



# Oregon Board of Forestry



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The Oregon Board of Forestry appoints the State Forester, who serves as director of the Oregon Department of Forestry, working closely with the Legislature, the Governor's office, stakeholders, and others.



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**Jim Kelly**, of Kimberly, joined the board in September 2018. He owns and manages a grass-fed beef ranch in rural Grant County. Previously he founded Rejuvenation Inc., a hardware and lighting company. He co-founded the Oregon Business Association and served on its board for 17 years. Kelly also co-founded the North Star Civic Foundation, a small Oregon non-profit involved with public policy issues. He has also served on the boards of 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Portland Housing Authority, and Business for Social Responsibility.

**Ben Deumling**, of Rickreall, grew up and has worked in the Oregon forest industry his whole life. He manages the family-owned Zena Forest, a 1,300-acre tract of forest in the heart of the Willamette Valley. He also runs Zena Forest Products, which is an onsite sawmill and millwork shop that processes hardwood logs into high quality lumber and flooring. Ben has been actively engaged in forest policy matters for many years and holds a bachelor's degree from Whitman College where he studied natural resource policy in the western U.S.

**Karla Chambers**, of Corvallis, is a lifelong Oregonian and has a long history of civic engagement and public service. She has served on the Oregon Board of Agriculture, the Portland Branch and Head Office of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Board, the Ford Family Foundation, and the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response. She currently serves on the Hampton Resources Board. She attended Oregon State University and earned degrees in agricultural and resource economics and finance. Karla has spent her career in food and agriculture, and her farming operation was the first in the U.S. to be third-party certified sustainable. She served on the Governor Brown's Wildfire Council and mitigation subcommittee.

**Chandra Ferrari**, of Salem, is a senior policy advisor and attorney for Trout Unlimited (TU), where she specializes in the implementation and development of legal and policy reforms to protect and restore water quality and fish and wildlife habitat throughout Oregon. Previously, she was TU's California Water Policy Director managed the Central Valley Program and worked with diverse coalitions to enhance instream flows, promote multi-benefit projects, and preserve recreational opportunities. Prior to joining TU, she worked as an attorney for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, specializing in endangered species listing, permitting matters. This work included advising on endangered species issues on forest lands, as well as water right and fish passage issues. She also served as the legal representative to the department's Climate Change Task Force. Chandra grew up in Harrisburg, Oregon, and graduated from the University of California - Davis with a Bachelor of Science in animal science and management. She received her law degree from the University of Pacific School of Law.

**Joe Justice**, of La Grande, is the Region Manager of Hancock Forest Management lands in northeast Oregon. He is the former President of the East Oregon Forest Protection Association and has also served as a member of the Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee. He graduated from Oregon State University with a Forest Management degree in 1993. His career in forestry began in the coast range of Oregon as a Regeneration Forester. He has worked on the land he currently oversees in La Grande since 2000, starting as a Silviculturist, and eventually moved into logging administration, log marketing and management. He has been a member of the La Grande School Board for the last nine years.

**Brenda McComb**, of Philomath, retired as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Oregon State University in 2016 and is Professor Emerita in the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at OSU. She has previously served on the faculty at the University of Kentucky, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and OSU. She has independently served as a Chief of the Watershed Ecology Branch in Corvallis for the U.S. EPA. She holds a BS and MS from the University of Connecticut, and a PhD in Forestry from Louisiana State University. She continues to advise graduate students working on forest habitat selection studies, teaches graduate and professional education courses, and is a consultant on forest management issues.