



Cynthia D. West

Dr. Cynthia West has 20+ years with the Forest Service and has extensive experience in forest economics, social sciences, forest products, ecosystem services, urban forestry, and fish and wildlife research. Dr. West was appointed as the Executive Director of the newly formed Office of Sustainability and Climate Change for the Forest Service. Prior to this appointment she served in the position of Associate Deputy Chief for Research & Development in the Washington Office since April 2012. Before coming into the Washington Office as Director for Resource Use Sciences in the Washington Office she served as Deputy Station Director for the Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station (PNWRS) in Portland, OR for nine years. In this position, she provided oversight for the Station's research programs across ten laboratories and eleven experimental forests in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. Before joining the PNW Station in 2002, Dr. West served as Department Head of Forest Products at Mississippi State University (MSU). Prior to MSU she served for nine years with the Forest Service in the Northeastern Research Station as a researcher and project leader conducting economics and international wood products trade research and industry development in Princeton, West Virginia and at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia where she served as Adjunct Faculty in the Wood Science Department.

Dr. West received a bachelor's degree in forest management, a master's degree in marketing and management, and a Ph.D. in wood science, all from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.