

# Council Communication

## November 18, 2014 - Business Meeting

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### Appointment to Forest Lands Commission

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**FROM:**

Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

**SUMMARY**

Confirm Mayor's appointment of Luke Brandy to the Forest Lands Commission with a term expiring April 30, 2017

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

This is confirmation by the City Council on the Mayor's appointment to the Forest Lands Commission.

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.17.020

**COUNCIL GOALS SUPPORTED:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:**

None

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Motion to approve appointment of Luke Brandy to the Forest Lands Commission with a term ending April 30, 2017.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Application



# CITY OF ASHLAND

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email [christeb@ashland.or.us](mailto:christeb@ashland.or.us). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at 488-5307. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name Luke Brandy

Requesting to serve on: Wildfire Mitigation (Commission/Committee)

Address 955 Beswick Way, Ashland OR 97520

Occupation Forester Phone: Home 541-631-1277  
Work 541-618-2406  
Email lbrandy@blm.gov  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Northern Arizona University

What degrees do you hold? Bachelor's, Forestry

with an emphasis in Ecological Restoration

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?  
Wildland firefighter, Ecological Restoration Institute wildfire research assistant, US Forest Service and BLM Forester

### 2. Related Experience

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

Working as a ~~fire~~ fire fighter/forester on public lands is a highly visible position and requires a strong work ethic, leadership, teamwork, public speaking, and a love of the land, all of which I possess.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? I look forward to making

connections ~~with~~ with various municipal, non-profit, academic, private and governmental representatives.

I want to be updated on the latest research and new methods of spreading wildfire mitigation education to communities.



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

I spent my childhood  
falling in love with the forested ecosystem surrounding  
Ashland. The health, restoration, and protection of it is  
very important to me. It is why I became a forester.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings?

I have a very flexible  
schedule, but fire season is busy for me with suppression activities

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community?

Born and raised 19 years  
returned permanently in July.

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

Please see a brief summary of my work history  
which I have attached. I realize I am not  
applying for a job, so to speak, but it offers a  
clear and concise picture of my knowledge,  
skills, and qualifications.

9/19/14  
Date

[Signature]  
Signature



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Ashland, Oregon  
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Forester: Planning and Preparation

Medford BLM, Ashland Resource Area  
3040 Biddle Road  
Medford, OR 97504

My duties include planning, coordinating, and performing complex technical and leadership duties in support of forestry oriented, multiple use land management programs. I function in a role that aids the successful accomplishment of the Ashland Resource Area long-range forest management program, meeting the objectives of the Forest Plan, and providing solutions for technical, budgetary, staffing, and customer service needs related to forest management. I serve as a senior specialist on designated forest management projects and I perform a variety of functions in the areas environmental assessment preparation, reforestation, and landscape forestry/ecology.

Forester: Fuels Reduction Contract Manager

US Forest Service Canyon Lakes Ranger District  
2150 Centre Ave Bldg E  
Fort Collins, CO 80526 United States

My primary duty was the administration of complex fuels reduction contracts. On average I administered 5 contracts per year with a combined value in excess of 1.5 million dollars and total acres treated of 1,500. Contract administration is a highly interdisciplinary job, on any given day I could be coordinating between multiple resources, members of the public, and industry representatives. During the field season I regularly coordinated with and led groups from various local state and county offices, the Rocky Mountain Research Station, the Regional Forester's Office, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, industry, and private entities on field trips to view and monitor operations. The fuels reduction projects I administered often surround developments in the Wildland Urban Interface and I shared information and resources with interested landowners and would take their comments back to my District Ranger and resource specialists. I developed speaking skills to avoid adversarial situations and unnecessary conflict, while focusing on partnerships and team work to get the job done. I also participated in Interdisciplinary Team meetings as an expert in vegetation management systems and project implementation feasibility.

Forester: Planning and Preparation

US Forest Service Wild Rivers Ranger District  
26568 Redwood Hwy  
Cave Junction, OR 97523 United States

I performed all aspects of field work and contract preparation for vegetation management contracts. As an Interdisciplinary Team member, I attended coordination meetings to ensure that resource protection measures were in place during management activities. I maintained working relationships with local industry and environmental organization representatives and often fielded phone calls and had visits from interested parties who relied on me to relay pertinent information regarding resource concerns.

Forester: Contract Management

US Forest Service Feather River Ranger District  
875 Mitchell Ave  
Oroville, CA 95965 United States  
05/2004 - 01/2008

I inspected fuels reduction areas for contract compliance and made recommendations for rework or acceptance of different phases of work. I monitored vegetation management activities to ensure public safety, fire precautions, product accountability and resource protection. My reports detailed the various phases and quality of work taking place and were used to resolve disagreements and disputes with the contractors. I also worked with the district silviculturist to assess plantations for thinning and release needs. I recommended different types of treatment, such as hand release or mechanical release, based on environmental conditions, topography, and accessibility. Based on my field reconnaissance of the units, I gave recommendations for contract language and important items to include in the contract for resource protection. I functioned as an inspector for service contracts for planting, hand-thinning, and mastication of plantations.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Ecological Restoration Institute

Flagstaff, AZ United States

10/2002 - 05/2006

I worked in a dendrology lab analyzing tree cores and fire scars to develop climate and fire history models of the Southwest. I aided Graduate students in collecting and analyzing data for forestry projects, ranging from wildfire and public relations to wildlife and botany.

During the summer season I worked on a research crew measuring overstory and understory plots, took soil samples, and conducted wildlife surveys. I assisted in the conceptualization and implementation of a particular project to study the impact of downed woody material on grass and forb germination in previously barren areas. Using a computer database to record the data I collected from field work and from lab samples, I generated tables, graphs, and figures to be used in professional presentations.

Wildland Firefighter

Greyback Forestry Inc.

Merlin, OR United States

06/2001 - 10/2001

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

I participated in wildland fire suppression activities in Oregon and California. I helped maintain tools and other equipment for crew use. Also, I assisted in fuels reduction activities.

Education:

Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ United States

Bachelor's Degree 05/2006

GPA: 3.87 of a maximum 4.0

Major: Forestry

Honors: Magna Cum Laude