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Since March 2009, Mr. Pinkham has been Vice President of the Bush Foundation, a private foundation in St Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Pinkham leads the Foundation's Native Nations program working with 23 tribes that share the same geography as Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Prior to joining the Foundation he worked for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission in Portland, Oregon where he directed their congressional affairs and regional coordination efforts. From 1990 to 2002 he worked for the Nez Perce Tribe where he was elected twice to the Nez Perce Tribe's governing body successfully retaining the position of Treasurer and also led the tribe's natural resource department overseeing the forestry, agriculture, cultural resources, wildlife, and fisheries programs where he was involved in wolf recovery, acquiring tribal ancestral lands, water rights negotiations and salmon restoration. Other experience includes the Trust for Public Land, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has served on various boards involving tribal, natural resource and conservation interests and currently serves on the national Governing Council of The Wilderness Society and the American Rivers Board of Directors. He is also Chairman Emeritus for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and a former member of the International Advisory Council for the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy at the University of Arizona's Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy. He received a forestry degree from Oregon State University and is a 1988 graduate of the Washington State Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Foundation's leadership program. He has received national awards from the Intertribal Timber Council and the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society for his service to tribal communities. In 2007 he was honored as an OSU Alumni Fellow and also received an Outstanding Alumnus Award from OSU's College of Forestry. Mr. Pinkham is a citizen of the Nez Perce Tribe.