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Steve Guertin provides strategic program direction and develops policy and guidance to support and promote program development and fulfill the Service mission. He led the Mountain-Prairie Region as Regional Director for five years and successfully managed some of the Service's most challenging landscape-level conservation issues, including the recovery of the gray wolf in the Northern Rocky Mountains and efforts to work with States and partners to develop conservation strategies for the greater sage-grouse.

Guertin served on the Service Regulations Committee, which works with State wildlife agencies and Flyway Councils to set the annual framework for migratory bird harvest. In addition, he developed strong working relationships with the States while serving on the Joint Federal/State Endangered Species Act Task Force and the Joint Federal/State Policy Task Force, both critical to efforts to improve coordination of State and Federal efforts. He chaired the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture, the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Implementation Committee, the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, and the Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable, among others.

He served as Chief of the Service's Division of Budget for eight years, where he worked closely with the Service's Congressional Appropriations Committee members and staff and spent nine years working in the Department of the Interior, where he recommended funding and policy options for the Service and the Bureau of Land Management. He previously served for eight years in the United States Marine Corps in Hawaii, California, Virginia, and overseas.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Norwich University in Vermont and a Master's of Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh, and was a Senior Executive Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School.