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**Education:** Harvard University, Masters in Public Administration, 1974.

University of Idaho, Bachelor of Science (Agriculture -- Agronomy), 1960.

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**Experience:** May 2001 -- Research Associate, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT  
Jan-May, 2001 F.K. Weyerhaeuser Visiting Fellow in Commercial Forestry, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT  
2000-Present Co-owner and President, Vision Forestry, Inc., Salisbury, MD.  
1995-Present President, The Sampson Group, Alexandria, VA  
1997-Present Affiliate Professor, College of Forest Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho  
1999-2000 Adjunct Professor, College of Forestry and Wildlife Resources, Virginia Tech, Northern Virginia Center, Falls Church, VA  
1995-2000 Senior Fellow, American Forests, Washington, DC  
1984-1995 -- Executive Vice President, American Forests, Washington, DC.  
1978-1984 -- Executive Vice President, National Association of Conservation Districts, Washington, DC.  
1974-1978 -- USDA Soil Conservation Service, Washington, DC: several positions including Acting Director, Environmental Services Division.  
1972-1973 -- Program Manager for Land Use, State of Idaho (On Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignment from Soil Conservation Service).  
1960-1964; 1965-1972 -- Various Field, Area, and State Office assignments with the Soil Conservation Service in the State of Idaho.

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**Overview:** Neil Sampson has developed and directed action programs, done research, and published writings on a broad range of resource management and policy issues connected with agriculture and forestry. He has been active on national and international conservation issues, with a focus on sound, active land and water management based on science, stewardship, and ethics.

As chief staff officer for 11 years at American Forests, he conceptualized and managed the Global ReLeaf program, which won a 1991 Presidential Environment and Conservation Challenge Citation. He conceptualized and helped create the Forest Policy Center as a research center that bridges between the questions policy makers ask and the information developed by scientists and experts around the world.

His current practice involves research and writing on private forest land management issues, sustainable forestry, forest ecosystem health, and land use dynamics. These include field studies that document environmental impact of various programs and projects, policy analyses, and publications for both public and professional audiences. Recent projects include development of a strategic model for assessing wildfire hazard and associated

environmental risks in western wildlands, and a study of western U.S. forest health conditions and the chance to alleviate them with energy-based solutions. He is involved in active forest management, focusing on the management of certified forest properties in Maryland and Virginia through Vision Forestry, LLC. He is technical advisor to the Montana Carbon Offset Coalition, a group of Resource Conservation and Development Areas and other agencies seeking to harness carbon offset land management projects as an additional way for western landowners to realize economic benefit from conservation management.

His international work includes development of a national soil conservation program for The Gambia during the mid-1970's; consulting with leaders in Argentina on agricultural policies in 1983; and, since 1990, working in the former Iron Curtain countries, assisting with the formation of both civil institutions and environmental programs. He has organized and led international workshops on terrestrial ecosystem dynamics and global carbon flows. He was a Coordinating Lead Author in the preparation of the Special Report on Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2000.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the Natural Resources Council of America and on the editorial or advisory boards for *Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy*, University of Tennessee; *Eurosolar*, Bonn, Germany; and *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change*, Kluwer Academic Publishers. He chaired the 1992-4 National Commission on Wildfire Disasters and was a member of the scientific team on the Role of Wildland Fire in Resource Management that supported the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy & Program Review. He was a member of the Forest Health Science Panel chartered by Congressman Charles Taylor and co-author of the Panel's report to Congress. He was a Technical Advisor to the Utility Forest Carbon Management Program of Edison Electric Institute, and to the International Carbon Mitigation Program of The Nature Conservancy.

He serves as Executive Secretary of the Expert Review Panel to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, sponsored by the American Forest & Paper Association. The Expert Review Panel is composed of 18 experts representing environmental, conservation, professional and academic organizations. Its role is to provide an independent review of the industry's progress in achieving sustainable management on all the lands it owns and from which it purchases timber. In that role, the Panel is challenged to help translate the social desire for a sustainable future into concrete action in the practical world facing land managers. He is an Affiliate Professor in the College of Forest Resources at the University of Idaho, where he is involved in cooperative research projects with other faculty and graduate students. He taught natural resource policy at the graduate level at Virginia Tech's Northern Virginia Center in 1999 and at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in 2001.

He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, and the American Academy of Sciences. As an SWCS Fellow, he has been chosen for their highest award, the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award.

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**Personal:** Born 11/29/38 in Spokane, Washington  
Married since 1960 to Jeanne Sampson (Special Education-Physically Handicapped Teacher);  
Four grown children  
Active in community affairs and Presbyterian church.  
Hobbies: woodworking, gardening, music, hunting/fishing/camping

Skills: computer applications for natural resource writing and research (word processing, data base programming, spread sheet modeling, graphics, geographic information systems, communications)

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**SELECTED WRITINGS**


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- Books:** *Forest Health in the United States* (with Lester A. DeCoster). American Forests, Washington, DC, 1998.  
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*Forests and Global Change, Volume I: Opportunities in Land Conversion*. Edited with Dwight Hair, Washington, AMERICAN FORESTS, 1992.  
*Natural Resources for the 21st Century*. Edited with Dwight Hair, Washington: Island Press, 1990.

**Peer Reviewed:**

- Indexing Resource Data for Forest Health Decisionmaking (with Dwight Atkinson and Joe Lewis), *Journal of Sustainable Forestry*, Volume 11, Nos. 1&2. 2000, 1-14.  
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- Carbon Dioxide Sequestration in Terrestrial Ecosystems (Wisniewski, J., Dixon, R.K., Kinsman, J.D., Sampson, R.N. and A.E. Lugo. *Climate Research* **3**(1,2): 1-5 (1993)
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