

Application Related Information

Application: Application Form Started
Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Teresa Wicks
Recommenders Institution: Portland Audubon
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommenders Title: East Oregon Field Biologist

Contact Name: Lindsey Stern

Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✗

Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment:

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

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Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group:

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths:

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Responsibility/reliability:

Communication Skills - Oral:

Communication skills - written:

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to work independently:

Ability to handle stress:

Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem solve:

Ability to think creatively:

Openness to feedback:

Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team:

Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Lin Stern for admission to the Masters of Environmental Science Program at The Evergreen College. I met Lin approximately a year ago when they signed up to volunteer with one of my community science projects at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. I have been working as Portland Audubon's Eastern Oregon Biologist for 5 years. In my role in Harney County I am responsible for outreach to the local community and visiting birders, in policy and collaborative work (particularly around wetlands and water), and a suite of biological research and monitoring efforts.

In part, this is where my work most greatly influences my recommendation of Lin for your graduate program. Lin was hired to work as my assistant this year, largely because of their adventurous spirit, ability to ID birds, and willingness to grow. Lin has been flexible in their work, leading landbird point counts at sunrise and assisting with outreach by mid-morning. Lin has lead and co-lead community science work with volunteers from diverse backgrounds. Lin has also been adept at handling the challenges that weather have thrown at this year's field season, from constantly changing water conditions to near-daily thunderstorms. Lastly, Lin has shown great curiosity in learning new monitoring techniques, about using technology to assist conservation work, and in general about

In my experience with them, Lin has shown the ability to grow in their biological work, including asking questions that are meaningful for moving forward our understanding of birds and bird conservation. Beyond that, I think that Lin has the ability to fit into a multi-dimensional program such as the Masters in Environmental Studies at The Evergreen College. As a biologist who works in a multi-dimensional capacity in conservation, I see in Lin the potential to also move biological work forward while also talking with stakeholders and working in a more collaborative future.

Sincerely,

Teresa O Wicks, PhD

