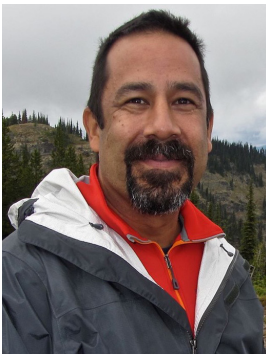




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## Director of State and Private Forestry



**Tim Garcia** is the Director of State and Private Forestry for the Northern and Intermountain Regions. Tim was the Forest Supervisor on the Lolo National Forest in Missoula, Montana from 2014-2018. He served as the acting Deputy Regional Forester in the Pacific Southwest Region in California. He previously served as a Legislative Affairs Specialist and acting Deputy Chief of Staff to Chief Tidwell at USDA, Forest Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Tim began his Forest Service career in 1985 on a wildland fire crew on the Uinta National Forest. After several fire seasons he graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. in Forest Management. Over his career, Tim has worked in every organizational level of the Forest Service, serving on five National Forests, four regions and the Washington Office. Additionally, Tim was the Deputy State Forester in the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands between 2009 and 2012.

## Deputy Director of State and Private Forestry



**Danny McBride** started as the Deputy Director of State and Private Forestry for the Northern and Intermountain Regions in 2019. Danny was the Regional Partnership Coordinator for the Intermountain Region from 2016-2019. He began his career in Federal Service in 2008 with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Utah. He served in numerous positions including Area Resource Conservationist, Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, Acting State Resource Conservationist, and Soil Health Specialist. Danny also was a member of the NRCS National Civil Rights Committee and served as the chair of the Utah NRCS Civil Rights Advisory Committee. Danny also worked for the Utah Association of Conservation Districts and Utah State University Extension.





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## **The Intermountain Region State and Private Forestry Programs and Initiatives**

Within the U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry works directly with state agencies to provide financial and technical support for natural resource management across state, private, tribal, and federal lands. The states encompassed within the Forest Service's Northern Region are: Northern Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and the Intermountain Region: Southern Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

Our staff also works with regional, state, local agencies, organizations, and citizens to address many of today's key natural resource issues: forest health, wildfire preparedness and mitigation, invasive species, loss of open space, and well-being of rural resource-dependent communities.

### **Forest Legacy Program**

The Forest Legacy Program conserves and retains private forestlands of regional or national significance that are threatened with conversion to non-forest uses. The program assures traditional uses of private forestlands and public values are protected for future generations. The purpose of Forest Legacy easements are to prevent fragmentation and conversion of productive forestland, maintain traditional land uses, and protect significant environmental values on private lands.

### **Forest Stewardship Program**

The Forest Stewardship Program provides technical assistance to owners of non-industrial private forestland not currently under management and to those who wish to increase their management activities. The information and assistance provided to landowners is intended to help them understand actions they might take to manage, enhance, and protect the productivity of timber, fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, wetlands, recreational value, and aesthetics.



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## **Urban and Community Forestry Program**

The Urban and Community Forestry Program focuses on the stewardship of the urban forests which includes parks, street trees, landscaped boulevards, public gardens, river corridors, greenways, wetlands, nature areas, shelter belts of trees and working trees at industrial sites. The program provides technical tree specific assistance, as well as assistance on a larger landscape scale to address environmental, social, and economic issues in communities.

## **Forest Health Monitoring & Biological Control Program**

The Biological Control Program coordinator works with partners such as states, universities, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, Forest Service Research, and national forests to facilitate the meaningful incorporation of biological control into long-term integrated weed (nonnative invasive plants) management. The biological control program compliments the noxious weed grant and pesticide use and coordination programs by providing clients with weed biological control technical assistance, training, and improved access to weed biocontrol agents.

## **Forest Health Protection**

Forest Health Protection provides technical and financial assistance for forest health issues, particularly related to forest and range disturbance agents that include native and non-native insects, pathogens, and invasive plants on public, private, and tribal lands. We assist federal and tribal land managers directly and cooperate with State Forest Health Specialists who assist state and private land managers.

- Surveying for insect and disease detection using aerial and ground surveys.  
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## Forest Health Protection (continued)

- Developing and conducting training and educational programs to inform land managers and the public about forest and rangeland insects and diseases.
- Developing technology that addresses forest health management issues and assists land managers with implementation.
- Developing weed biological control methodology and monitoring schemes.
- Conducting technical assistance visits to determine insect and disease issues and recommending management alternatives.
- Reviewing environmental analyses documents, forest and vegetation plans and research.

## Woody Biomass Utilization Program

The Wood and Biomass Utilization Program is focused on expanding the use and manufacture of wood and biomass products. Strong markets for wood and biomass incentivize and reduce costs of forest management and hazardous fuels reduction on all lands while also promoting the economic and environmental health of communities. The program focuses on fostering markets including the use of wood in green building, renewable wood energy, and varied emerging and traditional wood products. Program services include administration of the Wood Innovations Grants, technical assistance and developing partnerships to accomplish this work.

## Tribal Relations

The Tribal Relations Program for the Northern and Intermountain Regions is part of the State and Private Forestry responsibility. The regions are in the process of hiring a Tribal Relations specialist for each region. The Clearwater, Nez Perce, and Payette National Forests share a Tribal Liaison to the Nez Perce Tribe. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has a Tribal Liaison within the State of Nevada.



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## **National Fire Plan/Cohesive Strategy**

State and Private Forestry manages the cooperative programs related to the National Fire Plan/Cohesive Strategy for both the Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho National Forests. The program facilitates coordination between the state and local governments and the federal government in fire and fuels management related issues within Idaho.

## **State Fire Assistance Program**

The State Fire Assistance Program provides financial and technical support directly to states to enhance firefighting capacity, support community-based hazard mitigation, and expand outreach and education to homeowners and communities concerning fire prevention and hazard mitigation. The program requires a 50-50 match by the state. Program delivery is through the State Forester.