

TRAVIS JOSEPH

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Dynamic, energetic, proven leader with a deep commitment to public service and problem solving
- 20 years of public policy experience with expertise in natural resources, forestry, and energy laws and regulations in the Pacific Northwest
- Skilled in building collaborative relationships, diverse coalitions, and practical solutions

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President/CEO

September 2015- present

American Forest Resource Council (AFRC)

- Manage staff and contractors, \$4 million annual budget, and strategic planning and implementation for non-profit that serves more than 50 manufacturing members with unique needs in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California.
- Expanded AFRC membership to include county governments and diverse stakeholders, increased annual revenue, and added membership services while reducing expenditures every year.
- Restructured internal organization to add strategic staff positions, including a General Counsel, Staff Attorney, Communications Director, and field coordinators to serve the short-term and long-term needs of AFRC's membership.
- Built Industry - Community engagement initiatives that promote natural resources education and that led to the sponsorship of three Habitat for Humanity homes in Oregon and Washington.

Director, Pacific Northwest Policy and Member Services

January 2015 – September 2015

U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Managed all federal transportation and infrastructure priorities for the Pacific Northwest, including projects relating to economic development, federal highways, bridges, waterways, and aviation.
- Organized, evaluated, and provided policy recommendations to Ranking Members on all federal transportation and infrastructure priorities for the 25 Democratic Members of the Committee.
- Worked with local and business stakeholders in the Northwest to identify barriers to transportation projects and fostered federal-state-local-private sector relationships to craft innovative solutions.
- Oversaw legislative staff on natural resources, forestry, and energy legislation and press strategies.

Senior Policy Advisor to Ranking Member Peter DeFazio

July 2013 – January 2015

U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Natural Resources

- Assisted in managing the Committee's daily operations, budget, and staff of 15.
- Developed overarching policy and communication strategies for issues under the Committee's jurisdiction with a focus on the Pacific Northwest and forest policy.
- Crafted bipartisan forest legislation that would create thousands of new Oregon jobs, provide revenue for critical public services like law enforcement, and improve forest health.
- Recruited a broad coalition consisting of Oregon's Congressional Delegation, members of the Oregon Legislature, county commissioners, and public and private interests to support forestry legislation.

Senior Legislative Assistant

August 2007 – July 2013

U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR4)

- Managed and prioritized Congressionally directed spending for Southwest Oregon and helped secure tens of millions of federal dollars for projects critical to Oregon's economy.
- Designed and advocated for a federal legislative agenda in the U.S. House of Representatives aimed at maintaining rural Oregon jobs and growing existing Oregon businesses.
- Advised the Congressman on foreign affairs, natural resources, and energy issues and represented him in hundreds of meetings with constituents, advocacy groups, the business community, and high-level officials, including on trips to Turkey, Israel, Taiwan, and China.
- Developed and maintained a vast professional network of federal, state, local, and business contacts.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

President and Board Member, Federal Timber Purchasers Coalition (Washington, D.C.)	2026- present
Co-Chair, Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee (Pacific Northwest)	July 2023- May 2025
Board Member (and past Chair), Keep Oregon Green (Salem)	2015- present
President, Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities (Portland)	2015- present
Member, Society of American Foresters	2016- present
Co-Chair, Forestry Subcommittee, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (Seattle)	2015- 2023
Member, Governor's Council on Wildfire Response, Mitigation Committee (Oregon)	2019- 2020
Member, Commissioner of Public Lands "Solutions Table" (Washington State)	2018- 2019

EDUCATION

M.Sc., London School of Economics and Political Science	September 2007
- Academic Program: Environment and Development - Thesis: "Organizational change and learning: the effects of state led climate change action on the Oregon Department of Energy" (received highest academic distinction).	

B.A., University of Oregon	March 2005
- Double Major: History/International Studies; Minor: Latin American Studies - Academic honors: <i>Summa cum laude</i>, Phi Beta Kappa	

Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum, Oregon Chapter	2021
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VOLUNTEER WORK

Board Member, Academic Achievement Center Foundation (Eugene)	2015- present
Board Member (and past Chair), Springfield Education Foundation (Springfield, OR)	2017- 2024
Literacy Tutor, EverybodyWins! (Washington, D.C.)	2008- 2012
Researcher, Water for Africa (London)	2006- 2007
Project Analyst, Oregon Clean Water Project (Eugene)	2006
Volunteer, Food for Lane County (Eugene)	2006
Intake Interviewer/Interpreter, Lane County Legal Aid Office (Eugene)	2004- 2005