

William C. Woody

As Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, William C. Woody directs the work of the Service's special agents and wildlife inspectors in enforcing the Nation's wildlife protection laws. He also oversees the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Oregon and the National Wildlife Property and Eagle Repositories in Colorado.

Woody, who joined the Service in March 2011, served previously as director of Law Enforcement and Security for the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Appointed to this position in 2003, he oversaw the efforts of some 270 rangers and special agents to protect public safety and natural resources on more than 245 million acres of BLM-managed public lands.

His experience in natural resource law enforcement includes more than 15 years with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Hired as a conservation officer in 1985, he worked his way up through the ranks, serving as an investigator, lieutenant, and captain, before being appointed in 2001 to lead that agency's law enforcement unit.

Woody is a graduate of the elite FBI National Academy, an intensive invitation-only leadership development program whose selectees represent less than half of one percent of police commanders and executive officers. He earned his undergraduate degree at Utah State University.