

Thomas A. Peterson

Tom Peterson joined the External Review Panel in January, 2009. He is the Director of the Forest Management Staff for the National Forest System in the Washington Office of the Forest Service. He has been in that position since July, 2008. 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.



Prior to assuming this position, he served in a variety of positions at the district level in the Ottawa, Chequamegon, Mark Twain, and Superior National Forests before joining the Forest Management Staff in the Eastern Regional Office in Milwaukee. He joined the Washington Office staff in 1998, then went to the Southern Region in 2001, where he was Regional Director for Forest Management, Deputy Regional Forester and Acting Regional Forester before returning to Washington in 2008.

A native of Minnesota, he earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Management from the University of Minnesota in 1972. He has been a member of the Society of American Foresters for over 20 years.