Northwest Regional Forest Practice Committee Members

Mike Barnes, Chair



Term end: 2025 First Appointed: 1989 Chair Appointed: 2015

Biography coming soon.

Tally Patton

PHOTO COMING SOON Term end: 2025 First Appointed: 1996

Biography coming soon.

Candace Bonner



Term end: 2025 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.

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.

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Jill Bell



Term end: 2026 First Appointed: 2022

Jill Bell is a native Oregonian who was born and raised in the timber community of Philomath. She has a B.S. in Forest Engineering and an M.B.A., both from Oregon State University. She has been employed at Weyerhaeuser since 2003 and has had the privilege of working in various locations across the State of Oregon. Her early career was as a forest engineer and harvest manager, giving her a solid background in understanding and implementing the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Today, she is an Area Manager of a 130,000-acre operating area in the Oregon Cascades. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering with non-profit organizations focused on forestry education, including Oregon Women in Timber and Future Natural Resource Leaders. Additionally, she serves on various industry boards and associations and is an active Toastmaster.

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.

Craig Richards



Term end: 2027 First Appointed: 2024

Craig Richards is a procurement manager for NWH. His career includes experience in various roles such as Forest Technician and Service Forester for Professional Reforestation of Oregon, Inc., Silviculture Technician for Menasha Corporation, Forest Technician and Cruiser for Stuntzner Engineering, and CEO and Forester for Pro Forestry Consulting, LLC. Craig has an associate degree in Forest Technology from Southwestern Oregon Community College. Since 1998, he has been active with the Oregon Society of American Foresters-Coos Chapter in various capacities and positions.

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