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October 21, 2022

RE: Bob Odell Letter of Recommendation for PTBA Membership

To Whom It May Concern,

I first met Bob Odell of Nature Bound Construction LLC on the multi-year McCloud River Club Trails Project in Northern California when he became a partner with Ken Baughman of Yakima Construction about a decade ago. Ken's previous partner for many years had been Jerry Morrison of Jerry Morrison, Inc. After Jerry passed away, Bob purchased half of the trail equipment accumulated by Ken and Jerry over the years.

Bob came into the company with experience in equipment operation, repair, and maintenance, and quickly developed a sense for trail and trail bridge construction. He also obtained his California blasting license, since much of the trail construction along the McCloud River requires blasting. On trail projects, Bob plays the role of job foreman.

Bob is a very hard worker and strives for high-quality work as well as expedience. The McCloud River trails and bridges are particularly challenging due to their remote location and extremely rugged conditions, typically requiring the use of hundreds of pounds of explosives each year. The resulting trails are spectacular.

The McCloud River Club owners recently wanted to widen and retrofit some of their trails and bridges for ATV access. In response, Bob was tasked with figuring out bridge approach modifications and cable safety railings above cliffs. Bob came up with creative design solutions to these challenges and implemented them with high-quality and durable installations.

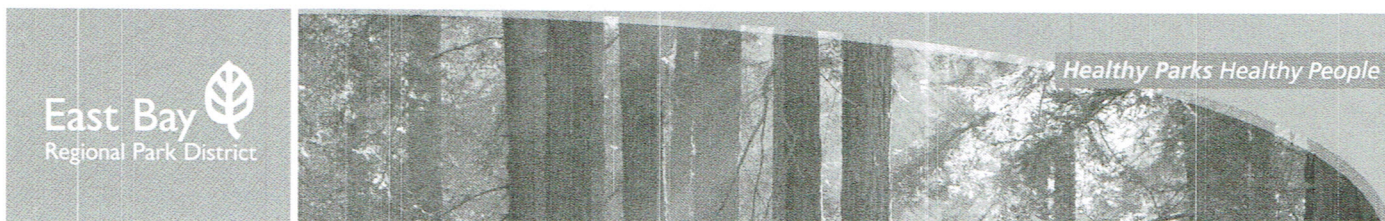
Ken, Bob, and their crew have also undertaken other trail projects I've designed, including upgrades to the Hedge Creek Trail accessing Mossbrae Falls in Dunsmuir, and trails at a city park and on private property in Mount Shasta City. The private project included log bridges over one creek, large steppingstones over another, and boardwalks and geo-fabric reinforced trails through a wet meadow, all of which were beautifully constructed.

As a trail designer, I rely on contractors like Bob who understand and support trail design goals, offer alternatives where better solutions might be warranted, and are self-directed to deal with the myriad logistics of a project and get the job done. He is one of the best, and I recommend him highly for acceptance as a member of the PTBA.

Sincerely,



Tom Hesseldenz, Owner/Principal



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October 28, 2022

From:
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To:
Professional Trail Builders Association
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SUBJECT: Recommendation Letter for Bob Odell, Nature Bound Construction

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bob Odell of Nature Bound Construction. During my five years of employment as a Park Planner and Project manager with Sonoma County Regional Parks I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Odell in his role as the project foreman for Yakima Construction Inc., on several trail projects.

It was my experience that as a project foreman Mr. Odell ran his crews in an efficient, detail-oriented manner and the finished product produced by the crews he oversaw was always high quality. In addition, all the projects I worked on with Mr. Odell were completed on time and on budget.

An example of the types of trail work Mr. Odell oversaw and directed the construction of during my time with Sonoma County includes the construction of the Lawson Trail at Hood Mountain Regional Park. This project consisted of 2 miles of trail in steep, upland conditions with steep cross slopes and challenging subsoils. The project also included the installation of a 30'x6' prefabricated, fiberglass bridge, armored ford crossings, rolling dips, rock walls and climbing turns.

On this project, Mr. Odell directly performed and or directed crews engaged in all aspects of this project. This included clearing, grubbing, trail excavation, the installation of various trail features, trail finish work and the forming, rebar installation, back drain installation, concrete pour and finish work associated with the bridge abutments and the final installation and assembly of the bridge.

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Mr. Odell was also instrumental in coordinating the inspections with the geological and structural engineers as well as Fish and Game and local building inspectors on the project. The project was completed on time and on budget despite having to work around the restrictions presented by numerous red flag events and local evacuation orders due to nearby wildfires.

The quality of the finished product on the Lawson Trail at Hood Mountain, which was completed in March of 2020 makes it one of the most beloved trails in the entire park system.

Having accepted a new position with East Bay Regional Park District I will make it a point to reach out to Mr. Odell so that he is aware of projects being bid by my current employer.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out to me directly via the email and or telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Mundo Murguia
Landscape Architect -- #6583 CA

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January 4, 2023

821 N. Columbus Ave.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Bob Odell of Nature Bound Construction.

Bob is a business partner with Ken Baughman of Yakima Construction and over the last 8 years they have been awarded many different trail contracts with the City of Medford Parks.

One of these projects was a trail enhancement of the Madrone trail and the CCC Historic Trail at Prescott Park. The work consisted of trail re-grading, trail re-routing, armoring of crossings, installing of drainage, and placing of approximately 340 tons of compacted aggregate. Total trail distance measured over 3911 feet.

Although the contract was under Yakima Construction, Bob and the crew executed the entire job while Ken was away on vacation. The work was top notch, and completed well before the contract deadline. The work was also completed within the contracted budget.

In 2016, Bob and Ken built 7 miles of a new mountain bike/ hiking trail system through some of the toughest terrain around Medford.

In 2020, they built approximately 1/2 mile of 5 foot wide ADA paved trail at Prescott Park, as well as many other trail projects over the years. They do great work and always finish before the contract deadline. The people of Medford love these trails!

We have other trail work coming in the future and I will be sure to let them know of the solicitations in hopes that they are awarded the contracts.

Sincerely,

Timothy Stevens,

Assistant Director

City of Medford Parks, Recreation & Facilities

September 8, 2025



Reference Letter: Taylor Mountain Regional Park – Phase 2 Trail Project

To Whom It May Concern –

This letter is a reference for Robert Odell who was the foreman and crew leader for the Taylor Mountain Regional Park Phase 2 Trails project. The original contract was with Yakima Construction, and the licensed owner, Ken Baughman, has since retired. Mr. Odell has been a general contractor in Oregon under Nature Bound Construction LLC since 2016 and received his California A General Engineering contractor license.

The specifics of the Taylor Mountain Regional Park Phase 2 Trails Project are identified below.

The total construction cost of the project was approximately \$1.4 million. The scope of work in the contract included 8 miles of new trails with a variety of features including drainage lenses, armored crossings, rolling dips, and rock walls. The work also included 1 mile of roadway grading and drainage improvements consisting of rolling dips, large culverts, rip rap, rock placement and compaction.

The project also included five trail bridges and one vehicle bridge that connected the trails together. The bridge abutments included a variety of engineering designs (drilled piers and spread footings) to accommodate the seismic requirements of the building code and to adapt to the actual conditions during construction. The form work for the concrete abutments was exceptional, and the rock work around the bridges blended seamlessly into the landscape (see below).



Sonoma County Regional Parks has a list of pre-qualified trail contractors we use for bidding and constructing trails in our parks. Yakima Construction was on that list, and we plan to pre-qualify Nature Bound Construction LLC once all of the required paperwork has been submitted.

We would recommend Nature Bound Construction LLC to other private and public entities for trail construction projects based on the work Mr. Odell performed at Taylor Mountain Regional Park Phase 2 Trails.

Feel free to contact me with any specific questions you may have,

Sincerely,

Mark Cleveland

Mark Cleveland, RLA and Senior Park Planner

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Tim Simpson
PO Box 8270
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Ph 541-499-1093

November 29th, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Bob Odell of Nature Bound Construction for many years now. In 2006 I purchased a large piece of land for development purposes close to where Bob lives. I have since contracted Nature Bound Construction for many different types of excavation and site improvements on both existing homes and new homesites as a part of the development.

The locations of two existing residential homes on hillside locations had drainage and accessibility issues.

I contracted Nature Bound Construction to repair and create many new drainages at both existing homes, remove about 100 tons of inferior base material, relocate the spoils, replace it with 120 tons of compactable base material, then place asphalt at both locations. This work also included installation of diversionary catch basins and site drainage to improve handling storm events.

The contracted price was \$22731.04 and when finished came in under bid by \$1000.00. We thought this would take 2-3 weeks' time but was completed in just over 1 week. To keep the costs down Bob performed much of the rock work himself and called in the crew for the asphalt placement.

The work turned out beautifully and all the drainage implemented continues to work very well to this day. One of the homes had suffered for years from a wet finished basement level which had caused extensive water damage in the past. This problem was resolved with Nature Bound's recommendations and work scope!

We will always call on Bob and his crew for excavation work and when possible, will wait for his experienced crew's return from out of town to do our work.

I know quality work at a fair price can always be expected! Feel free to call me at 541-499-1093.

Sincerely,



Tim Simpson

United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Medford District – Butte Falls Field Office
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, Oregon 97504

April 2, 2026

Subject: Performance Reference – Nature Bound Construction LLC

Project: Oak Savannah ADA Trail Loop Improvements, Lower Table Rock Trail

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter provides an official performance reference for Nature Bound Construction LLC for their recent work on the Oak Savannah ADA Trail Loop, located off the Lower Table Rock Trail and administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District – Butte Falls Field Office. Throughout the project, Nature Bound Construction demonstrated strong technical skills, attention to detail, and consistent communication with project representatives.

Nature Bound Construction reshaped the trail, reestablished drainage, constructed ditches, and installed all required culverts. Geotextile fabric and crushed rock were furnished, placed, and compacted as specified. Paving operations were completed to specification and rock shoulders were installed. Benches and signs were reinstalled, welded, and coated with rust-preventative paint matching the existing finish. Final inspection confirmed that all drainage, aggregate, paving, and furnishing work met or exceeded contract requirements.

The contractor maintained proactive communication and coordination throughout the project. They worked closely with BLM personnel to address site constraints including powerline crossings, kiosk drainage, limb removal limitations, and grade transitions. Rest areas, benches, and signpost locations were adjusted to meet ADA grades and clearances. Their cooperation with inspection staff, ability to resolve field questions efficiently, and commitment to meeting contract requirements were evident across all phases of the work.

Nature Bound Construction LLC demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and quality workmanship throughout the project. Based on their performance, I confidently recommend **Nature Bound Construction LLC** for future trail projects.

If further information is needed, I would be happy to provide additional details.

Sincerely,

Josh Robeson

Roads Engineer and Right-of-Way Specialist



27 January 2023

Reinholdt & O'Harra Insurance
1756 Ashland St.
Ashland OR 97520

Re: Nature Bound Construction LLC

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with pleasure that we express our confidence in Nature Bound Construction LLC. We consider Nature Bound Construction LLC to be properly equipped, capably staffed, and well financed. It has been our privilege to write the surety needs of Nature Bound Construction LLC since January of 2023.

At this time, we have a day to day bond line in place of \$450,000 single job and \$450,000 aggregate. These are not maximum limits; we anticipate we could approve larger bonds if requested. Of course, final determination will depend on our approval of the actual contract documents as well as Nature Bound Construction LLC continuing to satisfy underwriting requirements. We consider them to be an excellent contractor and recommend them highly.

SureTec Insurance Company is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company and we are on the US Department of Treasury's list of approved sureties for federal work (T-List). SureTec is part of Markel Surety, a subsidiary of Markel Corporation, a Fortune 500 company.

Any arrangement for bonds required by contract is a matter between SureTec Insurance Company and our contract client Nature Bound Construction LLC, and we assume no liability to you or third parties, if for any reason we do not execute final bonds.

Thanks and, as always, please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Regards,

Deanna Wood

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Sr. Underwriter
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