

Steve Cafferata Biography

Steve graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B.S. in forestry in January, 1965. He served for three years as an officer in the US Navy Supply Corps. After traveling throughout Southeast Asia, he returned to graduate school, earning a Master of Forestry at Berkeley. He began his professional career with Weyerhaeuser, working in Klamath Falls, Raymond, Washington, and Springfield, holding a variety of forest management positions during his 35 year career involving tree growing and forest protection. He served on the OFIC Protection Committee, the Western Lane Forest Protective Association Board (1984-1996), and the Eastern Lane Forest Protection Association Board (1996-2004.)

Steve is a member of the Society of American Foresters (53 years), a Certified Forester, an SAF Fellow, and currently serves as OSAF treasurer. He received the OSAF Forester of the Year Award in 1998, and the SAF's President's Award: Outstanding Field Forester in 2000. Currently he is the volunteer forester for the Oregon Trail Council, BSA, a Tree Farm Inspector for the ATFS, a sub-fund advisor for the Oregon Natural Resources Education fund, and a member of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee.

Steve and his wife Wylde are small woodland owners and rural residents, members of Oregon Small Woodland Association, and West Oregon, Eastern and Western Lane Forest Protective Associations. Their four tree farms are certified under the American Tree Farm System. They have four grown children and three grandchildren.