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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 and appointed Chair in April 2021. 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.

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 was also Chief of the Watershed Ecology Branch in Corvallis for the U.S. EPA, and was Interim Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students at Stanford University. She holds a BS and MS from the University of Connecticut, and a PhD in Forestry from Louisiana State University. She continues to publish research results, advises forest land managers, and assists with continuing education for the Forest Ecology Working Group of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Liz Agpaoa, of Medford, is a retired US Forest Service employee with 36 years of public service in forestry and natural resources. She retired as the Regional Forester for the national forests across the 13 southern states and commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 2014. In previous roles, she served as Chief-of-Staff for the Forest Service in Washington, D.C., oversaw forests in New Mexico, and grasslands in Texas and Oklahoma. Her first two decades of public service were in Oregon, where she served as a Wildlife Biologist in the southern Cascades, an environmental planner in Portland, and District Ranger in the Siskiyou Mountains. She graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Science in wildlife management. She currently serves on the board for the National Museum of Forest Service History located in Missoula, Montana.

Heath Curtiss, of Silverton, serves as General Counsel for Hampton Lumber, a fourth-generation privately held forest products manufacturer headquartered in Portland, Oregon. Heath grew up in the mountains of northeast Oregon, earned his degree in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Oregon State University, and graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School with a certificate in environmental law. Before working at Hampton, Heath was General Counsel for the Oregon Forest Industries Council, and an attorney at Stoel Rives, LLP, specializing in natural resources law and policy. As a former State officer, Heath also serves on the Oregon FFA Foundation Board.

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.

Joe Justice, of La Grande, is the Region Manager of Manulife 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 twelve years.

Bob Van Dyk, of Forest Grove, has been involved in forest policy since 1997, first as a private citizen and later while employed by a fisheries conservation group. His work includes participation in smaller planning efforts, such as that for the Forest Grove Watershed; medium planning efforts, such as that for the Elliott State Forest; and statewide efforts, such as the Private Forest Accord, a process which he co-chaired for the conservation community. He taught at Pacific University for 20 years after completing an undergraduate degree in history from Duke University and a doctorate in political science from the University of Washington.