

Surface Mining Advisory Committee

9 vacancies –

1 Vacancy - Applicant must be a civil or geo-technical engineer with no direct or indirect financial business ties to the industry

1 Vacancy – Applicant must be a surface mining material user, current member eligible to reapply

1 Vacancy – Applicant must be a Geologist, current member eligible to reapply

1 Vacancy – Applicant must be a citizen who lives in close proximity to active mining or mineral overlay areas

2 Vacancies – Applicants must be members of the surface mining industry

1 Vacancy – Applicant must represent the Forestry industry

1 Vacancy – Applicant must be an Ecologist, current member eligible to reapply

1 Vacancy – Applicant must be an Environmental consultant

Committee advises the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department and the Whatcom County Council on implementing a surface mining regulatory program consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Applicants:

Brent Cowden – Member of Surface Mining Industry

Ryan Devries – Member of Surface Mining Industry

Dustin Gleaves – Incumbent - Ecologist

JACK LOUWS
County Executive

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Surface Mining
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: Brent Cowden Date: 12/19/18
Street Address: 3655 Siper Lane
City: Everson Zip Code: 98247
Mailing Address (if different from street address): _____
Day Telephone: 360 739 5269 Evening Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-mail address: brent@cowdeninc.com

- Name of board or committee-please see reverse: Surface Mine Advisory Committee
- You must specify which position you are applying for. Please refer to vacancy list. member of surface mine industry
- Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? (If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) yes () no
- Which Council district do you live in? () One () Two Three () Four () Five
- Are you a US citizen? yes () no
- Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes () no
- Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? () yes no
If yes, dates: _____
- Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? yes () no
If yes, please explain: Cowden Inc
- Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? () yes no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education.
currently President of Cowden Gravel & Ready Mix, whatcom County's largest supplier of gravel & ready mix. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University.

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission:
Decisions regarding surface mining have a significant influence on my family business.

References (please include daytime telephone number): Steve Cowden, past committee member (360) 739 4042
Mike Hammes, owner Ram Construction (360) 815-1144

Signature of applicant: [Signature]

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Surface Mining
Advisory Committee
member - Surface Mining Industry

NaDean Hanson

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Ben Glassett; Jill Nixon; Suzanne Mildner; Kristi Felbinger; Dana Brown-Davis; Executive; NaDean Hanson
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application

Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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First Name	Ryan
Last Name	Devries
Date	1/7/2019
Street Address	1610 Gala Ct
City	Bellingham
Zip	98226
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	3602390253
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	ryan.devries@gcinc.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Surface Mining Advisory Committee
Surface Mining Advisory Committee (SMAC) Position:	Member of surface mining industry
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 3
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	No
8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	Yes
If yes, please explain	I work for Granite Construction, on occasion Whatcom County Public Works purchase materials from Granite construction for road maintenance based on the annual supply bid for rock and asphalt.
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to	<i>Field not completed.</i>

the following questions

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I am the assistant plant manager for Granite Construction in Western Washington, living in Whatcom County my primary function is managing our aggregate and asphalt business in the county. This includes but is not limited to the Singer Pit one of the largest aggregate reserves in the county and by far the most active. I have been involved with Wilder/Granite since 2003 and visited the singer pit regularly as long as I can remember as my father worked for the company for many years prior. I have seen the pit transform over the years from before I had a managing role in it to now where I am the primary person in charge of Granites resources in the county. I work together with our Resource Manager James Essig to evaluate and manage our reserves and feel that I have a lot to offer the SMAC with my years of experience and day to day involvement in the aggregate business. In the last few years we have expanded to several other aggregate sites in the county, Including the Mission and Sorenson reserves. Granite is an active member in the aggregate community of Whatcom county and I appreciate your consideration in my addition to the SMAC.

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

Community involvement is important to me and I feel that this is another way I can get involved, give back to an industry I care about, share my experience and provide input in the decision being made about the future of the aggregate business in our county.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

James Essig Resource Manager Granite Construction 360-410-8117 Brent Cowden CEO Cowden Gravel and Ready Mix 360-739-5269 Lane Stremler, Stremler Gravel. 360-815-1073

Signature of applicant:

Ryan Devries

Place Signed / Submitted

Everett / Washington

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Position - Ecologist - Incumbent

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First Name	DUSTIN
Last Name	GLEAVES
Date	1/7/2019
Street Address	3064 Bayview Dr
City	Bellingham
Zip	98226
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	12063909480
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	dustingleaves@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Surface Mining Advisory Committee
Surface Mining Advisory Committee (SMAC) Position:	Ecologist
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 3
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	Yes
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	October 2018 to present
8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<u>Dustin.Gleaves.CV.pdf</u>
9. Please describe your	Occupation - Teaching Assistant of Environmental Studies,

occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

WWU. Commissioner, Whatcom Co. Fire Dist. 8. Qualifications and Education- M.A. Environmental Studies, B.S. Environmental Science. 2 years as teaching assistant at WWU for courses including physical geography, biogeography, GIS, climatology, and statistics.

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

I seek to apply my ecology expertise to improve and serve my community.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Dr. Aquila Flower Title: Professor Relationship: Professor, thesis advisor, and supervisor Known for 5 years Phone: (360) 650-6487 Email: aquila.flower@wwu.edu --- Dr. Andy Bach Title: Professor Relationship: Professor and supervisor Known for 5 years Phone: (360) 650 - 4774 Email: andy.bach@wwu.edu --- Dr. James Helfield Title: Professor Relationship: Professor and faculty advisor Known for 4 years Phone: (360) 650-7285 Email: james.helfield@wwu.edu --- Benjamin Hagedorn Title: Graduate Teaching Assistant Relationship: Junior coworker at WWU, previous field work assistant Known for 2 years Phone: (206) 617-3507 Email: hagedob2@wwu.edu --- Christopher Trinies Title: Graduate Teaching Assistant Relationship: Coworker in same laboratory at WWU Known for: 4 years Phone: (206) 660 – 3088 Email: ctrinies@gmail.com

Signature of applicant:

Dustin Gleaves

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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Dustin A. Gleaves

Ecologist, GIS Expert, and Environmental Scientist

dustingleaves@gmail.com

(206) 390-9480

3064 Bayview Dr.
Bellingham, WA 98226

GIS portfolio at www.dustingleaves.wordpress.com/portfolio

Education

Western Washington University

Master of Arts - Environmental Studies, Geography. 2016 – 2018

Western Washington University

Bachelor of Science - Environmental Science, Terrestrial Ecology. 2013 - 2015

S. Seattle College

Associate's Degree, 2004 - 2006

Experience

Co-founder, Woodhouse Laboratories

March 2017 - Present

Co-founder and Chief Operations Officer of a startup microbiology laboratory. Responsibilities include overseeing laboratory testing, regulatory consulting, financial reporting, client services, vendor relations, supply chain management, and guiding company vision through startup phase of the company.

Commissioner, Whatcom County Fire District 8

November 2017 - Present

Elected office overseeing provision of fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property for Marietta neighborhood and Lummi Nation. Approves district's annual and monthly budget, advises planning, and provides public oversight of operations.

Graduate Teaching Assistant at Western Washington University

September 2016 – June 2018

Instruct and administrate environmental studies coursework including GIS, statistical analysis, physical geography, demography, and climatology in a university setting for classes ranging from 30 to 120 students.

Sr. Training and Development Assistant at Intrepid Learning / The Boeing Company

April 2011 - September 2016

As a permanent contractor to The Boeing Company, instruct and administrate initial certification and annual re-certification of aerospace electricians, mechanics, and assembly personnel on-site at the Boeing factory in Everett, WA. Focuses included skills, environmental health and safety, and ethics training.

Materials and Quality Coordinator at Intrepid Learning / The Boeing Company

April 2010 - April 2011

Permanent contractor to The Boeing Company. Maintained and developed supply continuity for training and development functions for the Boeing Everett factory and greater Puget Sound region. Single point of contact for administrators and contractor representative to Learning, Training, & Development dept.

Teaching Experience

Western Washington University

- Introduction to GIS (2)
- Human Geography
- Biogeography
- GIS lab (2)
- Climatology
- Art & Science of Cheesemaking
- Physical Geography (6)
- Understanding Environmental Data

Intrepid Learning / The Boeing Company

- Recertification of mechanical skills
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Ethics and Accountability

Research History

Graduate Research at Western Washington University

Aug 2016 to Jun 2018

Responsibilities: Research project on dendrochronology, ecology, and habitat of Seaside Juniper (*J. maritima*) a rare endemic tree species. Performed GIS habitat modeling, dendrochronological analysis, and GPS site collection of sites throughout the Salish Sea.

Undergraduate Research at Western Washington University

Sep 2014 to Dec 2015

Responsibilities: Research project consisting of 80% unsupervised biology laboratory procedures. Performed lab research and field specimen collection of tree core samples for dendrochronological reconstructions of salmon population. Performed nitrogen isotope analysis procedures on samples of wood segments. The results of this project are published in the journal *Dendrochronologia*.

Publications

Bunn et.al, (2017). A solvent-based extraction fails to remove mobile nitrogen from western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*). *Dendrochronologia*, 44, 19-21.

Gleaves, (2018). "Dendrochronology of Seaside Juniper (*Juniperus maritima*)". *WWU Graduate School Collection*. 748. <https://cedar.wwu.edu/wwuet/748>

Grants

- 2016. WWU, Huxley College of the Environment. Huxley Small Grant. \$933
- 2017. WWU, Huxley College of the Environment. Dean's Fund for Sustainability. \$500
- 2017. WWU, Huxley College of the Environment. Dean and Sandy Blinn Fund. \$500
- 2017. WWU, Graduate school. Ross Travel Grant. \$350
- 2017. WWU, Huxley College of the Environment. Env. Studies Discretionary Fund. \$669

Awards

2018. *Association of Washington Geographers*. Best presentation by a Masters Student.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Gleaves, D., 2018. *The Dendrochronology of Seaside Juniper: A recently discovered rare tree species endemic to the Salish Sea.* Master's Thesis Seminar. Western Washington University. Bellingham, WA.

Gleaves, D. and Flower, A., 2018. *The Dendrochronology of Seaside Juniper: A recently discovered rare tree species endemic to the Salish Sea.* American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, LA.

Gleaves, D. and Flower, A., 2018. *The Dendrochronology of Seaside Juniper: A recently discovered rare tree species endemic to the Salish Sea.* Association of Washington Geographers. Bellingham, WA.

Committees

Feb. 2017 – Jun. 2018 WWU, *Huxley College of the Environment*, Graduate program committee.

Sep. 2018 – present *Whatcom County Council* Surface Mining Advisory Committee, Ecologist.

Skills

- Expert in ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, R
- Expert in statistical analysis of ecological data.
- Expert in dendrochronology, silvics, ecology, Pacific Northwest native plants
- Construction and facilities management experience
- SCUBA certified, PADI open water diver
- Fluent in American Sign Language
- Licensed Real Estate Broker, 2011-2013