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## **Aaron Everett, Director, Climate Smart Wood Group**

Aaron Everett's bio is written in the first-person because people who read these things obviously already know that the speakers write their own material and it's pretty comical to ghost-write for oneself ... A native of Detroit, Michigan, I am a forester by training with my roots in the concrete jungle.

I am a veteran of Governor Jay Inslee's administration and three consecutive Commissioner of Public Lands administrations at Washington DNR. Governor Inslee appointed me Director of the Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation & Assistance, and during my decade or so at DNR, I served in numerous executive roles providing strategic direction on agency's most complex legislative, policy, regulatory, conservation, land management, aquatic, emergency response and wildfire suppression responsibilities. My work over twenty years in public affairs, advocacy and agency leadership has always kept me at the intersection of people and policy: where the toughest but most important outcomes happen. I left public service in 2021 and established a consulting firm, Beacon Rock Consultants, where I have focused on helping purpose-driven organizations launch new initiatives and maximize their impact. Working as Director of the Climate Smart Wood Group is among the projects I am most proud to be involved with.



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## **Alyssa Macy, CEO, Washington Environmental Council & Washington Conservation Voters**

Alyssa Macy is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon and was raised on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. She is of the Wasco, Navajo, and Hopi descent. Currently the CEO of Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conservation Voters, Alyssa recently served her Nation as the Chief Operations Officer where she was responsible for \$33 million in tribal programming and services. Her previous experiences include working transportation, campaign management, communications and international advocacy within United Nations bodies. She is a published writer and co-authored the first ever national report on Native American voting in 2005. She is a graduate of Arizona State University where she received her B.S. in Justice Studies and did her graduate studies at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis.



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## **Ben Donatelle, Natural Resources Policy Specialist, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office**

Ben started with RCO in 2016 as an outdoor grants manager in the Recreation and Conservation Grant Section. Now as a policy specialist, he leads projects to research, update, and create policy related to salmon recovery, outdoor recreation, and public lands conservation. Ben came to RCO from Montana where he worked in the outdoor recreation industry and for several conservation nonprofits as a community organizer, recreation planner, public lands advocate. Ben holds a master of science degree in environmental studies and master's certificate in natural resource conflict resolution from the University of Montana. In his spare time, Ben enjoys bicycling, hiking, snowboarding, and exploring the great outdoors with his wife and their two poodles.



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## **Bill Keeton, Professor of Forest Ecology and Forestry, University of Vermont**

William (Bill) Keeton is a Professor of Forest Ecology and Forestry at the University of Vermont. There he directs the Carbon Dynamics Laboratory and is a Fellow in the Gund Institute for Environment. He chairs the IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organizations) Working Group on Old-growth Forests and is on the Board of Trustees for the Vermont Land Trust. Bill served as a Fulbright Specialist in Ukraine (2008) and more recently as a Fulbright Scholar in Austria (2021). His co-edited the book "Ecology and Recovery of Eastern Old-Growth Forests," was published by Island Press in 2018. Dr. Keeton holds a B.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University ('90), a Masters in Conservation Biology and Policy from Yale University ('94), and a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from the University of Washington (2000).



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## **Brad Kahn, Director of Communications, Forest Stewardship Council US**

Brad Kahn joined Forest Stewardship Council US as communications director in 2010, where he manages organizational communications and outreach. From the media relations and policy translation to green building and research focused on the forest carbon benefits of FSC practices, Brad helps communicate FSC's impacts to a wide array of audiences. For the past 20 years Brad has worked in communications, serving nonprofit organizations focused on environmental issues. He has a Master's degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a B.A. in economics from Brown.



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## **Corey Hinton, Lead Attorney, Tribal Nations Practice Group, Drummond Woodsum**

Corey Hinton (Passamaquoddy) leads the Tribal Nations Practice Group at the law firm Drummond Woodsum. Corey advises Tribal Nations, Tribe-owned entities, and entities that interface with Tribes on federal Indian law and policy, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, employment matters, economic development, and environmental and natural resource issues.



Corey has substantial experience with the commercial, transactional, and resource management issues related to natural resources – including Tribal and non-Tribal owned Improved Forest Management (IFM) carbon offset projects. In 2016, he assisted the Passamaquoddy Tribe to establish an IFM that was recognized in California for removing 3.8 million tons of greenhouse gases in furtherance of California's "cap-and-trade" program. Corey has represented clients before a variety of federal administrative agencies that interact with Tribal Nations and regularly represents clients in government-building, ethics and employment policies, negotiation and administration of Public Law 93-638 programs, and real estate transactions.

In his free time, Corey enjoys spending time with his family, their dog, and two cats. He takes Passamaquoddy language classes, organizes sports/life skills camps for indigenous youth, and volunteers for the Maine Justice Foundation and the Skutik River Restoration Trust. Corey also serves on the Executive Committee for the Thompson Brothers' 4 the Future Foundation, which inspires youth by creating community-based opportunities at the intersection of culture and healthy lifestyles (<https://www.4thefuturefoundation.org/>).

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## **David Diaz, Director of Forestry Analytics and Technology, Ecotrust**

David Diaz has reported on international climate negotiations, developed how to guides for forest carbon projects, designed carbon market accounting standards, and negotiated contracts for carbon offsets. Since 2013, he has worked with the nonprofit Ecotrust where he serves as Director of Forestry Technology & Analytics. David leads work to integrate open-source data science, geospatial analysis, and forest ecology and management to produce actionable science, user-friendly technologies, and data-driven insights that engage forest owners and enable improved forest management. He holds a BA in Environmental History from Harvard University, an MS in Soil Science from Oregon State University, and is a PhD candidate in the University of Washington School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.

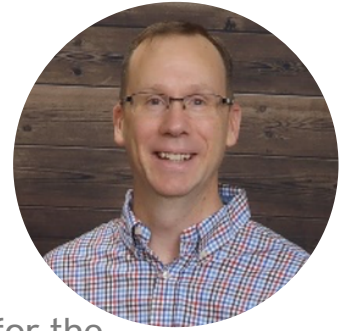




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## **Duane Emmons, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands (Acting), Washington Department of Natural Resources**

Duane Emmons is the Assistant Deputy for State Uplands with the Department of Natural Resources. He has programmatic oversight of the 3 million acres of trust and conservation lands managed by the department and serves as a senior advisor to the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Board of Natural Resources. Duane has been with DNR for 12 years, and prior to coming to DNR worked for over a decade as the forest manager for the University of Washington's Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. Duane holds a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from the University of Washington and an A.A.S. in Forest Recreation from Paul Smith's College. In 1999 he was named a Society of American Foresters Presidential Field Forester of the Year.



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## **Elizabeth Azzuz, Board Secretary, Cultural Fire Management Council**

Elizabeth Azzuz is an enrolled Yurok Tribal member and a Karuk descendent. She is a mother & grandmother, teaching cultural burning to all ages. Elizabeth is involved with the Nature Conservancy in the Indigenous Peoples Burning Network, as well as the Secretary to the board of the Cultural Fire Management Council.



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## **Javier Kinney, Carbon Project Manager, Yurok Tribe**

Javier I. Kinney is a Yurok Tribal citizen and currently serves as the Carbon Project Manager, Natural Resources Division for the Yurok Tribe. He has attained a Bachelor of Arts Degrees in History and Native American Studies from the University of California, Davis, a Master of Arts degree in Law & Diplomacy, specializing in Development Economics and International Law from Tufts University-Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, and a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk Law School. Mr. Kinney has extensive experience advising Tribal, State, Federal and International governments, organizations and foundations with expertise in areas of mediation, negotiations, public policy, strategic actions, economic development, youth empowerment, land acquisition, tribal governance, grant management, protection of tribal cultural resources and strategic planning.



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Kinney has been an invited to serve as a key-note speaker, strategic advisor and guest lecturer at various universities and colleges focusing on leadership, education, Nation-building, and Indigenous affairs. His thought leadership, work and interests have provided him the opportunity to travel with indigenous delegations to Hungary, Venezuela, Jamaica, Colombia, Bolivia, Mexico, Norway, Brazil, Scotland, Egypt, and Canada. His commitment to global consciousness and visionary change motive him to work with indigenous communities globally and on tribal reservations through the United States. As a graduate student at the Fletcher School, Kinney was selected as a delegate to the inaugural International Achievement Summit held in Budapest, Hungary and has served as a speaker at the United Nations in conjunction with the Nexus Global Youth Summit and hosted international summits on the Yurok ancestral territory.

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### **Jordan Wildish, Senior Environmental Planner, Climate Commitment Act Carbon Offset Program, WA Department of Ecology**

Jordan Wildish is the Department of Ecology's Climate Commitment Act Carbon Offset Program Lead, and manages Ecology's Tribal Carbon Offset Assistance grant program and Tribal Consultation grant program. Prior to joining the Department of Ecology, he worked as a Senior Manager with American Forests, where he partnered with the World Economic Forum to increase investment in forest conservation and restoration through carbon finance. Before joining American Forests, Jordan worked with Forest Trends' Ecosystems Marketplace to improve information access in the carbon offset market and was a Project Director with Earth Economics. He has a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Washington.



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### **Julia Jay, Project Engineer, Natural Systems Design**

Julia is a Project Engineer at Natural Systems Design (NSD), where she has been for 5 years. She holds two Master's degrees in Environmental/Forestry Science and Water Resources Engineering from the University of Washington, and a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. At NSD, Julia uses data analysis techniques along with hydraulic and hydrologic modeling softwares to perform holistic watershed-scale analyses that link hydrology, hydraulics, ecology, and geomorphology. She also specializes in analysis and design of aquatic habitat and floodplain restoration projects in the Pacific Northwest. Julia previously worked on the development side of environmental non-profits, including American Rivers.



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## **Justin Hall, Vice President, Nisqually Community Forest**

Justin Hall is the executive director of the Nisqually River Foundation and has been since its inception in 2004. The Nisqually River Foundation provides staffing and project management for the Nisqually River Council, a coordinating Council of governments and citizens that works on behalf of the Nisqually Watershed. Justin has spent over 25 years working and living in the Nisqually Watershed. Prior to coming to work for the Nisqually River Foundation, Justin worked as a natural resources extension agent for Michigan State University and as a forester for the University of Washington Pack Experimental Forest. Justin Hall's educational background includes Bachelors of Science in both Fisheries Biology and Wildlife Science as well as a Master of Science in Silviculture and Forest Planning. Justin serves on the boards of the Nisqually Community Forest, the Northwest Community Forest Coalition, the Friends of the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and AgForestry Leadership. In his spare time he likes spending time on the water and works as a soccer referee for high school soccer.



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## **Kara Karboski, Program Manager, Washington Resource Conservation & Development Council**

Kara is a Program Manager at the Washington Resource Conservation & Development Council where she leads prescribed fire initiatives, strategies, and projects, and supports the development of community-led prescribed fire across the state. Since 2013, she has served as the Coordinator for the Washington Prescribed Fire Council, a coalition of prescribed fire practitioners promoting the use of prescribed fire and addressing barriers at the local, state, and national levels. Engaging along the multitude of facets of prescribed fire, from policy, outreach and education, training, and more, Kara aims to re-establish the connection between the land, fire, and people – ultimately providing the tools needed to adapt to a changing world. She earned her Masters of Environmental Studies from Evergreen State College and her bachelors from Washington State University.



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## **Micah Stanovsky, Green Markets Manager, Sustainable Northwest**

Micah Stanovsky is Green Markets Manager with Sustainable Northwest, connecting the PNW construction industry to the people, forests, and impacts along the wood supply chain. This role ranges from managing FSC chain of custody group certification, to developing market pathways that recognize uncertified wood with high ecological, climate and community value. He holds an MPA in Environmental Policy and MS in Environmental and Forest Sciences from the University of Washington, where he specialized in global wood products and illegal timber trade. Micah worked in strategy development for a Seattle environmental philanthropy, conducting climate, deforestation and Nature-Based Solutions research. Prior to entering the forest, he spent 6 years as co-founder of Sawhorse Revolution, a Seattle nonprofit fostering confident, community-oriented youth through the power of carpentry and craft.



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## **Miguel Perez Gibson, State Forest Policy Analyst, Washington Environmental Council**

Miguel is all about the forest. From his days as a field forester, to his time as the State Manager for Forests with the Department of Natural Resources, he has promoted ecological forestry in Washington State. He has joined WEC's Evergreen Forest Program Team as the State Forest Policy Advisor. Prior to joining WEC, Miguel served Governor Jay Inslee as his Executive Director for Legislative Policy. When not working for WEC, Miguel can be found hiking in the Enchantments or enchanting others on the guitar.



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## **Paula Swedeen, Policy Director, Conservation Northwest**

Paula Swedeen, Ph.D. is the Policy Director at Conservation Northwest where she works at the intersection between wildlife habitat connectivity, biodiversity conservation, and climate mitigation in natural landscapes. She had been working in the forest carbon space for over 20 years, first on carbon offset markets and projects and more recently on policy and funding mechanisms for large-scale shift management of forests on state and private lands to longer rotations and better biodiversity outcomes. She holds a B.S. in Biology, a Masters in Political Science and Environmental Studies and a Ph.D. in Ecological Economics.





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## **Rachel Baker, Forest Program Director, Washington Environmental Council**

Rachel is the Forest Program Director at Washington Environmental Council (WEC) and Washington Conservation Voters (WCV). In this role, she leads the Forest Team, which works on a range of topics related to forest policy in Washington State, including forest practices, state lands, climate-smart wood, wildfire, and natural climate solutions. Prior to joining WEC/WCV, Rachel's career focused on forest conservation and sustainable development internationally. She worked for Earthworm Foundation, where she partnered with the private sector to eliminate deforestation and social exploitation in commodity supply chains. Rachel previously managed the forest campaign at the Bank Information Center, collaborating with civil society to advocate for forests and forest peoples in multilateral development finance. She has also carried out field research on community forest use in Oaxaca, Mexico, and Darien, Panama. Rachel holds a Master of Forestry and a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment.



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## **Ray Entz, Director of Wildlife and Terrestrial Resources, Kalispel Tribe Natural Resources Department**

Ray D. Entz, Director of Wildlife and Terrestrial Resources, Kalispel Tribe of Indians' Natural Resources Department. Ray has been employed by the Kalispel Tribe's NRD for 30 years. Ray served four years in the U.S. Army's veterinary corps caring for military working dogs and providing essential public health services. After graduating from Eastern Washington University with his M.S. in Biology/Ecology, Ray started working with the Kalispel Tribe providing restoration and on-the-ground actions that will improve conservation outcomes into the future working primarily with wetland and riparian habitats. His other endeavors include bio-engineered shoreline stabilization, Caribou recovery, Grizzly Bear recovery, state forest practices, US Forest Service projects (including a 90,000-acre Tribal Forest Protection Act restoration project), restoring prescribed fire to the Reservation, public and private hydropower projects, and helping to create one of the first Tribally owned/managed Community Forests nationally. Ray enjoys the outdoors in his leisure time with fly fishing being a key passion. He is currently working to catch all the existing native trout species in their native habitats within the western U.S.



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## **Sandor Toth, Donald J. & Robert G. McLachlan Associate Professor, University of Washington**

Dr. Toth is Donald J. & Robert G. McLachlan Associate Professor of Natural Resource Informatics at the University of Washington's (Seattle) School of Environmental & Forest Sciences and adjunct associate professor at the Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering. Dr. Toth published 28 refereed research articles in leading forestry, conservation and operations research journals. He has served on the editorial board of Forest Science and Natural Resources Modeling. Dr. Toth teaches forest management & economics, forestry consulting and optimization in natural resources. Dr. Toth's research interests include forest management, nature reserve design, spatial optimization, the economics of forest ecosystem services, and multi-criteria decision making. Dr. Toth currently chairs the WA Dept. of Natural Resources' Technical Advisory Committee.



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## **Sean Jeronimo, Principal Ecologist, Resilient Forestry**

Sean Jeronimo is a forester, forest scientist, and small woodland owner. Sean's academic and professional experience includes region-wide analysis of fire regimes in California's Sierra Nevada, managing treatment implementation for a vertically-integrated forest restoration company in Northern Arizona, and cruising Native-owned timberlands in southeast Alaska. His primary focus is multi-scale ecological forest management planning in his home, the Pacific Northwest. Sean earned his PhD in ecosystem analysis and forest management from the University of Washington.



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## **Seth Zuckerman, Executive Director, Northwest Natural Resource Group**

Since 2017, Seth has served as Executive Director of the Northwest Natural Resource Group, which helps people understand and practice ecological forestry in Washington and Oregon. Previously, he was a writer and analyst at Seattle-based Climate Solutions, and before that the director of the Wild and Working Lands program at the Mattole Restoration Council in northern California. He holds an A.B. in Energy Studies from Stanford University and an M.S. in Energy and Resources from the University of California at Berkeley.



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### **Steve Hinton, Conservation Scientist, The Tulalip Tribes**

Born and raised in the Salish Sea region, Steve has logged an extensive career as a restoration ecologist for area tribes. After graduating from Georgia Tech with a Master's in Science & Technology Policy, Steve invested 20 years directing salmon recovery efforts in the Skagit. Steve has recently pivoted his career to work on climate adaptation strategies for Pacific Northwest communities. Steve is working as a Conservation Scientist with the Tulalip Tribes Office of Treaty Rights and Government Affairs to implement the Tribes' climate adaptation plans & policies. His current projects include providing policy analysis regarding the Climate Commitment Act, modeling ecosystem services, and developing food and energy security policy recommendations.



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### **Timothy Cooke, Associate, LEVER Architecture**

Timothy is a licensed architect and an Associate at LEVER Architecture. His work focuses on integrating a keen understanding of material and energy use into the design process. In addition to his project work, Timothy leads interdisciplinary research at LEVER that is focused on increasing transparency and access to information about the forest practices associated with wood products used in the built environment.



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### **Tye Menser, County Commissioner, Thurston County**

Elected to the county commission in 2018, and reelected in 2022, Board Vice Chair Tye Menser represents District 3 (the western portion) of Thurston County. Tye is passionate about issues related to criminal justice reform, informed by his 21-year legal career in both the public and private sector. He is also passionate about issues related to the environment, specifically water, and works actively to represent Thurston County throughout the Puget Sound region, with groups such as the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority and Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council.



Tye's wife is a kindergarten teacher, and they have two teenagers in the Olympia School District. In his free time, Tye likes to play banjo, especially with his band, The Oly Mountain Boys.

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### **Todd Donovan, County Councilmember, Whatcom County**

Todd Donovan is the Chair of the Whatcom County Council and currently serving his third term on the Council. He is also a member of the County's Natural Resources Committee and Planning and Development Committee. Todd is also a Professor of Political Science at Western Washington University, with previous visiting appointments and fellowships in Australia and New Zealand. His research examines the intersection of political behavior, representation and electoral institutions; as well as public opinion, direct democracy, and elections. He is a recipient of the University's Olscamp Award for excellence in research, has authored, co-authored, and co-edited a dozen books, and has published scores of peer reviewed research articles.



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### **Heidi Eisenhour, County Commissioner, Jefferson County**

Elected to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners in 2020, Heidi Eisenhour is an experienced non-profit executive having served locally as Chief Operating Officer at the Northwest Maritime Center, most recently, and Executive Director at Jefferson Land Trust previously. She served on the Jefferson County Planning Commission when the first comprehensive plan was adopted in compliance with the Growth Management Act. Her family has lived in Jefferson County since 1981. Heidi graduated from The Evergreen State College with a degree in Environmental Science in 1994.



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### **Hillary Franz, WA State Commissioner of Public Lands**

Elected in 2016, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz protects and manages nearly six million acres of public lands in Washington State – from coastal waters and aquatic reserves, to working forests and farms, to commercial developments and recreation areas. Commissioner Franz is committed to ensuring our public lands are healthy and productive, both today and for future generations. She is leading the push to make Washington's lands resilient in the face of climate change, investing in carbon sequestration and clean energy with wind, solar, and geothermal infrastructure. As the leader of our state's largest wildfire fighting force, she has pushed for new strategies, innovations, and resources to protect our communities. She knows that our working lands – and the communities that depend on them for family-wage jobs – are integral to our success as a state, and she is investing in their success. Hilary is a third-generation farmer and small forest landowner, and holds a bachelor's degree from Smith College and a juris doctor from Northeastern University Law School.

