-term considerations such as water monitoring and on-going safety.
- Organized the 30-year record of the District's largest operator Hope Mining Company into a volumized searchable database.
- I have expedited specialist reports by guiding wildlife biologists, ecologists, archeologists and fisheries biologists to proposed operation locations, assisting them with field work,

explaining mining operations, providing background information, maps and ensuring their safety.

- Established a positive working relationship with mining operators. This includes assisting with modifications to operating plans, clarification of Forest Service policies, regulations and procedures, maintenance of locked gates, and access issues.
- Researched land status, maps, titles, quit claim deeds, affidavit of annual labor and claim maintenance fees associated with current and past mining claims to determine ownership.
- Responsible for the supervision and leadership of a three-person field going crew. I was instrumental in the hiring process for the 2010-2011 field crews; this included checking references, applicants' background information and conducting interviews.
- Set and organize a work plan and schedule for a crew of three people and myself.

Unauthorized Occupancy Mitigation- 40%

- Took the lead on researching the background of unauthorized structures throughout the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts. I compiled a complete and accurate record of all information on these structures. This compilation of records includes structure names and locations, accurate GPS coordinate, past or current claimants, photographs, maps, bonds in place, drainage locations and contact information.
- Coordinated and removed over 15 of these unauthorized structures. This included dismantling structures and acting as foreman during the demolition process. Combustible materials were often burned on site and non-combustible debris were removed via helicopter, ATV, boat, pickup truck and trailer and taken to the local landfill.
- Draft official letters to the responsible parties for structure removal.
- Effectively communicate with my superiors including the District Ranger and Forest Leadership team. I work closely to coordinate projects not only with the forest geologist, minerals staff officer, and minerals administrator but also with my crew and mine operators.
- Compiled briefing papers and a chronology of events in regards to these unauthorized occupancies for distribution to the District Ranger, Forest Supervisor, Forest Leadership Team, and Congressional Representatives.
- Coordinate teamwork and promoting partnerships between resource groups to ensure the successful completion of projects. This has been especially important in the removal of unauthorized cabins, and completion of environmental analyses and NEPA documentation.

Abandoned Mine Lands- 30%

- Mitigate physical hazards associated with Abandoned Mine Lands (AML). I have assisted in closing several adits and shafts with polyurethane foam, bat gates, backfill as well as blasting. After closure, the sites were reclaimed to restore aesthetics and wildlife habitat.
- Negotiated contracts through FedBizOps to have bat surveys completed and bat gates installed. Monitored work to ensure compliance with contracts.
- Worked with contractors to fabricate and install bat gates
- Inventory and inspect new AML sites and monitor sites we have closed.

Mineral Materials- 20%

- Monitored use on the forests six active mineral material sites. Sites were checked frequently for cleanliness and to make sure users have a current permit.
- I am a current Mineral Materials SPEEDO manager, which allows me to issue free-use or sale permits up to 200 short tons.

May 2008- January 2010: Forestry Technician (Minerals) GS-5

U.S. Forest Service, Seward, AK.

Supervisor- Karen Kromrey- 907-288-7745- kkromrey@fs.fed.us

- Inspected, evaluated and documented mining operations for compliance with approved plans of operations.
- Assisted Minerals Administrator with processing new and existing plans of operation and drafted official letters in the correspondence database including acknowledgement letters and project initiation letters.
- Researched and compiled data on unauthorized structures throughout the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts. This includes structure names and locations, accurate GPS coordinate, past or current claimants, photographs, maps, bonds in place, drainage locations and contact information.
- Assisted with drafting official letters to the responsible parties for structure removal.
- Inventory and inspect new AML sites and monitor sites the district has closed.
- Worked closely with The Alaska Department of Natural Resources to fund and close a water filled shaft on the District.

- Monitor use on the forests six active mineral material sites. Sites are checked frequently for cleanliness and to make sure users have a current permit.
- Presented at the Chugach National Forest's annual Environmental Awareness Days. I taught children in the K-5 age groups about the history of mining on the Kenai Peninsula as well as how to pan for gold.
- Volunteered to help with training and certification such as ATV safe rider course and new employee orientation.
- Supervised two seasonal employees during the 2009 field year.

**May 2007-October 2007-Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails) GS-4
U.S. Forest Service, Wisdom, MT
Supervisor- Bob Hutton-406-689-3243- rhutton@fs.fed.us**

- Responsible for the maintenance of 350 miles of trail in wilderness and non-wilderness settings.
- Monitored, assessed, and made improvements to wilderness and non-wilderness recreation sites. This included campsite restoration, fire ring removal, trash removal and visitor contacts.
- Major projects were the re-construction of the historic Nez Perce trail that led to the Big Hole National Battlefield. This work employed naturalization techniques in compliance with historic trail reconstruction practices.
- Supervised a ten-person Montana Conservation Corps. crew for two weeks on a trail maintenance trip through the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness area. Instructed crew in proper techniques and skills necessary in a designated wilderness area. This included Leave no Trace ethics, correct use of a crosscut saw and double bit axe, how to sharpen tools and trail maintenance methods.
- Worked closely with members of the Nez Perce tribe and supervised a group of current tribal members on the re-construction of the historic Nez Perce trail.
- Served as a point of public contact at road closures within the forest when wildfires were present on the district.
- Proficient in the safe use and maintenance of tools common to forestry technician duties including shovels, pulaskis, hand saws, cross cut saws, double-bit axes, picks, mcclouids, and chainsaws.

May 2004- October 2006: Laborer (Cabin Construction) WG-3
U.S. Forest Service, Seward, AK
Supervisor- Patrick Cook- 907-288-7711- pcook@fs.fed.us

- Maintained and monitored 18 public use cabins. Work took place in remote settings accessed by floatplane, hiking, biking or ATVs.
- Made direct contact with the public on a daily basis.
- Responsible for the replacement of two cabins on the district. Devils Pass Cabin and Romig Cabin. These structures were replaced with new cabin kits, which were transported to the site via helicopter and ATV.
- Inventoried cabin sites and made suggestions as to improvements that could be made. It was my responsibility to generate materials lists and make sure all items were accounted for prior to trips.

Trainings/ Certifications/ Additional Skills

- **2014 USFS/ BLM Alaska New Leader Program Graduate.**
- **NEPA Analysis for Environmental Assessments:** 24 hr training.
- **Helicopter Manager-S-372:** 40 hr course completed 4/2014.
- **MSHA Part 48 Surface Training.**
- **Locatable Surface Minerals Management:** 40 hr training focusing on the administration of BLM's 3809/3715 regulations as they pertain to mining operations.
- **Minerals Administrator training:** This 40 hr USFS training covered concepts including locatable and mineral material laws, regulations and authorities; processing a proposed operating plan including reclamation and bonding; identifying appropriate reclamation techniques and equipment for mineral operations, as well as administering an approved operating plan in the field.
- **Abandoned Mine Safety training:** This 40 hr USFS training covered topics including listing and describing surface and underground mine development features and reading and using surface and underground mine maps; identifying and documenting hazards associated with abandoned/ inactive surface and underground mines and small active surface operations, as well as safe work practices and safety equipment used in mining operations.

- **Helicopter Crew Member trainee S-271:** This training included objectives such as readiness; effective working relationships; ICS concepts and principles; communications; helicopter performance, limitations and load calculations; risk management; operational safety; helispot operations as well as demobilization. I was able to apply these skills when removing debris from unauthorized structures with the U.S.F.S. I hooked and unhooked loads, preformed load calculations, and constructed loads for backhaul.
- **Alaska Land Manager Law Enforcement Training:** this AKDNR training covered topics including Division of Mining, Land and Water enforcement authority/ policy; compliance tools; field contacts; decision making in enforcement actions; field documentation; scene investigation; working with other agencies; safety; legal issues; professional communication maxims; redirecting behavior with words; conflict resolution; evidence handling; courtroom testimony; and citation writing. The course culminated in five days of field practicum with the instructor.
- **Sustainable Trails/ Trail Design/ Trail Layout course:** topics included sustainable design elements, grade reversals, control points, map layout, initial ground reconnaissance, preliminary flag lines, construction marking, tread structure, tread bench, sweep turns and switchback layout and geometry. The course culminated in a field practicum in which we laid out a 250-foot trail across varying side slopes and terrain features, designed a sweep turn layout as well as a switchback.
- **Wilderness First Responder** certification current until April 2015.
- **40 hour HAZWOPER**
- **Type-2 wild land firefighter/ Certified B chainsaw faller**
- **Aviation Use Safety, Defensive Driving, ATV Safe Rider Course, Snowmachine User Safety and Maintenance**
- Review, rewrite, and modify Job Hazard Analysis, initiate tailgate safety sessions, organize district-wide safety meetings, mitigate daily hazards as they arise and take advantage of training opportunities beyond basic requirements.
- I am proficient in the use of field equipment necessary to fulfill duties of a forestry/ natural resource technician. This equipment includes GPS, topographic maps, compass, and communication devices, air monitors, digital photographic equipment, underwater video cameras and various measuring devices.
- My office skills include proficiency with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Arc Map, and ALLTOPO, Alaska Mapper.

Awards

2011-U.S. Forest Service Certificate of Merit- For outstanding contribution to the Chugach National Forest Minerals program through inspections of mining operations and removal of unauthorized mining structures and equipment.

2010- U.S. Forest Service Certificate of Merit- For leadership and superior effort in elimination of unauthorized structures related to mining claims across the Seward Ranger District.

2009- U.S. Forest Service Certificate of Appreciation- For outstanding leadership in the Minerals Management program on the Seward Ranger District in ensuring mining operation inspections were being completed in a timely manner, developing and implementing various contracts, and researching and implementing removal plans for trespass structures.

Graduate/ undergraduate level coursework

Slippery Rock University graduate-level courses completed 2010-2012.

PREE 654-Natural and Cultural Resources Law- 3 Credits- Grade Received A. Provided a working knowledge of natural and cultural resources law and policy including history of natural resources law. Case studies were examined based on their contribution to the development of natural and cultural resources law. Topics of study included wildlife and biodiversity, living marine resources, protected lands, water, rangelands, minerals, and forests. Final presentation covered topics associated with mining on public lands.

PREE 680-Environmental Education- 3 Credits- Grade Received A
This course covered the infusion of environmental education (EE) into traditional and non-traditional (i.e., formal and informal) learning environments. Emphasis was placed on large- and small-scale curriculum integration projects, school-wide programming, and mastery of environmental education-associated teaching methodologies. The history and philosophy of environmental education was covered as well as a review of educational approaches leading up to the current status of environmental education. National and state guidelines in environmental education were also examined.

PREE 675-Recreation Resources Management- 3 Credits- Grade Received A
Provided a working knowledge of the principles and practices useful in the management and planning of natural and cultural resources for maximum recreational use while preserving them for future generations. This course required the use of previous learning in solving problems (challenges) that face park and resource management professionals on a day-to-day basis.

PREE 686- Management Strategy in Parks and Recreation- 3 Credits- Grade Received A.
This course developed and strengthened managerial skills such as planning, human relations, time management, and leadership. It covered various theories and components of management in a practical context. Corporate practices and examples were used to help illustrate successful corporate business strategies.

PREE 619- Environmental Grant Writing- 3 Credits- Grade Received A

This course provided advanced information and skills writing, with an emphasis on the environmental and educational grant potential. I learned how to search for appropriate grant sources, the intricacies of grant writing from both the scientific and sociological venues, as well as grant-related nuances. I prepared a final grant proposal for the design, installation and maintenance of an informational kiosk at a heavily used recreation site near Moose Pass, AK.

PREE 799- Research Methods- 3 Credits- Grade Received A

A practical course in using research to study recreation, park, and resource management problems.

PREE 673- Ecosystem Management- 3 Credits

This course examined the principles and practices of ecosystem management. An examination of the ecological concepts and processes that underline ecosystem integrity is followed by an analysis of the role of humans in shaping and managing ecosystems, including institutional and socioeconomic considerations.

PREE 681- Environmental Issues- 3 Credits

A course designed to develop skills in the identification, investigation, evaluation, and solution of environmental problems and issues. Students will learn how to use these skills, in formal and non-formal educational situations, in the development of an environmental literate citizenry.

PREE 750- Internship- 6 Credits

A supervised off-campus work experience in an appropriate area of Park and Resource Management. Internship was completed with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources as a Natural Resource Technician II in charge of providing land use authorizations for commercial activities on state of Alaska lands. Final project was a feasibility study in administering a public use cabin rental program through the Division of Mining, Land and Water.

Humboldt State University undergraduate- level courses completed during the 2001-2004 academic years:

GEOG 311- Geographic Research and Writing- 4 Credits- Grade Received A

This course covered the use of library resources and research tools. It emphasized geographic methodologies, academic writing, and presenting. I completed a research paper and presentation on the effects of acid rain on the Adirondack Mountains.

NRPI 110- Natural Resource Conservation- Grade Received B

This course covered broad aspects of conservation including the history of humanity in relation to land use; human populations in relation to resources; history of the conservation movement; and present day conservation problems.

NRPI 210- Public Land Use Policy Management- Grade Received B+

This course provided an overview of public lands including a historical view of major statutes, agency evolution, and resource management policies.

GEOG 216- Introduction to Mapping Sciences- 3 Credits-Grade Received B

This course provided a general overview of global positioning systems (GPS), traditional land surveying techniques, coordinate systems, scale, direction, projections, geographic information systems (GIS), cartography, geodesy, and remote sensing.

NRPI 310- Introduction to Natural Resource Planning- Grade Received B

This course covered the history of resource and land-use planning, planning theory, planning processes, and land development in the US. It provided an overview of current resource and land-use planning processes and techniques at local, regional, state, and federal levels.

GEOG 411- Senior Field Research- 4 Credits- Grade Received A

This course taught techniques of field observation, sampling, and analysis using mapping procedures and the interview. It focused on a particular field problem with report writing as part of the experience. My senior thesis was titled, "The Effects of Cattle Grazing on Southwest Desert Soils."

Professional References:

Clifford Larson (Natural Resource Manager) - Alaska Department of Natural Resources- South-central Regional Office (907) 269-8508

Karen Kromrey (Public Services Staff Officer)- Minerals Supervisor- Chugach National Forest- (907) 288-7745

Kathy VanMassenhove (Natural Resource Specialist)- Special Uses Supervisor- Chugach National Forest- (907) 743-9542

Tim Hammond- (Supervisory Physical Scientist) - Bureau of Land Management Supervisor- (907) 474-2210

Highley, Pam

From: Wall, Bruce
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Highley, Pam
Subject: FW: Cooney Moose Pass APC Re-Appointment Request

From: Mike Cooney [<mailto:mcooney@arctic.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 6:49 AM
To: Wall, Bruce
Subject: Cooney Moose Pass APC Re-Appointment Request

Bruce,

Sorry I have not been in touch with you sooner, as I have been fishing in the backcountry of Montana and only returned late last night. Please forward this email to the Mayor's office as my request to be reappointed to another term on the Moose Pass APC. If a more formal request is required, I'd be happy to draft and submit one.

Thanks, Mike

Mayor Mike Navarre
Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 North Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7599

Mr. Navarre,

I'd like to serve an additional term on the Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission.



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