



John Phipps began his role as Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry of USDA Forest Service in 2019. John has had a very distinguished career with the agency, beginning in 1976 as a Forest Planner, District Silviculturist, and Resources Assistant on the Mt. Baker –Snoqualmie and the Willamette National Forests. In 1983, he became a District Ranger on the Sawtooth National Forest and then a Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Olympic National Forest in 1988. In 1992, he became the Forest Supervisor of the Eldorado National Forest and then went on to become the Forest Supervisor of the Mt. Baker-

Snoqualmie National Forest in 1999, all prior to becoming the Eastern Region Deputy Regional Forester in 2005. From 2008-2015, John served as Associate Deputy Chief and Senior Advisor for State & Private Forestry, providing leadership in implementing an Agency-wide safety culture, and in transforming Fire and Aviation Management operations to be more effective and efficient. John then served as the Station Director for the Rocky Mountain Research Station from 2015-2019 before coming to the National Office in his current position. John is a graduate of the University of Washington with a B.S. and M.S. in Natural Resources Management.