

**Trout Lake Community Council Candidate
Interest Statement 2024**

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How long have you been a resident and a registered voter in the Trout Lake School District?

Please note: If you haven't voted in an election in the last five years, Klickitat Co. may have purged you from their registered voter list. Call the Klickitat Co. auditor at 509-773-4001 to check and/or register.

Resident: since 1991

Registered voter: since 1991

Please briefly describe why you are interested in becoming a member of the Trout Lake Community Council and what you can contribute to it.

I have served on the Council for quite a few years now, and my primary interest has been in land use planning. I've participated in the 1995 and 2010 attempts to update our subarea plan. Now that Klickitat County is preparing to update the County comprehensive plan, the Council has an opportunity to complete a subarea plan and have it adopted by the county.

The land use planning process is an opportunity for those of us who live here to think hard about what we want Trout Lake to be in the future. Growth is inevitable, but we can plan for it and guide it, to promote the general well-being and safety of everyone here. I continue to believe that despite political differences, which can run deep, we have some common ground to stand on and a shared interest in the future of Trout Lake. The planning process can help us find consensus, building on this common ground.

I have always described Trout Lake, to friends in other places, as a community where people see each other as people, individuals, because we see each other in so many different roles. People with different political beliefs meet at their children's events, or work together on some community event. We aren't one-dimensional or stereotypical to each other, at least most of the time.

The Council is also a fun place to be – thoughtful people with varied experiences and perspectives sharing a concern for Trout Lake. We learn, we share, and we put our efforts to serving the community.

I might be thinking of retiring from the Council, but the prospect of a subarea planning process, in cooperation with a county planning process, is too tempting. I ask for your vote to allow me to continue to participate in this process and in the work of the Council.

Sign and date Patricia L. Arnold September 4, 2024

Email your completed statement to TroutLakeCommunityCouncil@gmail.com or mail it to Trout Lake Community Council, PO Box 31, Trout Lake, WA 98650 no later than Friday, September 27, 2024.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Trout Lake Community Council.