

# ROBERT W. JOHNSON

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## Objective

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### Executive Summary

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- ◆ Thirty-three years with the Department of Natural Resources.
- ◆ Held 15 positions within the Department - All with increasing levels of responsibility and leadership duties.
- ◆ Over 17 years at the District Manager/Section Manager level or higher – Experience with a diverse mix of agency programs.
- ◆ Currently the Wildfire Division Manager leading the largest on-call wildland firefighting department in the State of Washington
- ◆ Hold Incident Commander and Operations Section Chief national ratings for complex incident response.
- ◆ Led an interagency all risk incident management team for the state of Washington as its Incident Commander.

### Education

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Bachelors of Science, Forest Management  
Washington State University, Pullman Washington, 1985

### Experience

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#### Department of Natural Resources

Wildfire Division Manager, Olympia Headquarters, 2014 to current

Lead the agency wildfire program from preparedness to suppression working with state, contract, and federal and local partner resources. Approximately 1300 agency personnel could be used for suppression efforts. This includes Permanent fire staff, seasonal fire staff and militia from the larger agency ranks. I represent the agency on several boards and committees with the intent of coordinating prevention, forest health, fire preparedness and suppression efforts in the Pacific Northwest.

#### Department of Natural Resources

Assistant Region Manager, Pacific Cascade Region, 2009 to 2014

Provide leadership and guidance to professional and technical staff regarding all aspects of managing 650,000 acres of state trust land in SW Washington. Total staff under this position was up to 130 personnel.

#### Department of Natural Resources

Product Sales Manager, Pacific Cascade Region, 2006 to 2009

Provide leadership and guidance to professional and technical staff, potential purchasers and the public regarding rules, regulations, State land policies, guidelines and procedures relating to timber sales. Provide supervision in the preparation, processing and sale of 230+ MMbf of timber annually. Current value under contract is \$153,000,000.

#### Department of Natural Resources

State Lands District Manager, St. Helens District, Pacific Cascade Region, 2004 to 2006

Supervise, train and mentor a professional staff of up to 12, while overseeing land management activity on approximately 120,000 acres of trust lands. I interacted with internal and external influences to insure overall agency objectives are met.

#### Department of Natural Resources

State Lands District Manager, Pacific District, Central Region, 2002 to 2004

Supervised, trained and mentored a professional staff of up to 9 while overseeing land management activity on approximately 65,000 acres of trust lands. Interacted with internal and external influences to insure overall agency objectives are met.

#### Department of Natural Resources

Project Section Manager, Asset/Land Management, Southwest Region, 2001 to 2002

Managed a team of up to 18 professionals while managing the following programs on a region wide basis: Aquatics, natural areas, recreation, landscape planning, growth management, commercial leases, communication site leases, transition lands management, commercial rock sales, trespass, land exchanges, special use permits and public use issues.

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## **Department of Natural Resources**

State Lands District Manager, Yacolt District, Southwest Region, 1999 to 2001

Supervised, trained and mentored a professional staff of up to 14 while overseeing land management activity on approximately 150,000 acres of trust lands. Was involved in developing initial guidelines and procedures for operations in Spotted Owl habitat (NRF and dispersal).

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Planning Forester (Forester 2), Southwest Region, 1998 to 1999

Responsible for the following programs on a region wide basis: Landscape planning, growth management, commercial leases, communication site leases, transition lands management, commercial rock sales, trespass, land exchanges, special use permits and public use issues.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Kalama Unit Forester (Forester 2), Southwest Region, 1995 to 1998

Managed a team of two Forester I's, One Tech. I, and up to seven seasonal personnel. Worked with agencies, specialists, and the general public on state trust land management activity. Interacted with ten different Fire Departments and Districts on wildfire training, suppression agreements, team teaching, prevention, and wildfire suppression.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Forest Practice Forester (Forester 2), Southwest Region, 1992 to 1995

Lead Interdisciplinary teams to review Class 4 Special or other sensitive forest practice applications. Worked closely with other agencies, tribes, industry, and public to review Forest Practice Applications and address concerns. Received a letter of appreciation from the Commissioner of Public Lands for tribal contacts.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Fire Control Forester (Forester 1), Northeast Region, 1990 to 1992

Supervised five Forest Wardens, three Forest Lookouts, and worked with ten engine crews. Supervised the issuing of burn permits, prevention projects, crew training, and fire suppression. Worked with eighteen County Fire Protection Districts in five Counties. Worked as the Arcadia District surface mining forester on pit reclamation and bonding.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

State Lands Forester (Forester 1), Northeast Region, 1989 to 1990

Supervised one Forest Tech. 1 in a presales and compliance timbersale team. Presented timber sale information in public forums during preharvest review meetings. Responsible for planning and burning large broadcast and silvicultural under burns. Trained as a Forest Practice Forester in order to substitute as needed.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Forest Tech. 1, Northwest Region, 1987 to 1989

Worked on a presales team to complete timbersale layout. Primary reforestation person for the Arlington Unit. Responsible for all vegetation management needs within the Unit.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Forest Worker, Olympic Region 1985 to 1987 - Compass person for check cruiser working throughout the state.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Engine Leader and Wildland Firefighter, SPS Region, 1983 through 1985 - Seasonal firefighter and engine leader.