



Biography

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I am interested in serving on the timber committee because I believe it is important to maintain multiple use management on Forest Lands. As a long-term Lawrence County resident, I understand the importance of providing local input to planning and management of the Black Hills National Forest.

I have worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the past 21 years as an Environmental Coordinator (NEPA planner) and Rangeland Management Specialist. In 2015, I completed the Land Use Plan for the South Dakota Field Office. The Land Use plan is BLM's version of a Forest Plan and addressed all BLM administered public land in South Dakota. Completion of this plan required a great deal of coordination with various tribes, cooperating agencies, landowners and other stakeholders. My key focus with planning and management has been a flexible, ground up style approach instead of a rigid, top down approach.

I worked as a rangeland management specialist for the US Forest Service, first as a seasonal employee on the Black Hills National Forest. I began my career monitoring vegetation and livestock use, thinning trees, spraying weeds, and fighting wildfires. Later I served as a range conservationist for the San Bernardino National Forest and the Plumas National Forest in California. In 2000 I began work for the Bureau of Land Management.

My farm upbringing has installed me with a common sense, practical approach to all that I do. I am a Marine Corps veteran who served with the First Marine Division in the 1980's. My hobbies include camping, hunting and fishing. I am retiring from the BLM at the end of January.

Past and present groups and affiliations:

DC Booth Society. American Legion, Toastmasters, Society for Range Management, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Education:

Montana State University, BS Range Science, Wildlife Biology minor. 1993