

⑥ Courtney Hart (Community or Pilot)?

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Board of Directors
Truckee Tahoe Airport District
10356 Truckee Airport Road
Truckee, California 96161



Dear Board of Directors:

I would like to express my strong interest in being considered for a membership position on the Truckee Tahoe Airport Community Advisory Team. In May of 2006 I graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and promptly relocated to Tahoe. For the past six years I have lived in the region and worked in a variety of positions, typically environmental in nature. In an effort to continue a familial legacy of community involvement, I have made an effort to volunteer my time to non-profits and in both Tahoe City and the Town of Truckee.

My attached resume indicates work in research, volunteerism, applied planning, and scientific evaluation. In the time I have spent working in the private, federal, and not-for-profit industries, I have become keenly aware of the importance of forming alliances and relationships in order to achieve common community goals. My work experience has exposed me to a broad range of personalities and situations where I had to be decisive, firm, and diplomatic, characteristics that will be important when dealing with the duties of this position. While living in this area, it has become apparent to me that the Truckee Tahoe Airport is an invaluable asset to our community and I would like play a role in the continuation of its positive impact in our region.

In 2008, my husband received his pilot's license from Jeff Fay and promptly bought his first airplane. In the following years we have purchased a house under the flight pattern (on purpose), upgraded from year-round parking on the tarmac to a warm and dry hanger, and watched the new terminal go in. Our vacations have transformed from long drives to short flights and as an aspiring pilot, general aviation has come to play a very large role in my life. As a voice for a younger generation, I hope to be able to participate in affecting change in our airport district. Noise abatement is clearly an ongoing topic for the airport, but I hope to tackle issues such as keeping general aviation affordable, making sure the airport's decisions represent flying and non-flying community members, and using resources to improve our community as well as the environment that brought residents to the area in the first place.

As a 6th generation Californian and full time resident of the Tahoe Basin, I very much want to participate as a steward of this incredible resource. I look forward to the opportunity to visit with you and demonstrate my qualifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney E. Hart". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

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EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley: B.A. Earth and Planetary Sciences, emphasis: Marine Science 2006

GPA: Overall 3.34

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Truckee River Watershed Council

(April 2012 – present)

Conservation Assistant: Working for Lisa Wallace (lwallace@truckeeriverwc.org) under public grant funds to implement the River Friendly Landscaping program in the Truckee River Watershed. Duties include multiple on-site evaluations for residential properties, creating detailed reports with treatment recommendations, and designing site plans for homeowners.

Trout Unlimited, Truckee, CA

(January 2012 – April 2012)

Internship: Working for David Lass (dlass@tu.org) coordinating community river enhancement projects, preparing grant proposals, and successfully completed permitting (USACE & LRWQCB) for fish spawning habitat gravel augmentation on the LTR.

USFS, Sierraville Ranger Station, Sierraville, CA

(June 2009 – October 2011)

Fisheries Biologist Technician (GS-6): Working seasonally under the eastside Fisheries Biologist (Deborah Ulrich: durich@fs.fed.us). Tasks include: collecting, analyzing, and assessing biological, physical, and ecological data, amphibian surveys (MYLF); thermister deployment and data analysis; design, coordination and implementation of fish species diversity study for meadow restoration on Tahoe National Forest; fish population studies using e-fisher, data entry and analysis. Assisted in various forest-wide projects including a large-scale pond and plug meadow restoration and fish analysis.

Tahoe Environmental Research Center, Incline Village, CA

(October 2010 – January)

Lab Technician/Intern: Working under lab director (Anne Liston: amliston@ucdavis.edu) in chemistry and biology lab. The labs at TERC run by UC Davis researchers were recently built and designed to provide objective scientific information for restoration and sustainable use of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Current involvement includes the analysis and comparison of fatty acid content in algae from a variety of locations.

Auerbach Engineering Corporation, Tahoe City, CA

January 2007 – January 2009)

Environmental Planner: Working primarily as an environmental permit facilitator for private civil engineering firm in Tahoe City. Securing permits with a variety of state and federal agencies as well as a variety of local utility districts and private land-holders. Prepared reports of investigations and findings including recommendations Familiar with NEPA and CEQA compliance.

Great Basin Institute, Reno, NV

(June 2006 – September 2006)

Bio-Assessment Field Technician: (Employed by Americorps & Division of Environmental Protection) Used EPA's REMAP protocol to study streams in Northern Nevada as part of two year project to survey stream health and habitat potential. Fieldwork included collecting biological data (micro-invertebrates, macro-invertebrates, water chemistry, sediments) as well as assessing the physical habitat (depth of water, fish habitat, water flow). Our group collected fish in streams using an electrofisher and/or seine.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

UC Berkeley R. C. Gump Research Station, Moorea, French Polynesia

(Fall Semester 2005)

IB 158 – Biology and Geomorphology of Tropical Islands: Traveled around Moorea and Tahiti studying the aquatic and marine biology of the islands and effects of world climate on select biospheres. Designed a research project, conducted weeks of field studies and wrote a scientific paper in journal format: Substrate Preference of *Fungia* on Protected Reefs of Moorea, French Polynesia.

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, UC Berkeley, California

(July 2005)

Geologic field expedition to Prince Rupert, British Columbia: Field Assistant to PhD candidate Sarah Brownlee under advisors Dr. Paul Renne (UCB/Berkeley Geochronology Center) and Dr. Lincoln Hollister (Princeton University). Collected a variety of rock samples in order to study the thermal history of deformed igneous plutons near the coastal shear zone.

OTHER:

Queen of Hearts Women's Fund

(present)

Member of grant committee, voting member, Chair of Fall 2012 GEMS event

Truckee River Watershed Council, Truckee, California

(2009 – present)

Volunteer, Project leader for Truckee River Day and Vail/Echo employee volunteer day

Proficient in Mac & PC. Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, Power Point), 4 wheel Driving, extreme work conditions, Certified Type II Firefighter and chainsaw operator. Experienced in: ArcGIS & ArcMap, Hoboware, Microsoft Access, SmartDraw, Photoshop