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Edward (Ed) Shepard is the President of the Public Lands Foundation, an organization mostly comprised of retired Bureau of Land Management employees dedicated to keeping the public lands in public hands. He retired from the Bureau of Land Management in June of 2012 as the State Director for the states of Oregon and Washington; a position he held since November of 2006.

Shepard retired with 38 years of experience with the BLM and, prior to the position of State Director, served as the Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning in the Washington Office; Oregon and Washington BLM Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use, and Protection; Deputy Director of the Office of Fire and Aviation at the National Interagency Fire Center; District Manager, Coos Bay, Oregon District; Chief of the Division of Forestry in the Washington Office; Area Manager in the Roseburg, Oregon District Office; Area Silviculturist in the Medford, Oregon District Office; and Area Forester and soil scientist in the Rawlins, Wyoming District Office. He also served two Congressional Fellowships with a Congressman and a Senator.

He holds a MS in Forest Management from Washington State University and a BS in Range and Forest Management from Colorado State University.

Shepard is a Fellow and Certified Forester with the Society of American Foresters and has held several elected and appointed offices and committee assignments with SAF.

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The Public Lands Foundation advocates and works for the retention of America's Public Lands in public hands, professionally and sustainably managed for responsible common use and enjoyment.