

# Wyatt Frampton

Mission-oriented leader with extensive experience in natural resource and wildfire management. Successful record leading large-scale programs, managing multimillion-dollar budgets, and policy development and implementation. Skilled in legislative advocacy, program development, and stakeholder engagement. Committed to reducing wildfire risk and improving forest health through active management.

## **Deputy State Forester of Montana**

Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation | 2022 – Present

- Administered statewide forestry and wildfire response programs, including Good Neighbor Authority, Wildfire Protection, and Private Landowner Assistance programs in alignment with Governor Gianforte's strategic priorities.
- Oversaw operations with an annual budget of \$24M and led a 127-member team to efficiently execute statewide programs.
- Led implementation of \$60M in legislative investments to expand Montana's wildfire response capacity, accelerate forest management, and reduce wildfire risk, resulting in 200+ contracted projects to treat 45,000+ acres, increased available wildfire suppression resources, and modernization of state aerial firefighting resources.
- Secured \$27M in state funding for critical infrastructure, including firefighter bunkhouses, and facility improvements through advocacy and proposal development.
- Developed and advanced legislative initiatives and funding priorities by drafting bills, working with stakeholders, and providing testimony.
- Produced policy briefs, speeches, and event materials for leadership to ensure clear public communication and engagement.
- Represented departmental positions in national stakeholder forums, advancing policy priorities and advocating for federal reforms to strengthen wildfire management and forest health outcomes.

## **Acting Senior Advisor to the Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources & Environment (Wildfire & Forestry)**

U.S. Department of Agriculture | **July 2025 – October 2025** (*Temporary detail assignment*)

- Served as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Under Secretary (Acting Under Secretary), providing strategic leadership on wildfire, forestry, and energy policy to advance Administration priorities.
- Developed policy solutions and operational actions to reduce catastrophic wildfire risk, increase domestic timber production, and support American energy development.
- Prepared the Secretary and senior USDA leadership for engagements with the White House, Capitol Hill, and interagency partners.
- Led reporting, analysis, and communication requirements for Executive Orders and Secretarial Memorandums related to wildfire, and forestry.
- Served as liaison to State agencies, trade associations, and external partners on federal wildfire response and coordination.
- Chief author and convenor for USDA's implementation of the Executive Order 14308 on wildfire modernization, aligning cross-departmental actions and delivering Secretarial Memorandum 1078-017.

## **Forest Action Plan Manager, Wildland Fire Response, & Management Roles**

**(Various)** Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation | 2007 – 2022

- Promoted through progressive leadership roles, from entry-level wildland firefighter to leading the collaborative development of Montana's 2020 Forest Action Plan, where 3.8M acres were prioritized for treatment to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health.
- Managed local and regional wildfire response and mitigation programs, allocating resources, ensuring preparedness, and coordinating wildfire response.
- Provided fireline leadership during wildfire incidents, ensuring personnel safety and operational success while adapting plans to meet evolving response needs.

## **Speaking Engagements**

- Panelist, 2024 Northwestern Energy Wildfire Summit: "Evolving Wildfire Response and Mitigation." ●
- Guest Lecturer, 2023 - 2026 University of Montana Law School: "Organizational Leadership and Risk Management."
- Panelist, 2023, 2025- Aerial Firefighting Conference: "Wildfire Leadership."

## **Education**

University of Colorado, Boulder | May 2011

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies, Minors in Geology and Geography

## **References**