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BETH G. PENDLETON REGIONAL FORESTER



Beth Pendleton has been the Alaska Regional Forester since March 2010. As Regional Forester, Pendleton oversees management of more than 22 million acres of National Forest System lands in Southcentral and Southeast Alaska. She works closely with the region's diverse stakeholders and communities of interest, especially on issues related to forest restoration and strengthening rural community health.

Pendleton has worked in natural resources, coast-to-coast, for more than 25 years. Her experience in both the public and private sectors make her well qualified for her role as regional forester. Previously, she served in several key positions in the Alaska Region, including Deputy Regional Forester for Operations; Director for Recreation, Lands and Minerals and team leader for the 1997 Tongass Forest Plan Revision. She worked as Program Manager for Wildlife and Fisheries in the agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C. and in short-term assignments as Rocky Mountain Region Deputy Regional Forester and as Pacific Southwest Research Station Director. Pendleton served as Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region for four years.

Early in her career, Pendleton worked for the National Wildlife Federation's Institute for Wildlife Research in Washington, D.C., as managing editor of scientific and technical publications.

She holds a bachelor's in wildlife biology from the University of Vermont, a master's in wildlife and fisheries from South Dakota State University and a master's in journalism from the University of Wyoming. She is also a graduate of Harvard's Senior Executive Fellows Program and American University's Key Leadership program.

The Tongass and Chugach are the two largest single national forests in the nation. The Tongass National Forest stretches the 500-mile length of the Alaska Panhandle. The Chugach National Forest makes the 210-mile arc around Prince William Sound. The beauty and bounty of these forests draw attention from around the nation and the world.