



# Lynn Scarlett

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## Biography

Lynn Scarlett is Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations at The Nature Conservancy. In this role, she influences policies that support all of our climate and conservation priorities—in the United States and the 72 countries in which TNC influences conservation.

During the GW Bush Administration, she was the Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Department of the Interior, where she also served as the Acting Secretary of the Interior in 2006.

While Interior's Deputy Secretary, Lynn initiated and chaired the Department's Cooperative Conservation Working Group and its first-ever Climate Change Task Force. She established the Interior's Ocean and Coastal Activities office to coordinate cross-departmental ocean and coastal work. She chaired the nation's Wildland Fire Leadership Council. She served on the Executive Committee of the President's Management Council.

Lynn is author or co-author of publications on climate change adaptation; ecosystem services; large landscape conservation; and science and decision making.

She chairs the Science Advisory Board of NOAA, was recently co-chair of the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives Council established in 2014 by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Academy of Sciences SustainAbility Roundtable. She also served on the US Global Change Research Program Committee and was a co-convening lead author of the 2014 National Climate Assessment.

She is on the Dean's Advisory Council of the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at UC Santa Barbara. She also serves on the boards of trustees of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation.

Lynn received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she also completed her Ph.D. coursework and exams in political science and political economy.

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