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With 22 years with the Forest Service, I have worked in a variety of positions and locations around the country. In my current position as Assistant Director in SPBA, I oversee budget formulation and presentation, strategic planning and performance management for the agency. I was Forest Supervisor on the Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where I focused on timber management, travel planning and forest organization issues. I worked in Legislative Affairs Office on planning, NEPA and minerals issues. I was a District Ranger on the Paonia District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests in western Colorado where I focused on management for three coal mines and various oil and gas wells in Inventoried Roadless Areas, public travel management and access issues. Also in Colorado, I worked on the South Platte Wild and Scenic River suitability study with a collaborative group to develop an alternative to Congressional designation to protect the values of the South Platte River. I began my professional Forest Service career as Recreation and Lands Staff Officer on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest on the north rim of the Grand Canyon in Northern Arizona. My main activities were in managing resorts and campgrounds, scenery for timber sale activities and Wilderness. Prior to joining the Forest Service, I worked for several State of Arizona agencies and private consulting in Phoenix. My first job with the Forest Service was in the Youth Conservation Corps in Minnesota.

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