

Forestry Expertise Inventory 2009  
Washington Association of Conservation Districts

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		US Forest Service (seasonal): forest restoration; biological monitoring; wildland firefighting	7	
Sarah Rudback	Resource Specialist	Wildfire risk assessments using NFPA Standards 299 and 1144, and Coordinated and trained members of the Volunteer FireWise Assessment Corps	1	509-664-9313 <a href="mailto:sarah.rudback@wa.nacdnet.net">sarah.rudback@wa.nacdnet.net</a>
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		Forest Service (seasonal): forest-stand reconstruction surveys, biological restoration surveys, wildlife surveys, tree planting inspections, and forest thinning layout	4	
Kate Koenig	Resource Specialist	US Forest Service (seasonal): habitat restoration; wildland firefighting	1	509-664-9355 <a href="mailto:kate.koenig@wa.nacdnet.net">kate.koenig@wa.nacdnet.net</a>
Tom Gibbons	Resource Specialist	Director of land trust that owns and manages forest land	6	509-664-9348 <a href="mailto:Thomas.gibbons@wa.nacdnet.net">Thomas.gibbons@wa.nacdnet.net</a>
		Experience with resource extraction and protection end of forestry including review of complex forest practices applications, riparian restoration, forest road maintenance/abandonment, and fish barrier removal. licensed hydrologist and engineering geologist 1990 licensed geologist 2002	19	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Central Klickitat CD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FireWise Program is very popular.</p>				
Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Wyatt Leighton	Associate Supervisor	Forest Practice Forester: review, condition and approve Forest Practice Applications	2	541-980-1110
		Fire Management Forester: fire planning, suppression, fuels reduction (FireWise), training, etc.	2	<a href="mailto:Wyatt.leighton@dnr.wa.gov">Wyatt.leighton@dnr.wa.gov</a>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clallam CD</b></p>				
Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Joseph F. Murray	Supervisor	Silviculture, forest inventory, logging, road construction and maintenance, public access, forest policy, GIS and mapping, watershed restoration. Bachelors in Business, AA Forestry; participation in community & professional orgs.	31	(h) 360-963-2378 <a href="mailto:pysht@olympen.com">pysht@olympen.com</a>

Jim Bartelme	Associate Supervisor	Extensive experience in forest management and policy with US Forest Service in CA, WA, OR, MI, VT and AK. USFS certified Silviculturist WA/OR Legislative assistant, policy and budget Washington Office District Ranger and Forest Supervisor. Retired 2002 as Director of Forest Management for Alaska Region. BS Forestry Management, 1970	32	509-548-5951 <a href="mailto:jcbartelme@genext.net">jcbartelme@genext.net</a>
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**Cowlitz CD**

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
John Keatley	Area Director	Career Professional Forester with Weyerhaeuser Company (retired). Extensive forest engineering and harvesting experience. BS Forest Management, 1964		360-274-4567 <a href="mailto:keatleyfarms@yahoo.com">keatleyfarms@yahoo.com</a>
Darin Houpt	District Manager – Cowlitz & Wahkiakum	Water, soil, and fisheries specialist Interdisciplinary team member forest management effects analysis Forest Management Planning with non-industrial private ownership Stream restoration, and salmon recovery BS Forest Management 1987, Forest Hydrology/ Engineering 1989		360-425-1880 <a href="mailto:ccddmgr@teamelect.com">ccddmgr@teamelect.com</a>
Kelley Niemi	Associate Supervisor	Career Consulting Forester BS Forest Management		Cowlitz CD 360-425-1880
Russ Kastberg	Supervisor	Career DNR Forester (retired)		360-274-7091 <a href="mailto:rkastberg@cni.net">rkastberg@cni.net</a>
Howard Jaeger	Supervisor	Tree Farmer		<a href="mailto:skyranch@kalama.com">skyranch@kalama.com</a>

**Jefferson County CD**

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
John Boulton	Supervisor	Owned logging company	40+	360-765-3394
Al Latham	District Manager	Road surveying and forest research NYS Ranger School		360-385-4105 <a href="mailto:al@jeffersoncd.org">al@jeffersoncd.org</a>
Jerry Clarke	CREP Planner	Experience in reforestation, silviculture, mensuration, inventory, cruising, land and timber appraisal, landuse, ArcGIS	25	360-385-4105 <a href="mailto:jclarke@jeffersoncd.org">jclarke@jeffersoncd.org</a>

**North Yakima CD**

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Michael Tobin	District Manager	FireWise training		509-454-5736 x5 <a href="mailto:Mike-tobin@wa.nacdnet.org">Mike-tobin@wa.nacdnet.org</a>
Brian Schmidt	Resource Technician	FireWise training		509-454-5736 x5 <a href="mailto:Brian-schmidt@wa.nacdnet.org">Brian-schmidt@wa.nacdnet.org</a>

**Okanagan CD**

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
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Laura Clark	Assistant District Manager	Conducted 4 FireWise training sessions, 2008 Managed orchard chipping pilot project, 2005 Conducted biomass feasibility study (contemplates using forest thinning products in energy generation) Assisted with National Fire Planning and preparing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Oversee growing ponderosa pine seedlings Organize and manage District plant sale, 1998-08	10	509-422-0855 x127 <a href="mailto:laurac@okanogancd.org">laurac@okanogancd.org</a> .
Dwight Burton	Conservation Planner	Supervised forest thinning projects, 2006-07 Worked for logging companies preparing logs on landings for hauling to mills Supervised forest range allotment fencing project, 2006-07	2 2 2	509 422-0855 x126 <a href="mailto:dwrightb@okanogancd.org">dwightb@okanogancd.org</a>
Albert Roberts	Supervisor	Forest management plans for private forest landowners Contract logging from FPAs to final compliance on the timber sale, including falling, skidding, log sort, loading, hauling, and setting up sales to mills Wildland fire fighting BS in Forestry, WSU (SAF accredited), 2002 international studies in Spain and Chile (2 years) Washington Ag Forestry Program, class 20	6 20 20	(509) 826-9492 <a href="mailto:albert_roberts@hotmail.com">albert_roberts@hotmail.com</a>
Bob Clark	Supervisor Conservation Planner	US Forest Service: firefighter, helitack crew member, wilderness ranger, timber technician (primarily timber stand inventory), supervised forest range allotment fencing crew. Forest management plans for private forest landowners. Thinning own private forest land for fire prevention. BS Forestry 1974	10 5	509-422-0855 x120 <a href="mailto:bobc@okanogancd.org">bobc@okanogancd.org</a>
Dale Swedberg	WDFW Sinlahekin Wildlife Refuge	Currently leading the prescribed fire initiative – <b>North Central Washington Prescribed Fire Council</b> . The Okanogan Conservation District: - Is the lead agency for the Okanogan Community Fire Protection Plan -Oversaw thinning projects in the District for fire protection and for forest and watershed health -Long-range Plan incorporates bio-mass utilization, forestry thinning, forest and watershed restoration, etc.		509-223-3358 <a href="mailto:dswed@bossig.com">dswed@bossig.com</a>

**Palouse CD**

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Drew Hawley	Natural Re-Source Tech	Supervises tree planting crews USFS Silviculturalist, one season	2	509-332-4101 <a href="mailto:drewpcd@pullman.com">drewpcd@pullman.com</a>
Nancy Hoobler	Natural Re-Source Coord.	Supervised tree planting crews	2	509-332-4101 Nancy <a href="mailto:pcd@pullman.com">pcd@pullman.com</a>

**San Juan Islands CD**

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Bruce Gregory	Resource Planner	woodlot owner/manager CD Farm/Forest Natural Resource Planner NRCS forestry training 2007	21 2	360-378-6621 <a href="mailto:b.gregory@sanjuanislandscd.org">b.gregory@sanjuanislandscd.org</a>
Susan Key	District Manager	Survey crew chief and basin surveys Colville Nat'l Forest Editor 10 year Management Plan Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie Nat'l Forest Riparian Health Assessments for Bitterroot Restoration Inc. 8 credits Forestry 1981-82	3 2 2	360-378-6621 <a href="mailto:s.key@sanjuanislandscd.org">s.key@sanjuanislandscd.org</a>
Pete Walmsley	Supervisor	Woodlot owner Master Gardner Forest stewardship training workshops WSU Extension 2003		360-376-5084 <a href="mailto:pwalmsley001@centurytel.net">pwalmsley001@centurytel.net</a>

### Skagit CD

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Mark Hitchcock	Associate Supervisor	Silviculture specialization, forest management consultancy BS 1978, MFS 1981	25	360-766-6500 <a href="mailto:4S3@wavecable.com">4S3@wavecable.com</a>
Al Craney	Service Forester	Natural resource management, forest genetics, nursery operations, and forest ecology. BS 1973 Forest Management, MS, 1990 Forest Genetics	38	
Mike Naylor	Supervisor	DNR Assistant Region Manager of State Lands: field implementation in the programs of Natural Resource Conservation Areas (NRCA), Natural Area Preserves (NAP), recreation, Milwaukee Road State Recreation Trail, Growth Management, forest management, forest product & land sales, rights of way, forest roads, forest engineering and survey, land exchange, multiple use, grazing permits, landscape planning, ecosystem management, and geographical information systems, safety & incident command; -DNR Forester: spokesperson, evaluated and maintained procedures and systems for operational support/controls, program status/budget analysis, incident command, evaluated and maintained state lands programs including product & land sales, forest land management, rights of way, exchanges, and upland leasing -DNR Forest Technician: forest plantation maintenance and harvest design and lay out, harvest roads and systems lay out DNR NW Region District Manager: fire control, forest management, product sales, forest practices, spokesperson, and safety. BS, Forest Mgmt & Wildlife, Post Graduate Degree Forest Land Management	2  3  4  3 20	360-428-7010 <a href="mailto:naylormike@fidalgo.net">naylormike@fidalgo.net</a>
Jenny Hinderman		FireWise Coordinator/Resource Technician; FireWise protection assessment & planning		360-428-4313

### Snohomish CD

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Duane D. Weston	Supervisor	Forester for Pacific Denkmann Co/Pilchuck Tree Farm Reforestation and silvicultural forester; operations forester; chief forester and forest lands manager; general operations manager; hardwood and conifer reforestation;	40	360 435-4063 <a href="mailto:duaneweston@cs.com">duaneweston@cs.com</a>

		property line surveying, cruising, cutting boundary layout for clearcuts; road location, surveying & engineering; contracting and supervision of road construction; harvest administration of timber sales; reforestation site prep.; tree farm owner-40 years.		
<b>Spokane CD</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Expertise, Training &amp; Degree</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Ben Peterson	Water Resource Specialist	Timber cruising Tree marking Boundary delineation Insect disease diagnosis AAS Natural Resource Management Forestry 2003	8	509-535-7274 <a href="mailto:ben-peterson@sccd.org">ben-peterson@sccd.org</a>
Garth Davis	Forestry Program Manager	Forestry Tech - conducted regeneration surveys utility forestry Urban forestry/FireWiseForestry Program Manager/Spokane CD BS Forest Resources Ecosystem Management University of Idaho 2002 Graduate work at University of Idaho Forest Products Department: Cost and production studies of small scale logging equipment performing fuels reduction work.	1 6 4 3	509-535-7274 <a href="mailto:Garth-davis@sccd.org">Garth-davis@sccd.org</a>
<b>Thurston CD</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Expertise, Training &amp; Degree</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Mike Kuttel Jr.	Habitat Specialist	GIS Technician, familiar with silvicultural techniques (site prep, planting, thinning, wildlife damage protection, etc.) Supervise tree planting crews	10 8	360-754-3588 X118 <a href="mailto:mkuttel@thurstoncd.com">mkuttel@thurstoncd.com</a>
Brian Thompson	Resource Specialist	Owner/manager 50 acres of timberland: planting, thinning, harvesting Owned/operated small portable sawmill Attended WA Farm Forestry Assn & WSU Extension workshops BS Biology 1973	28 5	360-754-3588 X137 <a href="mailto:bthompson@thurstoncd.com">bthompson@thurstoncd.com</a>
Kandi Bauman	Education Outreach Coordinator	Field Tech for Forest Vernal Pool study Forest Ecology Field Class Coordinate numerous plantings in forest areas with PNW native trees and shrubs	3	360-743-3588 X136 <a href="mailto:kbauman@thurstoncd.com">kbauman@thurstoncd.com</a>
Adam Sant	Habitat Technician	Supervise tree planting crews Provide assessments on tree pruning, health and pathology Provide revegetation planting plans and consultations on basic forest health and management	5 1 5	360-754-3588 X138 <a href="mailto:asant@thurstoncd.com">asant@thurstoncd.com</a>
Dave Nygard	Resource Specialist	Timber harvesting and removal Sustainable Forestry, Evergreen State College	21 1	360-754-3588 X134 <a href="mailto:dnygard@thurstoncd.com">dnygard@thurstoncd.com</a>
Kathleen Whalen	District Manager	NW Dendrology Identification, Forestry Structure Identification Forestry Data & Analysis Basic Forest Management and Identification Planning & Planting Design	14 1 12	360-754-3588 X114 <a href="mailto:kwhalen@thurstoncd.com">kwhalen@thurstoncd.com</a>

David Hall		Timber harvesting		(360) 438-2074 <a href="mailto:davidhall1970@netzero.com">davidhall1970@netzero.com</a>
Tony Riccardo	AA	Education: botany, dendrology, surveying, tech writing, forest practices Logging road lay-out Tree survival surveys; supervise tree planting crews	1 3	360754-3588 X100 <a href="mailto:triccardo@thurstoncd.com">triccardo@thurstoncd.com</a>
Doug Rushton	Supervisor	Silviculture, cruising, marking and scaling, reforestation, Fire management, wildlife damage, recreation, forest policy BS Forest Management 1971, MS Silvi-culture & Wildlife 1975		360-357-8554 <a href="mailto:Drushton21854@gmail.com">Drushton21854@gmail.com</a>
Nora Mena	Supervisor	Cruise timber and reproduction Forest genetics research Forest practice application and site review Forest landscape and habitat conservation planning BS Forest Science 1974	1 5 10 2	360-902-2894 <a href="mailto:menastark@comcast.net">menastark@comcast.net</a>

#### Wahkiakum CD

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Joe Florek Jr.	Supervisor	Logging Contractor; Career in harvesting timber.		360-795-3049
Darin Houpt	District Manager	See Cowlitz CD		

#### Whatcom CD

Name	Title	Expertise, Training & Degree	Years	Contact
Wayne Chaudiere	CREP Resource Specialist	Natural Resources and Forestry, including: agroforestry extension Forest inventory Forest Surveying Timber sales Forest fire suppression Riparian Forest Buffers, Wind Breaks, Hedgerows and Filterstrips NRCS Conservation Buffers Training BS Forest Resource Management 1981	25 2.5 1 1.5 1 1 8	360-354-2035 X116 <a href="mailto:chaudiere@whatcomcd.org">chaudiere@whatcomcd.org</a>
Sonya Schaller	CREP Resource Specialist	Professional experience in forest fire science BS Biology		360-354-2035 X117

#### Whidbey Island CD

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Ken Drecksell	Forest Resource Planner	WICD Farm/Forest Conservation Planner Wrote forestry plans and developed specs and implemented forestry practices for NRCS as well as for cost share for EQIP		360-678-4708 <a href="mailto:ken@whidbeycd.org">ken@whidbeycd.org</a>

		Forest landowner - site prep, tree planting, logging, etc. Currently holds Planning Certification-Level 3; held Level 4 with NRCS		
Karen Bishop	District Manager	Forest landowner Completed the WSU Forest Stewardship Coached Planning course		360-678-4708 <a href="mailto:karen@whidbeycd.org">karen@whidbeycd.org</a>
<b>Whitman CD</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Expertise, Training &amp; Degree</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Kimberly Morse	District Coordinator	Organized and managed large tree/shrub plantings with crews		509-397-4636 X120 <a href="mailto:Kimberly-morse@wa.nacdnet.org">Kimberly-morse@wa.nacdnet.org</a>