



Tricia R. Sears

Geologic Planning Liaison

Tricia is the Survey's Geologic Planning Liaison. This position focuses on the topics of geologic hazards, mineral resources, and climate resilience. Tricia works with planners, geologists, and other professionals in local, state, federal, and tribal jurisdictions across Washington to better understand local decision-making, assess needs and concerns, gather feedback, and establish and maintain relationships.

Job Responsibilities

Meets with planners and other professionals in local, state, federal and tribal jurisdictions. Works closely with the WA Department of Commerce to foster collaboration and the integration of scientific resources related to the Growth Management Act, particularly the critical areas. Shares the resources of WGS with external stakeholders. Is a resource for WGS staff on the needs and concerns of the local, state, federal, and tribal jurisdictions. Assists in making revisions to WGS resources and external stakeholder resources related to geologic hazards, mineral resources, and climate resilience.



Professional Interests

The fusion and integration of science and policy, acceptable risk, resilience in people and communities, multi-disciplinary thinking, capacity-building, climate resilience and adaptation, urban and rural communities, environmental protection and management, hazard mitigation.



Skills

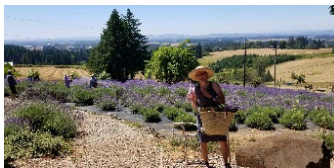
Understanding, translating, and communicating science and policy; listening; project management in a broad range of subjects; problem-solving; establishing and maintaining relationships; writing and editing.

Professional Experience

- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as a Natural Hazards Planner; the City of Portland; Multnomah County; the City of Beaverton; Pacific Habitat Services; the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council; and the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District.

Education

- Post Graduate Certificate, Study and Management of Geological Risks, Centre d'Etude des Risques Geologiques, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
- M.E.M, Masters in Environmental Management, Portland State University, Portland, OR
- B.A., Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS



Personal Interests

Travel, exploring the outdoors, exercise, cats, plants, reading, volunteering, geology, hazard mitigation, resilience, learning, and photography.