



Biography

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PATRICIA O'CONNOR **DEPUTY FOREST SUPERVISOR**



Tricia O'Connor has been the Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Tongass National Forest since February 2011. She assists the Forest Supervisor in managing programs and providing technical and administrative direction for all activities on the forest.

O'Connor has been in the Alaska Region for 10 years, first as the District Ranger for the Yakutat Ranger District followed by Staff Officer on the Tongass for Planning, Wildlife and Subsistence. She also held temporary assignments as the Deputy Forest Supervisor. Prior to this, she held District level wildlife biologist positions on the Lolo National Forest in western Montana and on the Mt. Hood National Forest in western Oregon and was the forest civil rights program chair on the Lolo.

O'Connor has worked in natural resources for 20 years with a strong interest in collaboration. She has worked with the Tongass Futures Roundtable for the past several years with a focus on restoration and forest management issues. She has lead other collaborative efforts and developed partnerships for recreation, river management, wildlife, watershed and fuels projects and has been acknowledged for this work. In 2010, O'Connor received the Director's Award from the Alaska Region for an outstanding record of accomplishment and leadership in wildlife and subsistence management. She completed the Senior Leader Program in 2006.

O'Connor holds a Master of Science degree in Natural Resource Management with an emphasis on wildlife from Humboldt State University, Calif. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Cornell University, New York.

The Tongass National Forest stretches the 500-mile length of the Alaska Panhandle. The Tongass has healthy fish and wildlife populations, clean water, trees to support local industry, recreation opportunities unique to Alaska. The beauty and bounty of the Tongass draws attention from around the nation and the world.