

John Crockett, Deputy Chief of State, Private and Tribal Forestry, USDA Forest Service, Washington, D.C.



John Crockett serves as the Deputy Chief of State, Private and Tribal Forestry and as Deputy Chief of the National Forest System for the USDA Forest Service. In these roles, he provides senior executive leadership for national policy, program integration, and operational alignment across the agency's land management and partnership portfolios.

Mr. Crockett's responsibilities include national coordination of forest and grassland resource programs and cross-government stewardship efforts. In his capacity as Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, he supports the sustainable management of the National Forests and Grasslands — totaling approximately 193 million acres — to advance multiple-use land management, wildfire recovery, active management, and public access.

Mr. Crockett has served in leadership roles at all levels of the Forest Service and across multiple deputy areas. He is recognized for strengthening partnerships with Tribal Nations and ensuring meaningful Tribal participation in decisions affecting trust and ceded lands. He also played a key role in the implementation of the Permanent Firefighter Pay Reform and incident response premium pay.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Crockett, earned a degree in Forest Management from Alabama A&M University. He is married with three children; they enjoy outdoor activities and traveling.