

Randy Moore

20th Forest Service Chief



Randy Moore is Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, leading a workforce of more than 31,000 permanent employees who sustainably manage 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands, support the world's largest forestry research organization and work with states, Tribes and others to sustain all of America's forests for the benefit of all citizens, today and in the future.

Chief Moore believes strongly that a leader must adapt and grow. He is committed to the Forest Service mission, distilling it to its core of improving forest and grassland conditions by bringing together partners with different perspectives.

Before being named Chief, he served as Pacific Southwest regional forester from 2007 to 2021. He also served as regional forester for the Eastern Region in Wisconsin, as forest supervisor on the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, and in myriad other roles throughout the agency. Chief Moore began his 46-year career in 1978 with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in North Dakota before joining the Forest Service in 1981.

A native of Bastrop, Louisiana, Chief Moore earned his bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from Southern University. He and his wife Antoinette have two sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren.