

Employee Profile: Cindy Jorgensen

Talk to Cindy Jorgensen, the Accounting Specialist at Oregon Resource Corporation, about her family and her eyes light up. She has been living with her husband in Coos Bay for 10 years and is the proud mother of two grown children working abroad. Her son is a commercial fisherman up the Pacific coast, and her daughter is serving as an officer in the Army and currently deployed in Afghanistan. "It can be difficult with such thrill seekers for kids," she says with a smile, "but they're doing what they love."

For many years, Cindy worked in banking in Coos Bay. As the economy began to hit a downturn, however, the bank she worked for relocated. Though offered to continue working elsewhere, she instead made the decision to stay with her family in Coos Bay. Like many others who suffered as a result of the economy, the times were difficult for her and her family. "Unemployment is terrifying because you're feeling the loss of everything you've had over the years," she recalled.



"When the railroad left Coos Bay in 2007, I grieved the loss of industry in the area. It was a sign our local economy had died."

When ORC began to actively seek employees, Cindy was one of the first hired. "I didn't know too much about this industry before reading the job posting, but the more I read, the more excited I became," she says. "Seeing steel materials everywhere you go and knowing that chromite is a part of that ... it's pretty awesome!"

Since beginning her employment, Cindy has found it rewarding to see the company develop as quickly as it has, and to be a part of the process. And in the company's involvement in the Coos Bay community, she beams with pride. "This company brings a whole new industry here," she said. "We are already beginning to see how the new money is helping the city."

For Cindy, a dedicated employee and devoted wife and mother, ORC not only provides excellent opportunities as a career, but, as she says with a smile, "it's a pretty fun place to work!"