

# **Lenise Lago**

## **Associate Chief**

Lenise Lago grew up in Athens, Georgia, where she attended the University of Georgia, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Timber Management and a Master of Forest Resources from the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forest Resources.

Lenise worked briefly in the forest products industry before joining the Forest Service in 1989. She has worked in a variety of Planning, Budget, and Resource Management jobs, splitting time between the western U.S. (16 years in Montana, Washington and Oregon), and Washington D.C. (10 years).

As Deputy Chief for the agency's Business Operations from 2011 to 2017, Lenise provided leadership and oversight for all the agency's administrative functions, including Human Resources, Information Technology, and Contracting as well as Safety, Job Corps, and Sustainable Operations. Business Operations employs more than 4,000 people and enables the work of 40,000 Forest Service employees.

After being selected to serve as Acting Associate Chief in September, 2017, Lenise was named Associate Chief in November, 2018.