

**Trout Lake Community Council  
Candidate Interest Statement 2022**

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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: 25 years                      Registered voter: 25 years

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

As a parent of a child who spent 1st through 12th grade at Trout Lake School and a teacher there for 15 years, I had the privilege of getting to know many of the children and adults in our community. I believe I earned people's respect and trust during that time and since as a member of the Trout Lake Community Council for the past 8 years.

Many changes have taken and are taking place in the community of Trout Lake, the mid-Columbia Gorge, our country, and the world. And the pace of those changes is ever increasing. Population growth, lack of internet access and affordable housing, wildfire preparedness, public safety, preservation of our natural resources, recreational opportunities, organic agriculture, and the rural feel of our little valley are some of the issues we face. I believe that we, as a community, can plan for and help put in place policies and practices to meet these challenges.

I believe that I can play a role in working to ensure that *positive* change is what happens by continuing my service to the community as a member of the Trout Lake Community Council. With vitally important input from all members of our community, ongoing efforts to educate ourselves about both the challenges and potential solutions, and a willingness to work for the common good, the Trout Lake Community Council can be everyone's forum for working to keep Trout Lake the place we all love.

I would appreciate your vote and look forward to listening to everyone, considering all points of view, and working to make sure that Trout Lake is still the best place to live now and into the future.

Sign and date Gail Phares September 15, 2022

Email your completed statement to [TroutLakeCommunityCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:TroutLakeCommunityCouncil@gmail.com)  
or mail it to Trout Lake Community Council, PO Box 31, Trout Lake, WA 98650

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