

Scott Steen, President and CEO

American Forests

Scott Steen was appointed president and chief executive officer of American Forests in December 2010. He leads the organization in its mission to protect and restore forests. Since coming to American Forests, Scott has focused on developing a stronger scientific foundation for our forest restoration and public policy work, expanding public understanding of the importance of forests for human life and building an emphasis on stewardship and transparency. During his tenure, the organization has planted nearly 10 million trees in approximately 100 restoration projects, has re-launched its Urban Forest program, introduced the Endangered Western Forest initiative, expanded the board of directors and created a Science Advisory Board, engaging some of the most respected researchers in the forest conservation field.

Prior to joining American Forests, Scott was executive director of the American Ceramic Society (ACerS), a technical society whose members work at the frontiers of science in environmental technologies, alternative energy, space exploration and biomaterials. Founded in 1898, ACerS advances the study, understanding and use of ceramic materials and technologies.

Previously, Scott was chief knowledge and strategy officer at the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), an international organization with 22,000 association and nonprofit leader members. He is a Certified Association Executive, a fellow of ASAE and is the founding editor of the *Journal of Association Leadership*.