



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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Tom Imeson, of Portland, is Public Affairs Director at the Port of Portland. He has extensive experience in state and federal government, with a focus on natural resources and energy. He worked for 15 years on U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield's personal staff and the staffs of the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources and Appropriations Committees. He has served on a number of civic and state boards, including the Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Board of Higher Education. Imeson has a background in forest policy issues at the state and federal levels. He holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences from Johns Hopkins University.

Nils D. Christoffersen, of Enterprise, currently serves as Executive Director of the non-profit Wallowa Resources, based in Enterprise. He holds a bachelor's degree with honors in economics from Williams College in Massachusetts, and a master's degree in forestry and land use from Oxford University in Oxford, England. Christoffersen has been with Wallowa Resources since 1999, becoming executive director in 2007. Before coming to northeastern Oregon, he worked as Executive Director of Africa Resources Trust USA in Washington, DC; as Regional Program Coordinator in Southern Africa for the World Conservation Union; and as International Program Officer for the Agricultural University of Norway. He has served on and chaired the Governor's Eastside Forest Advisory Panel and the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry, and currently chairs the Enterprise School Board.

Cindy Deacon Williams, of Medford, is a consulting fisheries biologist, with 30 years of service in state and federal government and in the non-profit world. She holds a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University and a master's degree from California State University in Sacramento, both in biological sciences. Williams has worked in the California Legislature as chief of staff to Assemblyman Robert J. Campbell; and for the USDA Forest Service as Assistant Fisheries Program Leader and co-leader of the Interior Columbia Basin EIS Team. She has served as Director of Aquatic Science and Conservation Education Programs for the National Center for Conservation Science and Policy. She currently works in private practice as a natural resources consultant for the firm Environmental Consultants.

Michael Rose, of Elkton, has represented forest industry workers for 36 years through the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers/Woodworkers District Lodge in Gladstone, and the International Woodworkers of America Local Lodge in Reedsport. He worked in the forest products industry for 20 years, including as a logger with International Paper Company's Gardiner facility. His career has centered on maintaining productive forests to bolster the local economy while at the same time sustaining crucial ecological values.

Joe Justice, of La Grande, is the Region Manager of Hancock Forest Management lands in northeast Oregon. He is the 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 seven years and is currently the chair.

Jim Kelly, of Kimberly, is a lifelong Oregonian with a long history of civic involvement. Since 1999, he has owned and managed a ranch that produces grass-fed beef in rural Grant County. Jim has served on Boards of 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Portland Housing Authority, and Business for Social Responsibility. He is co-founder of the Oregon Business Association and served on that organization's Board for 17 years. He is an entrepreneur who grew up in northeast Portland and founded a successful manufacturing and retail hardware company. He also co-founded the North Star Civic Foundation, a small Oregon non-profit involved with public policy issues.

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.