

## **Craig Foss Bio -**

Craig Foss is the State Forester and Division Administrator – Forestry & Fire for the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). Craig earned a B.S. in Geology at the University of North Dakota, and M.S. in Forest Resources at the University of Idaho. Craig has more than thirty years of experience leading and administering diverse forestry programs. He has been with IDL since 1995, starting employment as the Urban/Community Forestry Program Manager, advancing to Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief in 2001, and to the Division Administrator, Forestry & Fire position in 2016. He was named State Forester in February 2020. In his current position, Craig oversees the Fire Management, Private Forestry Assistance and Good Neighbor Authority Bureaus for IDL. He also oversees the Idaho Shared Stewardship Initiative.

During his employment with IDL, Craig has led development of multiple program and agency strategic initiatives, including the 2014 Farm Bill – Idaho HFRA Designation, the Good Neighbor Authority federal lands management initiative, and the Shared Stewardship initiative. He has engaged multiple state and federal program reviews and audits helping Idaho earn a regional reputation for solid, progressive program delivery.

Craig and his wife Jill reside in Rathdrum, Idaho.