

Kathleen Atkinson

Kathleen Atkinson is currently the Director of Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability for the Forest Service in Washington DC, a position she has held since October of 2009. Kathleen has worked for the Forest Service for the past 29 years, beginning as a seasonal employee in Wyoming. She has held many assignments over her long career, working in a variety of positions and geographical locations.

Prior to her current position, Kathleen held several line officer positions, including Forest Supervisor for the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest in Georgia, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in Florida, and District Ranger on the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. Before this she was a recreation planner on the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona, a timber management assistant on the Ocala National Forest in Florida, a silviculturist on the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota, and worked in several positions on the Shoshone National Forest in Wyoming.

Her education includes a Bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of Michigan, and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of South Dakota.

Kathleen grew up on a farm in Michigan. She enjoys biking, horseback riding, and art.