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Dustin Forest Cokely

I am an Environmental Planner at Camas LLC, specializing in NEPA compliance, permitting acquisition support, and ArcGIS Pro for cartography. I currently contribute to Camas by preparing NEPA documents for municipal housing projects, environmental impact analyses for FERC hydropower and electrical utility projects, supporting license acquisitions for FERChydropower projects, preparing Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, and navigating regulatory hurdles for public and private projects. I lead in outdoor data collection, primarily surface water sampling, managing field teams, and GIS analysis and cartography. I am passionate about forming and maintaining good client relationships through good communication, effective time management, and respect. I have experience and understanding in environmental analyses for a wide range of projects, from supporting local non profits to install a playground and perimeter fencing, to substation siting assessments, to the largest dam removal project in the world.

5 Years of Experience (December 2021-Present)
Medford, Oregon

Education

B.S. Environmental Science and Policy; Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR
September 2018 - June 2020

Trauma First Aid Certified 2024-2026
OSHA HAZWOPER Certified 2023-2026

Key Competencies

- NEPA/FERC Compliance
- Strategic field data sample collection planning, and handling
- Environmental Site Assessments
- Regulatory approvals and compliance
- Environmental impact analysis
- Open minded and solution driven

Skills

- Technical writing
- Geospatial analysis and Cartography
- Data/Files Management and Organization
- Data gathering, synthesis, and interpretation
- Methodical
- Strong communication, coordination, and delegation

Klamath River Renewal Corporation: Klamath Dam Removal Project:
From 2022 through 2024, I supported the Klamath Dam Removal Project (P-14803), the largest dam removal project in the world involving the removal of the J.C. Boyle, Copco 1, Copco 2, and Irongate dams along the Klamath River, in Oregon and California. I had various roles throughout the project, being able to collect surface water samples; conduct construction compliance monitoring; support the Emergency Action Plan development process; complete BLM Right-Of-Way permits; and create representative maps for meetings and permits throughout the project. I had the opportunity to collaborate with members of other project teams in regard to permit executions and compliance in both California and Oregon; this involved attendance, note taking, coordination with state and federal agencies, creation of maps and draft presentations for meetings, as well as multiple visits to the remote project sites to document conditions and collect field data.

Middle Fork Irrigation District - Clear Branch Dam Rehabilitation Project: FERC Hydropower Support
Since 2022, I have supported the Clear Branch Dam Rehabilitation Project, located in the Mt. Hood National Forest, and Hood River County, Oregon. The goal of the project is to stop seepage from the north abutment of the dam, to continue to provide water supply to the agricultural community of Hood River, Oregon. My role has primarily included cartography; technical review and editing of other project team maps, figures, tables, and graphs; impact analysis and draft authoring of the Land Use section for an Environmental Impact Statement document; and analysis and summarization of meetings, and public comments. The project has involved an incredible amount of coordination with the Forest Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) because the both parties claim jurisdiction over the dam and resources due to its location within the Mt. Hood National Forest, and a 1962 Watershed Work Plan agreement with the Soil Conservation Service, the predecessor to the NRCS. Additionally, coordination with all parties from the client, agencies, FERC consultants, and project teams required great attention to detail, and clear communication in all verbal and email correspondence due to agency consultant disagreements, challenges to data, and shifting regulatory compliance challenges.

Permitting Feasibility Analysis for Current Hydro
In 2025, I supported Current Hydro in an effort to install power generation at existing non-powered dams. This effort included five U.S. Army Corps lock and dams, four of which were located along the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania, and the last of which was located on the Illinois River in Illinois. My first role in these projects began with completing a Permitting Feasibility matrix for each project, which involved coordination with each municipality in which the existing lock and dams were located; coordination with other potential parties such as railways and energy companies which may also have jurisdiction over land and resources which could be impacted by the project;

estimating permitting fees; estimating labor hours to complete the necessary permits; and recording potential future permitting and construction challenges for each specific project and project location. The second role I had involved cartography, and an impacts analysis for the Dresden Lock and Dam project, which included a similar, but more comprehensive, assessment of potential permitting and construction challenges to support a FERC license amendment submission.

FERC Licensing Support for ReNew Energy Global, and B.Grimm Power

In 2025 and 2026, I supported projects by the two international hydropower developers, ReNew Energy Global, and B.Grimm Power. I had the great opportunity to assist both companies seeking to enter the U.S. hydropower market, and support the transition to new ownership. My role for both clients included data management, FERC regulatory compliance support, Land Use impacts analysis for FERC license applications, and cartography support for establishing FERC boundaries from historic documents and impacts analyses. Additionally, I supported B.Grimm Power in modifying project operations, converting the hydropower facility to a pumped storage facility. This process included thorough documentation of current and historic project operations and infrastructure; coordinating with FERC in regard to unaddressed changes and compliance issues; and creating the first digital record of the FERC boundary and project elements, taking into account years of unrecorded changes and poor recordkeeping, and state and federal land use changes of both the project lands and waterway.

Project Management, Characterization of Contamination Extent, and Field Data Collection of the Blue Ledge Mine Superfund Site, supporting the USEPA and EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc.

Since 2023, I have served as a Project Manager, leading field coordination with other interdisciplinary team members, and the USEPA. The superfund site, The Blue Ledge Mine (CERCLIS ID CAN000906063), is an abandoned copper, zinc, silver and gold mine located within a deeply remote area of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Mining Influenced Water (MIW) from the site poses a serious ecological risk to the immediate area, discharging extremely acidic water and dissolved metal ions into Joe Creek, Elliot Creek, and Applegate River, all part of the Dutch Creek-Elliott Creek watershed, and tributaries to Applegate Lake, an irrigation and flood control reservoir also located within the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, but within Jackson County, Oregon. The goal of the USEPA is to fully assess the level of contamination in waters and sediments occurring, from the mine, as well as from a waste rock repository, which finished construction around 2012. I conducted field data sampling for both water and sediments, managing all field team members to safely complete all sampling objectives, often over a 10 to 12 hour period carrying equipment and survival supplies during the summer and early fall periods. To complete the objectives of the USEPA, fragile survey equipment had to be safely transported around the rough terrain; some of this equipment has included Real-Time Kinematic Global Navigation Satellite System survey systems and handheld X-Ray Fluorescence spectrometers. Because of the remote location, supplies are not easily available, and creative solutions must be implemented; I have successfully installed a flume, concreted in place at one of the mine adits to collect MIW from the site; programmed and deployed data logging equipment and solar panels; a bench-scale treatability system to evaluate passive water treatment; installed physical barriers to restrict bears and other inquisitive wildlife from accessing areas or damaging sensitive data collection equipment; and have managed data collected from the site as well as physical equipment used for site operations.

Facility Acquisition and Permitting Feasibility Analysis

In 2023, I supported an undisclosed client reviewing available databases to determine the most feasible hydropower projects to acquire and update operations, through potential management changes, regulatory challenge solutions, and facility rehabilitations. In my role, I meticulously reviewed available databases of hydropower projects, and publicly available documents from the FERC eLibrary, to review all available data impacting potential profitability. Through this process, I created an "Information Package" for each feasible hydropower project acquisition, and a GIS interactive webmap, and Google Earth KMZ, which both included facility information, and notes regarding potential environmental challenges and costs associated with each facility.

PacifiCorp - Permitting and Construction Feasibility Studies

Since 2023, I have acted as an assistant project manager in supporting various PacifiCorp substation and communication infrastructure projects in the state of Oregon. These projects typically involve several coordination meetings to screen specific project factors; coordination with municipal planners; GIS support; and environmental risk and impacts analyses. Through these projects, I have assisted in growing Camas's working relationship with PacifiCorp, as many of these studies have led to additional contract work involving Phase I ESAs, and permit acquisitions.

Municipal NEPA Compliance

Since 2021, I have supported NEPA compliance and permitting support for the City of Medford, City of Grants Pass, Housing Authority of Jackson County, and the Josephine Housing and Community Development Council for various federally funded municipal planning projects. This support has included desktop analyses and preliminary reviews; NEPA Categorical Exclusions, Exemptions, Environmental

Assessment, and Tiered Reviews. These reviews entailed coordinating with the Responsible Entity, as well as developers, subcontractors, and organization staff to facilitate and execute the review and planning processes. Additionally, I have supported municipalities in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process, by drafting State and Tribal Historic Preservation Office letters, coordinating with archaeologists, and drafting Inadvertent Discovery Plans. These municipal projects included small rehabilitation efforts or replacements of accessory features at municipal owned properties and non-profit supported facilities; construction of affordable housing; park remodeling; day care, and elementary school remodeling and expansions; lead based paint removal; and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant accessibility feature installations.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessments

From 2022 to 2026, I supported municipalities, non-profits, PacifiCorp, and housing developers, in the completion of Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), to determine if contamination or other potential risks are present prior to development or property acquisition. Under the supervision of an Environmental Professional, I have conducted 12 ASTM International Standard E 1527-21 Phase I ESAs, within the State of Oregon. These ESAs have covered a variety of different parcels ranging from vacant parcels with no record of development, to developed residential and commercial parcels, to parcels with patchy histories of industrial activity, to Department of Energy cleanup sites.

Drinking Water Rehabilitation and Regulatory Compliance, Harbor Water People's Utility District, Harbor, OR

Since 2022, I have provided regulatory support for the critical rehabilitation of the drinking water collector for the Harbor Water People's Utility District for the unincorporated community of Harbor, Oregon. Severe erosion around the drinking water intake (Collector), located on the Chetco River, has led to saltwater intrusion, posing a significant risk to the integrity of the water supply. My role has included the development of a FEMA Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; development of a Joint Permitting Agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and Oregon Division of State Lands; pursuit of funding opportunities through FEMA and the State of Oregon; and GIS support.

Kern County Wind and Solar Utility Environmental Compliance Support

From 2022 to 2026, I have supported wind and solar operations, maintenance, and developments, located in Kern County, California for EDP Renewables, NextEra Energy Renewables, and Longroad Energy. My role on these projects has included GIS support; Incidental Take Permit acquisition and compliance; Lake Streambed Alteration Agreement acquisition and compliance; document records review, storage, and digitization; coordination with California State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Kern County officials; and completing a Joshua Tree census. To complete necessary maintenance and construction efforts within the sensitive desert habitat, all coordination with municipal and state agencies required great care, as well as understanding of historic agreements and regulatory texts.

City of Crescent City - CEQA Support - Beachfront Park Upgrades

In 2023 and 2024 I supported the development and completion of the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of Crescent City in its effort to redesign and upgrade Beachfront Park. Beachfront Park is the largest public park within the City, and is located on "beach front" at the southwest edge of the City. My role included GIS support; permit acquisition; and environmental impact analyses for the CEQA document. Permit acquisitions required close coordination with state agencies due to the location of the Park, as well as park designers to accommodate shifting design challenges.

The G.R.O.W., and Wicked Flower - Cannabis Farm Support

Prior to working within the environmental sector, from 2015 to 2021, I supported two cannabis farms within the Rogue Valley. My primary roles at these two facilities included management of farm labor staff; field safety coordination for farm labor staff; inspection of indoor and outdoor gardens and associated equipment; and supporting compliance with the Oregon Liquor License Commission, for recreational cannabis growth and sales between a farm and dispensary.

Business Support and Impactful Achievements

In addition to my normal project work, I have completed the following extraprofessional side ventures since 2021;

- Develop Standard Operating Procedures and guidance documents in regard to file management, standard research, cybersecurity, and A.I. use.
- Develop powerpoints and other guidance documents for cartographic design.
- Develop document and cartography templates for more efficient processes.

- Lead “all-hands” workshop in 2023, and 2025, covering hydropower generation and sales in the U.S.. These workshops involved an hour long presentation and follow-up Q&A sessions.
- Regularly research potential business development opportunities, and provide information to Management, especially municipal NEPA compliance contracts, hydropower initial development or relicensing, and hydropower compliance.
- Multiple workshops from state and federal agencies, and national laboratories to continue knowledge growth in HUD and FERC compliance; state regulatory compliance changes; and cartographic design.