September 2025 Northwest Regional Forest Practice Committee Members

Mike Barnes, Chair



Term End: 2028 First Appointed: 1989 Chair Appointed: 2015

Mike Barnes is a forest consultant where he represents several forest and timber landowners to include Richen Tree Farms, Inc. and JTF, Inc.

Candace Bonner



Term End: 2028 First Appointed: 2011

Candace Bonner is a small forest owner. She grew up in Hawaii and has a B.A. from University of Hawaii at Manoa, an M.D. from John A. Burns School of Medicine, board certification in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine, and an M.P.H. in Epidemiology from University of California Berkeley School of Public Health. She moved to Oregon in 1990 with her two young children to stay ahead of climate change. She became a small forest owner in 2002; her property crossed by a large salmon spawning stream accessed by steep hiking trails. To better manage her forest land, she enrolled as a part time student in Natural Resources Technology at the local community college, focusing on forestry and on wildlife biology, while continuing to work as a physician. In 2019, she took on a reforestation project for the Trails Club of Oregon on their Nesika property above Multnomah Falls in the total burn area of the 2017 Eagle Creek fire. She continues to manage her own property for wildlife habitat conservation, climate change mitigation, and maintenance of recreational trails.

Rob Van Curler



Term End: 2028 First Appointed: 2025

Rob Van Curler is the Region Engineering Lead for the Willamette Region with Weyerhaeuser where he trains and mentors nine engineering specialists across Weyerhaeuser's Oregon operation. He joined Weyerhaeuser in 2018 and has held several roles including Engineering Specialist and Harvest Manager. His experience includes work as a forestry consultant with Pacific Forestry and as an Engineering Specialist for Roseburg Forest Products. He has a B.S. in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University. He is a lifelong Oregonian, growing up in the small town of Mapleton, where his family owns a small tree farm.

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Randy Silbernagel



Term End: 2026 First Appointed: 1998

Randy Silbernagel is a retired forester. He worked for Freres Lumber Co., Inc. until his retirement in 2017 where he served in various roles such as supervising cutting, logging and reforestation contractors, and supervising road construction, maintenance, and engineering work. He graduated from Oregon State University with a Forest Engineering degree. Over the years, he has served on many ODF committees: Headquarters Services Budget Committee, Fire Program Review Committee, Fire Protection Strategic Investments Committee and on two Forest Protective Association boards.

Vacancy

Term End: 2026

Eric Kranzush



Term End: 2026 First Appointed: 2023

Eric Kranzush is an Oregon Forestry Manager for Roseburg Forest Products. He worked for Giustina Land & Timber Co. for over 20 years where he was involved in every aspect of company operations, from seed orchard management to timber harvesting. In his previous position as a Forest Manager he oversaw commercial thinning and final harvest logging operations on company lands. He has a B.S. in Forest Management from the Oregon State University College of Forestry and an M.B.A. from the University of Oregon Lundquist College of Business. He was the recipient of the Oregon Society of American Foresters, "Forester of the Year Award" in 2007 and the National Society of American Foresters presented him with their "National Young Forester Leadership Award" in 2012.

Aaron Zweber



Term End: 2027 First Appointed: 2022

Aaron Zweber is a Forester for Hampton Lumber where his primary duties include road construction and maintenance administration, Right of Way logging, and harvest unit design and layout. He began his career with Weyerhaeuser where he worked on the Coos Bay tree farm and then on the St. Helens tree farm as a Forest Engineering Specialist. Aaron has a B.S. in Forest Operations Management from Oregon State University.

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| Dave Wells | Term End: 2027 First Appointed: 2024 Dave Wells has worked in the forests of the Pacific Northwest for over 40 years. His experience includes a 40-year career with Oregon Department of Forestry where he prepared and administered timber sales in compliance with State Forest Management Plans and the Oregon Forest Practices Act. He then opened Oregon Natural Forestry, LLC where he has spent the last six years providing forestry services to non-industrial forest landowners in Northwest Oregon. He has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from University of Washington and is an adjunct instructor at Tillamook Bay Community College. He is a Board Member of the Oregon Tree Farm System, Associate Director of the Tillamook Soil and Water Conservation District, Past Chair (2022) of the Oregon Society of American Foresters (SAF), and member of the Tillamook Working Lands and Waters Cooperative and Oregon Small Woodland Association. |
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