

George L. Geissler, CF



George L. Geissler is Washington's State Forester and Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire and Forest Health.

Mr. Geissler is a native of New Orleans. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from Louisiana State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. He has almost 30 years of experience in natural resource and wildland fire management, and six years of experience in structural firefighting as a volunteer in Idaho and New Mexico. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1987 and a Certified Forester.

Mr. Geissler began his career with the United States Forest Service on the Boise National Forest as both a wildland firefighter with the Boise Hotshots and a silviculturalist on the Idaho City Ranger District.

He left the USFS in 1988 to become Corporate Forester for Central and Southwest Services (an electric utility holding company based in Dallas, TX) where he directed forest management activities on 475,000 acres of company owned timberlands and vegetation management on company electrical system infrastructure located in the US, Brazil and England.

In 1997 Mr. Geissler left Central and Southwest to establish Forestry West LLC, in New Mexico. Forestry West quickly established itself in natural resource management including forest management, community wildfire protection planning, and wildland fire planning and prevention.

He joined Oklahoma Forestry Services in 2006. Before being named as State Forester he served in a staff function to coordinate all forest management activities provided by the agency.

Mr. Geissler joined the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in May of 2018 and serves in the capacity of State Forester and Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire and Forest Health.

Mr. Geissler is the former President of the National Association of State Foresters and is a member of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council.

Mr. Geissler is married to his wife Bea. They have two children and four grandchildren and reside in Olympia, Washington.