

**John Crockett, Deputy Chief of State, Private and Tribal Forestry, USDA Forest Service,
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John Crockett serves as the Deputy Chief of State, Private and Tribal Forestry for the USDA Forest Service. In this role, he oversees several key Forest Service offices focused on Fire and Aviation Management, Conservation Education, Forest Health Protection, Tribal Relations, Urban and Community Forestry, Wood Innovations, Landowner Assistance, and the Grey Towers National Historic Site - the former home of the first Chief of the Forest Service Gifford Pinchot.

Throughout his career with the Forest Service, John has held leadership positions at all levels of the agency and across multiple Deputy Areas nationwide. He is known for his sense of collaboration with individuals and key partners, and for his efforts to strengthen relationships between the agency and Tribal Nations. His co-stewardship work ensures full tribal participation in decisions that impact trust and ceded lands.

John played a pivotal role in the implementation of the Permanent Firefighter Pay Reform and incident response premium pay, helping to put more money into the hands of wildland firefighters and all incident responders.

His passion for the outdoors - combined with his personal and professional commitment to working lands is reflected in his drive to connect with and inspire the next generation of land stewards. John is a lifelong learner and dedicated mentor, known for sharing his knowledge and experience with people from all walks of life.

A native of Alabama, John earned his degree in Forest Management from Alabama A&M University in 1998. He grew up in rural Alabama and is now married with three children. Together they enjoy outdoor activities and traveling as a family.