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Hello, everyone. I am a natural resources professional living in the Umpqua Basin since the spring of 2020. After I finished graduate school at Western Washington University, where I researched the statistical relationship between late summer streamflow and tree growth, I moved to Roseburg to work as a Hydro Tech at the Umpqua National Forest Supervisor’s Office. I spent two years at that job, where I ran the stream temperature program, Steamboat annual low flow measurements, and harmful algae monitoring at Diamond Lake. Between seasons at the Forest Service, I led a field crew for the Oregon State University College of Forestry, conducting forest ecology and fuels surveys in the Malheur and the Willamette National Forests. The connections I made at these jobs with folks in the local natural resources community led to my current position as the Environmental Specialist at the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians. I am currently building a robust water monitoring program on Tribal Forest land, formulating water quality standards that consider and protect Tribal water uses, and providing specialist input to proposed land management actions. I would relish the opportunity to represent the Cow Creek Tribe as an Alternate on the PUR Board of Directors.