

**LNT EDUCATOR
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I was born in Omak, WA, so I am Native American! I grew up at Early Winters Ranger Station, USFS near Mazama, back when the speed limit was 40 mph all the way to Winthrop. Being a "Forest Service Brat" I learned to ride and barely learned to pack. After 2 years in the Army, where I learned to fly Helicopters. I finished college at Eastern Washington University on the GI Bill. During a 28 year

career as a Washington State Park Ranger, I was at Lake Chelan 3 times, Twin Harbor State Park, Riverside State Park, and at Alta Lake State Park for 18 years, retiring at Lincoln Rock State Park.

In the 1970's and 80's I was an ardent Chuckar hunter and went through 3 good bird dogs consequently. I have always been a deer hunter and an occasional moose and elk hunter.

Since I retired in 2003, I've been active in BCH with Okanogan Valley, Ferry County, and Kingman, AZ chapters. I try to do a lot of trail work and I was briefly President and Director at OVC. Now, in 2015, I am the LNT Chair of the OVC. My best friend Cher Bower and I are starting on our 5th winter, with horses, in AZ. I don't miss very many Potlucks, and if you don't believe me just look at me, I need to lose 20+ pounds!