

Matt Donegan

Chair, Oregon Wildfire Response Council

Matt Donegan is a professional forester and senior executive who advises businesses, conservation organizations, foundations and public institutions on issues including conservation finance, impact investing, natural resource strategy and policy. Earlier in his career, Matt served as co-founder and co-president of one of the world's largest sustainable timber companies. Forest Capital Partners operated working forests across the US, and was the second largest landowner in Oregon with offices in Portland, Medford, La Grande, Joseph, Monmouth and Hood River. FCP's forests were 100% environmentally certified, including hundreds of thousands of acres held within perpetual conservation easements, and sustained commercial timber production alongside multiple public values including clean water and sensitive habitat for both fauna and flora. FCP was a recognized leader supporting rural communities wherever it operated.

Matt has served as founding chair of the National Alliance of Forest Owners; board member of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative; national council member of the National Park Conservation Association; executive committee member of the World Forestry Center; and chapter chair of the Society of American Foresters.

In Oregon, Matt has over a decade of experience in public and community service. He has served as a founding member of the Oregon Global Warming Commission; chair of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education; and board member of the Oregon Education Investment Board, Oregon Innovation Council, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Oregon Business Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Matt's professional interests currently focus on sustainability, in the context of mitigation and adaptation to climate change. He relocated to Oregon as his chosen place to raise his family, specifically due to its forests and natural wonders. Matt also coaches youth sports and chairs his children's school board.