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TONGASS TRANSITION FRAMEWORK COORDINATOR



Jon Martin has been the Tongass Transition Framework Coordinator in the Alaska Region since February 2011. In this position, he is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of the U.S. Forest Service and Rural Development strategy and action plan to diversify the economy of Southeast Alaska. Components of the transition include renewable energy, forest restoration and young growth management, fisheries and mariculture, and tourism and recreation.

Martin served as the Tongass National Forest Staff Officer for Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Conservation Education from 2006 to 2011. Over a 30-year Forest Service career, he has held various positions, including: Assistant

Director of Resource, Planning & Monitoring in the Pacific Northwest Region from 2000 to 2006; Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington from January to May 2006; Natural Resource Planner, Washington Office Ecosystem Management from 1999 to 2000 and District Ranger positions on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests in northern California from 1996 to 1999. He also worked in various ecologist and wildlife biologist positions in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

Martin has received numerous awards, including the 2009 Chief's Research and Partnership Award for outstanding achievement in bird conservation; Forest Supervisor Awards for significant contributions to the Tongass recreation, lands, minerals and heritage program; a Regional Forester's Award for leading an interagency team of scientists and managers evaluating the effectiveness of the Northwest Forest Plan after 10 years; a Secretary of Agriculture's Award for completing the 2001 national roadless Environmental Impact Statement and a Chief's Award and Pacific Northwest Director's Award for collaboration with research on the development of adaptive management concepts and practices.

Martin received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Washington State University and a Master's of Science in Forest and Range Ecology from Arizona State University.

The Tongass is the crown jewel of the U.S. Forest Service. It is the largest national forest, produces most of the wild salmon in the nation, contains more old growth than anywhere in the U.S., is home to healthy populations of brown bear, bald eagles, and wolves, and is home to many people who have a rich cultural heritage.

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