

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO KITTITAS COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Citizen boards and commissions are critical to the effective functioning of County government. We appreciate your interest in wishing to serve Kittitas County and ask that you complete this brief application. If you wish, please feel free to attach a fact sheet or resume to this application. This application form is considered a public document. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

**BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED.**

- Planning Commission
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KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Name: Gary W. Starkovich

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Business Phone: 1-541-915-6361 Home Phone: 1-509-933-1747

Email address: gstarkovich@elltel.net

**Education: (High school, name and location of college or university, year graduated, and degree):**

Graduate Ellensburg High School 1958

Graduate Lane Community College. Eugene Or. 1971 Associate Degree in Forestry.

**Current Employment: (job title, employer, employment date, contact, phone):**

Operations Manager, PatRick Corporation.. Employed 1995 to present. Ellensburg, Wa.

Employer: Rick Dice CEO 1-541-915-6373 1199 N.E. Hemlock Ave. Redmond, Or. 97756

I coordinate the management of two 20 person Fire Crews under contract with the states of Wa. & Or., and the U.S. Forest Service. Crews fight fire and do prescribed burning nation wide.

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**Special reasons for wishing to serve on the Board or Commission:**

I spent 26 years with the U.S. Forest Service living in rural communities and have always  
worked with local residence and community leaders for the betterment of those communities.  
I grew up in Cle Elum and Ellensburg and enjoy the people and what the Kittitas County has to  
offer. I now have the time and I'd like to give back to Kittitas County.  
I am a member of the Roslyn / Ronald Heritage Club, Cle Elum Eagles, American Legion Post  
8 Ellensburg ( past officer & board member.)

**What advisory panels, Boards/Commissions have you previously served on?**

I spent my career as a Fire Management Officer, as a staff officer I was a member of the  
interdisciplinary planning team, we planned many projects for many years that required us to  
work with the Public, Community Leaders, Tribal Members, and other agencies.  
I was a board member of the National Wildfire Suppression Association.

**Please list any training or experience you have that would be beneficial to serving on the Board or Commission:** I Managed a Ranger District fire program consisting of Engine Crews, Fire Crews,  
Lookouts, an aggressive prescribed burning program, Law Enforcement Officer, Fleet of  
Vehicles, and a building Maintenance Program. I for 8 years was the Incident Commander of  
the Mt. Hood Inter Agency Fire team. Suppressing Fires and assisting affected Communities.

**Are you available to attend board meetings during the day or evening M-F?** ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please furnish two references who could speak to your qualifications for the desired appointment:**

- Name: Phil Kelleher Phone: (H) 1-509-899-5761 (W) 1-509-925-1911  
Address: 602 North Pearl City: Ellensburg State: Wa. Zip: 98926
- Name: Mike Edrington Phone: (H) 1-503-667-6076 (W) 1-503-750-7816  
Address: 4295 Augusta Loop City: Gresham State: Or. Zip: 97080

Your application will be placed with others interested in serving on the same board or commission. When a vacancy occurs on the Board/Commission in which you have indicated an interest, the Board of County Commissioners may desire to conduct an interview.

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 3-14-2013

Please return completed form to:

**Board of Kittitas County Commissioners**  
205 W. 5<sup>th</sup>, Room 108  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
509.962.7508 FAX: 509.962.7679

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STARKOVICH, Gary W.

1977 to 1995

Fire Management Officer: Mt Hood National Forest, Bear Springs Ranger District

I developed comprehensive fire management plans for protection of valuable resources including long-range plans for fire prevention, and plans involving fire suppression, tactics, and strategy based on advanced knowledge of fire behavior, ground conditions, local weather history etc. I supervise the collection, summarization and compilation of data involving hazards and risks, critical environmental situations essential for effective control of fire on the district.

I contacted officials of industrial operations, local, county, State of Oregon, BIA and organized groups of forest users to enlist their cooperation in preventing, reporting and suppressing fires.

The Bear Springs District has approximately 500,000 visitor days per year, this resulted in maintaining a good strong full time prevention program. This consisted of educating the users of 19 designated campgrounds in an area on hours drive from the Portland metro area. On most weekends these campgrounds overflow into dispersed areas. I also administered a firewood permit system issuing permits to cut firewood in high hazard areas. Both of these programs required a sizable signing program and constant administration.

I initiated law enforcement and trespass investigations as they relate to fire management, and coordinated activities with the Wasco and Clackamas County Sheriffs Dept., Oregon State Police and the Oregon State Forestry. I possess a State of Oregon fire warden certificate and am a qualified fire investigator.

I developed and implemented the Districts complex fuels management program. I critically analyzed and recommended the most practical and economical means of treatment for a large annual accumulation of logging, precommercial thinning and site preparation slash. I also directed the broadcast burning or burning of piled fuels on approximately 4,000 acres annually. Coordinated with other District personnel responsible for resource programs to insure that necessary management criteria were met. This included modifying existing treatment practices and techniques as well as developing different ones.

I was instrumental in implementing an underburning program on the District to reduce man made and natural fuel accumulations. The program consisted of : 600 acres of underburning precommercial thinning slash, 100 + acres natural underburning and 600 acres of burning of meadows. The range improvement meadow burning occurred in the spring and fall, this resulted in a reduction of unwanted brush species and improving the palatability of the grasses. To accomplish this burning I collected and interpreted a complex assortment of topographic and fire behavior factors necessary to insure that planned burning and silvicultural objectives were met. Most of this type of burning is done in mixed conifer stands and flame heights and BTU's are critical to their survival.

I represented fire management as a full member of the Districts Management Team in writing Environmental Analysis Reports using an interdisciplinary decision making process.

- 1974 - 1977 Assistant District Fire Management Officer: USFS, Rigdon R.D., Willamette NF.  
Primarily involved with the implementation and development of District Fuels program. Average yearly program 1,000 acres of clear cut slash, 500 acres of machine piling, 200 acres of handpiling. I developed and executed the Burn plans, the prescriptions were developed by me at planning phase of a timber sale. During this period of time I started experimenting with natural fire I burned meadows, fuels under old growth stands and was the first on the Willamette to switch from the practice of Fall burning of clearcuts to Spring burning. I was also responsible for supervising and directing the fire suppression resources on the Ranger District.
- 1972 - 1974 Forestry Technician: ( Timber Management)  
Presale layout, mark and cruise timber, develop environmental analysis reports prior to preparing timber sales appraisals.
- 1964 - 1972 Georgia Pacific Corporation: Springfield, OR.  
Plywood Plant, all phases
- 1970 - 1972 Lane Community College: Eugene OR  
Completed 2 Year Forestry Degree
- 1962 - 1964 U.S. Navy, USS Ranger, Aircraft Carrier  
Electrician on Jet Aircraft
- 1959 - 1962 US Forest Service Fire & Fuels Management  
CleElum and Ellensburg Ranger Districts, Wenatchee National Forest
- 1956 -1958 Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources  
Fire Suppression, detection and prevention.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

#### Prescribed Fire Qualifications

Prescribed Fire Specialist U.S. Forest Service  
Complex Burn Boss

#### Fire Qualifications

Incident Commander Type 2  
Rx Fire Manager  
Rx Complex Burn Boss  
Rx Fire Specialist

### ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1994 OPS Chief: Type 1 National Team (Porter)  
Hatchery/Rat Complex, Idaho City Complex
- 1987 - 1993 Incident Commander: Mt Hood Interagency Fire Team  
Averaged two large incidents per year.
- 1981 - 1986 Division Supervisor: Type 1 Team
- 1977 - 1980 Division Supervisor and OPS Chief: on MT Hood Fire Team