



CLERK OF THE BOARD
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE
GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY BOARD**

APPLICANT NAME: Dalton Lee

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OCCUPATION: Business Owner (Wildtrail Tours) & Local Bike Advocate

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

1. Shane Harmon, Organizer of ORBE (Outdoor Resilience Building Experiences): [REDACTED]

2. Jenny Martinez, Chronic Absenteeism Social Worker (ASW, PPSC): [REDACTED]

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? NO

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

As a Humboldt local I have dedicated my time, experience, and career to improving the opportunities and experiences of youth, travelers, and fellow residents within our area. Through my work as a business owner in the adventure tourism sector and my roles within community-led cycling initiatives, I offer a unique perspective on achieving economic sustainability while prioritizing the responsible management of our outdoor resources. I believe that intentional community building is the most effective way to foster regional engagement and long-term trail stewardship.

By joining the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) Board, I intend to leverage my experience in navigating partnerships between local organizations, outdoor advocates, and governmental entities, which in turn will create lasting relationships that benefit the Great Redwood Trail. My background in developing educational programs, managing large-scale youth events, and connecting with outdoor enthusiasts of all abilities has equipped me with the collaborative skills necessary to drive productive interactions that will benefit the agency. I am eager to contribute to a project that will leave a lasting positive legacy for our local community and travelers from around the world. Thank you for your time and consideration.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME. (attached in email)

DATE: 04/13/2026

SIGNATURE: 

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Applications will be accepted via email at cob@co.humboldt.ca.us or by mail to Humboldt County Planning Commission, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501

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DATE RECEIVED, DATE APPROVED NOT APPROVED _____ 2/1/2024

Dalton Lee

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April 13, 2026

RE: Board of Directors Application

Dear Members of the Board,

Please accept this letter and the enclosed resume as a formal expression of my interest in serving on the Board of Directors for the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA). As the owner and operator of Wildtrail Tours, an adventure tourism company based in Humboldt County, I have spent the last several years gaining experience within local economic development, environmental stewardship, and increasing access to outdoor experiences for youth. I am eager to bring my professional background in outdoor guiding and my deep commitment to community-based cycling advocacy to the GRTA's mission of creating a world-class rail-trail system.

My career has been defined by a hands-on approach to building and maintaining recreational infrastructure. Since 2020, I have grown Wildtrail Tours from a small bike rental fleet into a thriving storefront in Old Town Eureka with over 40 electric and non-electric bicycles. Operating guided tours within Redwood National & State Parks and throughout Humboldt County has given me a direct understanding of the complexities involved in managing, creating, and maintaining healthy trail systems. This experience allows me to offer the Board unique insights into the needs of the local tourism industry and the practicalities of trail-based business operations.

I am particularly passionate about the GRTA's potential to foster community engagement and advocacy. Through organizing the Arcata Annual Bike Rodeo and facilitating bike programs for local youth, I have seen firsthand how accessible cycling infrastructure can transform lives and build local pride. I am committed to assisting the Great Redwood Trail Agency to be a premier destination for global travelers as well as a vital resource for the residents of Northern California.

Thank you for your time and for the vital work you do in preserving and improving our regional outdoor opportunities. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my experience as a guide, business owner, and Humboldt local resident can contribute to the success of the Great Redwood Trail Agency.

Sincerely,

Dalton Lee

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Professional Summary

Results-oriented adventure tourism business owner and community leader with extensive experience in outdoor guiding, youth program development, and community program creation. Proven track record of scaling small operations and fostering local partnerships within the Humboldt County tourism and recreation sectors

Education

Graduated with a Political Science & Environmental Studies Bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, 2012

Work Experience

Wildtrail Tours LLC, wildtrailtours.com

Owner and Operator Feb. 2020 - current

I operate a Humboldt county based bike rental and tour company. We offer guided tours in local parks as well as Redwood National & State Parks. With biking, hiking, and overnight camping tour options, I enjoy and spend a large amount of my time on bike trails and within protected redwood forests. Beginning in 2020, I started with 4 mountain bikes and have grown organically to occupy a storefront at Mendenhall Studios in Eureka, CA with 20 electric bikes and approx. 30 non-electric bike options as well as fully supported camping/backpacking gear rentals. I have a great understanding of the local tourism industry.

Bike Mechanic for City of Arcata Bikeshare Program

Mechanic and Local Bikeshare Liaison Aug 2022-current

Netra Katri, City of Arcata; City Engineer: nkatri@cityofarcata.org

- Routinely maintain bikeshare bikes and stations within Arcata.
- Provide feedback to contracted management (Tandem Mobility) on improvements for bikeshare program.
- Work independently to increase bikeshare ridership and awareness throughout the city and university.
- Promote the expansion of the bikeshare program locally to neighboring cities/areas.

Redwood Coast Vacation Rentals

Maintenance Technician May 2017- Oct. 2019 20-40 hr/wk, varied

Mike Reinman 1225 Central Ave. ste. #14 Mckinnleyville, CA 95519 707-496-8746

- Maintained private homes/vacation rentals and properties.
- Wide variation of tasks: routine maintenance, guest issues, new construction/remodel, and large projects.
- High level of confidentiality/responsibility with; issued company credit cards, property codes, guest privacy, etc.

Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park / Redwood National Park Roads Division

Senior Maintenance Aide Mar. 2014-Dec.2016 & NPS Maintenance Worker WG-05 Jul.-Sept. 2015

Mark Webberley & Shaun Bessinger: Supervisors, 500 Aubell Ln. Crescent City, CA 95531 707-465-7361

- Completed restoration of plumbing & electrical within park housing and managed inmate roofing crews.
- Operation of state vehicles up to one ton, 4x4's, tractors, and flatbeds with trailers.
- Extensive knowledge of all regional parklands.

Other Experiences

- Summer Camp Director - Jefferson Community Center (Pamplin Grove), July 2023, 2024
- Lead organizer for Arcata Annual Bike Rodeo - a youth focused safety festival teaching safe biking, 2024-present
- Eureka School Bike Class Program - Facilitator and creator of a school bike program for youth, 2026
- ORBE - Work with Shane Harmon to provide bike riding to local youth with ACE's, 2022-present
- CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) - Tourism Industry Liaison for Humboldt County, 2025

Certifications

Wilderness First Responder, attained in Jan. 2025

References

Jenny Martinez, ASW/PPSC Eureka School Chronic Absenteeism Social Worker (707) 822-5337, liaison for Eureka School Bike program

Jak Kirchubel City of Arcata Engineering Dept. (707) 825-2111, liaison for Arcata Annual Bike Rodeo Festival

Shane Harmon ORBE youth program (707) 845-4736 facilitates character building experiences for local youth