

## New Members – 2008-2009

The SFI® External Review Panel has elected Linda S. Casey, Deborah Gangloff, Jon W. Gassett, Robin Morgan, and Tom Peterson to membership on the Panel.

Casey is State Forester with the Alabama Forestry Commission in Montgomery, a position she has held since 2007. Prior to assuming the role of State Forester, she worked for International Paper as the Manager of Fiber Supply, with responsibility for fiber procurement business operations to eight (8) paper mills located in New York, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia. She retired from International Paper in December 2006. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry and wildlife management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Gangloff is Executive Director of American Forests, the nation's oldest national citizen's conservation organization, in Washington, DC. She began her career at AMERICAN FORESTS in 1982 in the Urban Forestry Department, and worked in several increasingly responsible positions before being named Executive Director in 1996. She chaired the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council for 6 years, and serves on the International Society of Arboriculture's Certification Board. She holds a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Rutgers University.

Jon Gassett is Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Frankfort, Kentucky, a position he has held since June 2005. In that position he supervises the activities, functions, and employees of the Department, working with a current budget of \$54.5 million and a staff of 450 permanent full time employees, 40 contract employees, and 150 interim employees. He also operates a small business that develops wildlife management plans, conservation easements, and real estate plans with individual landowners and corporate partners that wish to conserve wildlife resources and wild places. He holds a Ph.D. in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia.

Robin Morgan is Assistant Director for Forest Management in the Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service. She has primary responsibility to lead, plan, direct, implement, coordinate and evaluate results of extremely broad, comprehensive programs in forest management, resource utilization, and management improvement for 20 states in the Northeastern Area and the District of Columbia. She holds a M.L.A. in Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon.

Thomas A. Peterson is Director, Forest Management Staff, for the Forest Service's National Forest System. In this role he provides leadership and guidance for the forest management activities of the agency, including forest management planning, integrated vegetation management, mensuration, silviculture and timber sale contracts and administration. A native of Minnesota, he earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Management from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

The volunteer External Review Panel is made up of 15 external experts. Its membership maintains a balance of technical skills and organizational experience, with four to six

members from each of the following categories — environmental/conservation groups, professional/academic groups, and public agencies (local, state, provincial, tribal or federal governments). The panel, which has advised the SFI program since 1995, became an independent organization in 1997 with its own charter. A membership committee representing the different categories proposes a slate of candidates from individuals nominated by organizations, agencies, SFI program participants and individuals. Nominees are selected for their individual expertise and experience and, if elected, are eligible to serve for two three-year terms.