

FEBRUARY 5-7 2025

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## Wednesday

OPENING  
PANEL SPEAKERS  
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## Thursday

SESSION SPEAKERS  
LUNCH  
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## Friday

EU REGULATION SPEAKER  
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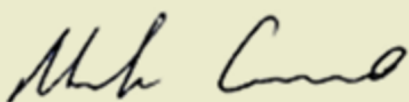
# Foresters Forum



# Welcome to 23rd Foresters Forum

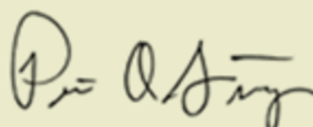
This year will mark the 23rd annual Foresters Forum hosted by Northwest Management, Inc. and Riley Stegner and Associates, LLC.

The Forum is dedicated to providing professional foresters the opportunity to focus on their professions, learn new ideas, techniques and technologies and share information. We are pleased to provide high quality and top-notch speakers from all over the nation. We invite you to enjoy this years forum.



**Mark Corrao**

Northwest management Inc



**Peter Stegner**

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**Wednesday February 5th 2025**

## **1:00pm Welcome Address**

with Mark Corrao of Northwest Management Inc &  
Riley Stegner of Stegner and Associates

## **1:15pm Speaker Panel Begins**

Te Kapunga Dewes  
David Elstone  
Rocky Goodnow  
Tom Schultz

## **2:25 -3:00 COFFEE BREAK**

## **3:00pm Panel Discussion Continued**

## **4:00pm Governor Of Idaho (Tentative)**

## **4:30pm Wrap Up Q & A**

## **5:00-7:00 Opening Social**



# Thursday AM February 6th 2025

7.0 IPL Credits / 5.5 CFE Credits

## 8:00 Welcome Address

with Mark Corrao of Northwest Management Inc ,  
Riley Stegner of Stegner and Associates and Idaho State Forester

## 8:15-9:15 Samuel Wolkenhauer on Economic Outlook

## 9:15-9:30

## BREAK

### Block I 9:30-10:25

- Oregon Private Forest Accord with Seth Barns
- 3-D Printing out of wood waste with Armando McDonald
- Mechanized site-prep and planting with Mark Boisvert
- Climate Smart Forestry in Western Canada with Cam Brown

### Block II 10:30-11:25

- Interesting encounters in the woods with Brian Garrett
- Which Type of Forest Products Creates the Most Value with Roy Anderson
- NZ and AU forestry with Te Kapunga Dewes
- I need good LiDAR, How do I get it...? with Mike Perdue

## 11:30-1:30

## LUNCH





# Thursday PM February 6th 2025

7.0 IPL Credits / 5.5 CFE Credits

## Block III 1:30-2:25

- Speaker from Friday SFI session on policy
- Insects and Disease: Sharing is not Caring Isabella Valdez
- Bob Williams on Forest management challenges
- Nizhoni Harvey Single tree inventory and CSKT's usage of Lidar

**2:45-3:00**

## **Cookie and Coffee Break**

## Block IV 2:45-3:40

- Tim McEntire on Tough times don't last, tough teams do
- Victoria Lockhart on planting projects with carbon
- Ken Jones on Hardwood harvesting and operations
- Tucker Flaten on Fire risk models

## Closing Block 3:45-5:00

**Its Great Day to be a Forester!**

With Michelle Cole

**5:00-700**

## **Foresters Forum Celebration Event**





**Friday February 7th 2025**

Credits SFI/FSC Certification Session

**7:00-8:00 BREAKFAST**

**8:00-12:00 EU Deforest Regulations and Chain of Custody**

- Speaker to be announced
- Speaker to be announced
- Speaker to be announced

**10:00-10:15 BREAK**

**12:00 Closing Comments**

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# 2025 Forum Panel Speakers



## Te Kapunga Dewes CEO of Whenua Oho

Te Kapunga has over three decades of experience in the forestry, wood processing, and manufacturing industries. Presently, he serves as the CEO of Whenua Oho, a consultancy service offering advice and consultancy to Māori landowners, and Interpine Innovation, a company dedicated to integrating cutting-edge technology into today's forestry practices. Additionally, Te Kapunga holds positions on various Māori Trusts and government advisory groups and presides as the Chair of Nga Pou a Tane – TK has a passion for forestry and people.

The National Māori Forestry Association. His passion lies in generating economically viable opportunities for Māori Landowners in Forestry.



## Tom Schultz Vice President

Tom Schultz is Vice President of Resources/Government Affairs & Chief of Staff. Tom has a deep understanding of the complexities of the forest products industry and is a trusted advisor to not only the IFG team, but collaborative partner agencies and organizations. In his role, he provides leadership and direction to the Resource Team in the development and execution of timber procurement responsibilities in Idaho and Mississippi. He manages strategic relationships with key local, state, and federal governmental officials and serves as a key advisor to the owner and executive leadership team, providing

guidance and support on organizational priorities and initiatives. A former Officer in the United States Air Force, Tom has worked for the states of Montana and Idaho in leadership roles dedicated to the management and conservation of forests and rangeland. He served as the director of the Idaho Department of Lands and secretary to the State Board of Land Commissioners, where he oversaw the management of 2.4 million surface acres of endowment lands and 3.3 million acres of endowment minerals. Tom spent fourteen years with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) where he served as the administrator of the DNRC Trust Lands Division and Water Resources Division. Tom has a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Virginia as well as master's degrees in both political science and forestry from the University of Wyoming and University of Montana, respectively. Tom and his wife of 30 years have three grown children and enjoy spending time hunting, fishing, and hiking.



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## **Rocky Goodnow Vice President North American Timber**

Rocky Goodnow is Vice President of North American Timber Service at Forest Economic Advisors LLC. In this role, Rocky is responsible for FEA's outlook on the North American timber markets. Rocky leads the development of FEA's timber econometric models, which are used in the analysis of future demand on wood fiber resources, regional timber supplies and timber values. Rocky has been analyzing the North American timber markets for over 20 years. He is the primary author of FEA's Timber Quarterly Forecasting Service publications and is a contributor to other FEA publications. He has also co-authored

numerous studies on a wide range of timber-related topics including timber supply, regional pulpwood markets, and international softwood log and lumber markets. In addition, Rocky has led numerous single-client projects analyzing timber markets in North America and abroad. Rocky holds a Master's degree in Forest Economics and Management and a B.S. in Forestry, both from Virginia Tech.



## **David Elstone Publisher and Consultant**

David is a professional forester and a highly regarded forest industry expert with over thirty years of experience within the sector. David is the managing director of Spar Tree Group Inc., a consultancy firm, and the publisher of the View From The Stump newsletter as well as the associated blog, Right From The Stump. Prior to founding the Spar Tree Group, David was the executive director of the Truck Loggers Association (TLA), advocating on behalf of the businesses supporting the BC forest industry's supply chain. Before the TLA, David worked

for ten years as a senior financial analyst for ERA Forest Products Research, advising institutional investors, manufacturers, and governments on global forest product markets. In the earliest part of his career, David spent over a decade working in British Columbia's forests. David's consulting clientele and newsletter subscribers benefit from his unique background in BC forest policy and politics, the forest products sector and forest management by providing an independent perspective of the trends and issues affecting the British Columbia forest industry. David has a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University and a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of British Columbia. For information on David Elstone, please review the following: [www.spartreegroup.com](http://www.spartreegroup.com) [www.viewfromthestump.com](http://www.viewfromthestump.com) [www.linkedin.com/in/david-elstone-rpf-gdba-45934784](http://www.linkedin.com/in/david-elstone-rpf-gdba-45934784) David can be contacted at [david@spartreegroup.com](mailto:david@spartreegroup.com) or 604-740-281

# 2025 Forum Keynote Speakers

## Michelle Cole- Its a great day to be a Forester



Michelle Cole is an urban forestry veteran. She has worked for several organizations, including the Alabama Forestry Commission as an outreach forester, in the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and even owned her own forestry consulting business Diversified Forest Operations. In 2004, she started working at Auburn as an Extension specialist in Urban Forestry since then she has worked in various other roles such as Urban Forester partnership coordinator and the Tree city USA coordinator, Michelle is currently an Academic Programs Administrator, academic advisor at Auburn University in Alabama, advising students in the natural

resources and forestry fields and MANRRS advisor. Michelle is passionate about exposing young people to opportunities in natural resource related professions. Advises students on course selections, requirements for selected areas of concentration and post-college plans to help meet their educational needs and realize their scholastic goals. Conducts comprehensive academic, career, and other student support services. Applies in-depth and comprehensive knowledge in the resolution of complex situations. Serve as contact for undergraduate student related issues to NATR and FORY curriculum. Michelle concentrates on diversity in forestry and is trying to grow the next generation of scientists. Michelle takes active initiatives to increase undergraduate minority enrollment and underrepresented student groups to Auburn University to study natural resources and forestry and other stem fields. Branching out is what Michelle hopes the urban forestry industry as a whole will do. I want to see the urban forestry industry recruit and develop a team with diverse skills and backgrounds And to give those team members the tools and space they can work in giving that space to a diverse group of people can grow their leadership potential. Michelle takes active initiatives to increase undergraduate minority enrollment and underrepresented student groups to Auburn University to study natural resources and forestry and other stem fields. She is a leader in the DEI, she promotes academic and professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences.

## Samual Wolkenhauer Breakfast Speaker



Sam Wolkenhauer is a labor economist for the Idaho Department of Labor. In addition to providing economic insight and analysis on Idaho's economy, he manages several forecasting projects for the state, producing projections of Idaho's labor market and demographics. Prior to joining the State of Idaho, he earned degrees in economics and mathematics from Eastern Washington University.

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## **Roy Anderson**

Roy Anderson is Vice President of Business Development at The Beck Group, a forest products planning and consulting firm based in Portland, Oregon. Roy has a BS in forest management from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, a masters in wood science from the University of Minnesota, and a PhD in forest products marketing from Oregon State University. The Beck Group routinely helps clients understand the feasibility of forest products manufacturing businesses. Return To Log (RTL) values are commonly used by forest

products manufacturers to identify the log types that are most profitable at their mill and to strategically procure raw material. Roy will explain how The Beck Group has expanded the use of RTL values to compare the revenues, costs, and feasibility of a variety of forest products manufacturing technologies.



## **Seth Barnes**

Seth is a professional forester with over 25 years of experience. From harvest layout and design to silviculture, Seth has a vast array of expertise in both field forestry and forest policy. He has been OFIC's director of forest policy since 2015. Prior to coming to OFIC, Seth served as the operations manager for the forest practices program at the Washington Department of Natural Resources. In addition to professional experience with both private landowners and state agencies, he also participated for many years as a wildland firefighter

on an incident management team. Seth has a Bachelor of Science in forest management from Oregon State University and attended graduate school at Washington State University for public administration and natural resource policy.



## **Mark Boisvert**

Mark Boisvert has joined Quadco as the new Business Development Manager for Bracke and Mulching Attachments. In this new position, Mark will be instrumental in driving growth and innovation within Quadco's Bracke and Mulching divisions.

Mark brings a wealth of experience and industry knowledge to the Quadco team, with over 25 years in oil & gas, mining, construction, logging and land clearing equipment, both from OEM and dealer levels.

Mark Boisvert | Business Development Manager

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## **Cam Brown**

Cam holds a BSF from UBC and a Masters in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University. He currently manages Forsite's Resource Management and Technology group from their head office in Salmon Arm, BC. He is an RPF in both BC and SK, and has worked in the Canadian and US forest sectors for over 30 years – mostly in consulting roles. Cam's work is focused on strategic planning, resource economics, forest inventory, forest carbon, and sustainability assessments. For more info: <https://ca.linkedin.com/in/camgbrown>



## **Tucker Flaten**

Mr. Flaten began his career at Northwest Management in the fall of 2022, leveraging nearly a decade of fire suppression experience and a bachelor's degree in forest management and GIS from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Between 2014 and 2022, he worked for the US Forest Service, North Dakota Forest Service, and Nebraska Forest Service, including a significant portion of time in a leadership role on a BIA/State hand crew with the Standing Rock Reservation. Since 2021, he has coupled his fire

suppression knowledge with his degree in forestry to assist private landowners across Nebraska and Idaho to reduce hazardous fuels and harden their property against wildfire.



## **Brian Garrett**

BJ Garrett grew up in Moscow, Idaho. He graduated from University of Idaho in 2003 where he commissioned in the United States Air Force. BJ flew the T-37, T-38/A, F-15C/D, and the F-22 for 20 years. He married his amazing wife, Tara, in 2011 and they have two amazing children, Kinley and James. He was the commanding officer for the 422d Test and Evaluation Squadron where all Operational Test is performed on A-10, F-16, F-15C, F-15E, F-35, and F-22 aircraft. As the commander, he was responsible for leading over 100 Airman and managing 55 fighter aircraft testing new software, hardware,

and weapons along with developing new tactics for warfighters. BJ went on to become the Operational Test Director of the Next Generation Air Dominance family of systems and leading new methods for delivering capability for the future. He retired from the Air Force in 2023 and moved his family to Idaho where he now resides in Viola, Idaho. He currently works for Aeroflite Inc. where he flies the AVRO RJ85 delivering aerial fire retardant on wildfires across the country. His passion for the outdoors began at a very early age and BJ enjoys backpacking, camping, hunting, and fishing across the country. The mountains and forest have provided him and his family many memories and when he isn't training llamas, flying airplanes, or coaching sports, you will likely find him hiking through another patch of timber just to see what's is on the other side.

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## **Nizhoni Harvey**

My name is Nizhoni Harvey, I am a Dine woman from the clans Naasht'ézhí Tábaqáí nishłí (The Water's Edge Zuni People), Ta'neeszahnii bashishchiin (The Tangle people), Kin łichíí'nii dashicheii (The Redhouse People), Naakaii Dine'é dashinalín (The Mexican People). I am from the Northern part of the Dine Reservation in Utah, but have made home here on the Flathead Indian Reservation for a few years now with my 3yr old son and partner. I achieved my Bachelor's of Science degree in Forest

Management from Salish Kootenai College, and I am now the Inventory Forester with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Forestry. Currently I am working on Aspen Restoration, helping restore the local Aspen ecosystems on the Reservation for ecological and cultural purposes. In my role as an Inventory Forester, I have been utilizing LiDAR data to help guide not only my Aspen Restoration efforts, but also assisting the timber sales team with future projects. I am fascinated by the technology that supports navigation for me collecting detailed information about the forest's structure and terrain. I look forward to my career assisting us foresters to make better decisions for forest treatments and management.



## **Ken Jones**

I have worked in hardwood forestry for the last 11 years. Before that I worked for Shipp Construction, a logging and road building contractor for 23 years as an operations manager. I have learned alot about forestry during my work experiance and continue to grow and learn with in the industry. I am currently the Resource Manager at Cascade Hardwood Group for our Port Angeles WA and Chehalis WA mills.



## **Victoria Lockhart**

Victoria Lockhart leads The Climate Trust's Reforestation Program, managing TCT implementation of reforestation and afforestation projects with support from USDA Partnership for Climate Smart Commodities program. Victoria brings over 15 years of forest management and investment experience, with a focus on working with external partners on strategic initiatives for conservation opportunities and climate solutions. Victoria holds a Master of Forestry from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental

Studies, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia. Victoria is a Registered Forester in Alabama, and a fellow of the National Conservation Leadership Institute. Victoria lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband, son, and rambunctious dog, and enjoys exploring the outdoors with her crew.

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## **Armondo McDonald**

Armondo McDonald is a University Distinguished Professor of Forest and Sustainable Products in the Department of Forest, Rangeland and Fire Science, University of Idaho (UI) with over 38 years' experience in wood, bioproducts and biomaterials research and development and has presented and published numerous articles. Armondo came to UI in 2001 from New Zealand Forest Research, where he was a Group Leader of the Materials Discovery group. His time at UI is devoted to mainly research and teaching with some extension/service activities. He teaches classes in Biocomposites, Biomass Chemistry, and Bioproducts and Bioprocess Development. Dr. McDonald has a research group of 8 graduate students and a post-doctoral scholar, has graduated 12 Ph.D. students and 20 M.S. students, and hosted 15 International visiting scholars in his Renewable Materials Laboratory. Dr. McDonalds' group is currently investigating: (i) bioplastics from lignin, bark and other waste streams, (ii) biocomposites and additive manufacturing, (iii) sorghum and corn stalk chemistry and properties, (iv) biofuels from pyrolysis of biomass and plastics, (v) biomass conversion into chemicals, (vi) torrefaction of biomass and plastic waste, and (vii) natural products chemistry. Furthermore, Dr. McDonald also works with industry from service work to product development projects.



## **Tim MacEntire**

Tim is the Northwest Regional Representative for the Montana Logging Association and is based out of the MLA office in Kalispell. He makes loss control visits to participating MLA members and handles the federal policy for the association. Before working for the MLA, Tim spent 22 years working and managing his family's mechanical logging operation. During that time he worked on numerous Montana DNRC, USFS and private timber sales. Tim currently serves on the board of the Intermountain Logging

Conference, American Forest Resource Council, A.L.E.R.T. Foundation and is the current President of Northwest Montana HOO-HOO.

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**Mike Parlow**

“Mike Parlow is the Team Lead for Remote Sensing Forest Inventories at Forsite Consultants Ltd. Mike has successfully led and managed remote sensing projects for the past 25 years. Mike has managed technology projects in forestry and aerospace partnered with federal and state governments as well as large corporate clients. These efforts have ranged from pure research & development projects to system integration work involving leading edge technology and systems. Mike was a key contributor to the creation of Forsite’s TreeID

software suite and his team helps clients across North America solve their forest inventory requirements.”



**Mike Perdue**

Mike has been in the Geomatics industry for 25 years and has a diverse background in the field. Starting his career as a land surveyor in the Oil and Gas Fields of Western Canada, Mike transitioned to Aerial Surveys in 2004.

Mike’s experience within the Aerial survey industry has been focused on LiDAR and runs the full gamut, doing everything from sensor operation through data processing, Project Management and Operations Management. He spent time working for an OEM manufacturer as the Director of Customer Service managing a diverse team of engineers and analysts and has been managing large scale projects and operations for more than a decade. Now Mike uses his technical knowledge and skill to focus on special projects, workflow development and automation with Airborne Imaging.



**Isabella Valdez**

While pursuing my degree at Colorado State University, I gained experience in several fields. I strengthened my forest health background as a plant health care technician in CO and WY, as a noxious weeds sprayer for the USFS in CO, and as a timber sale forester in WY. I also worked in a forest pathology lab at CSU, and as a GIS analyst for a private firm in Denver. Now, I have worked for IDL for two and a half years helping diagnose, manage, and monitor forest diseases and insect pathogens. In my free time, I enjoy mountain biking, snowboarding, fishing, working on my truck camper, and camping with my dog, Moose.

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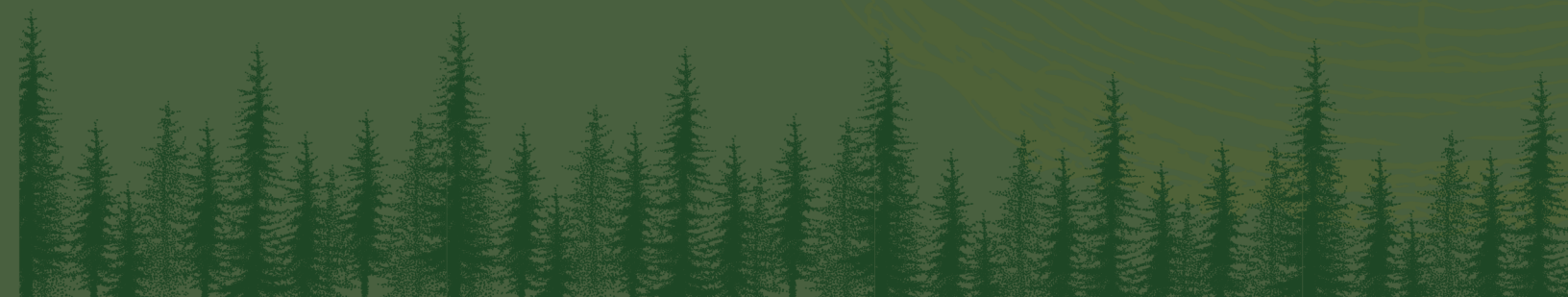
## **Bob Williams**

Bob is the owner and founder of Pine Creek Forestry, LLC. Bob graduated with an associate's degree in forestry in 1972 from Centralia College in Centralia, Washington. He then returned to New Jersey to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from Rutgers University, New Brunswick in 1975. Bob has 50 years' experience in the field of forestry. He began in 1975 working for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in the area of fire management and reforestation. He spent the next four years working

with the U. S. Forest Service in Alaska and Washington State working in the area of forest engineering with a focus on field road construction and timber harvesting. In the summer of 1979, he began a five-year period working for Scott Paper Company as a logging engineer with a focus on forest road construction, harvesting and reforestation management. In 1985, Bob returned to New Jersey where he has been a consultant forester for the past 40 plus years.

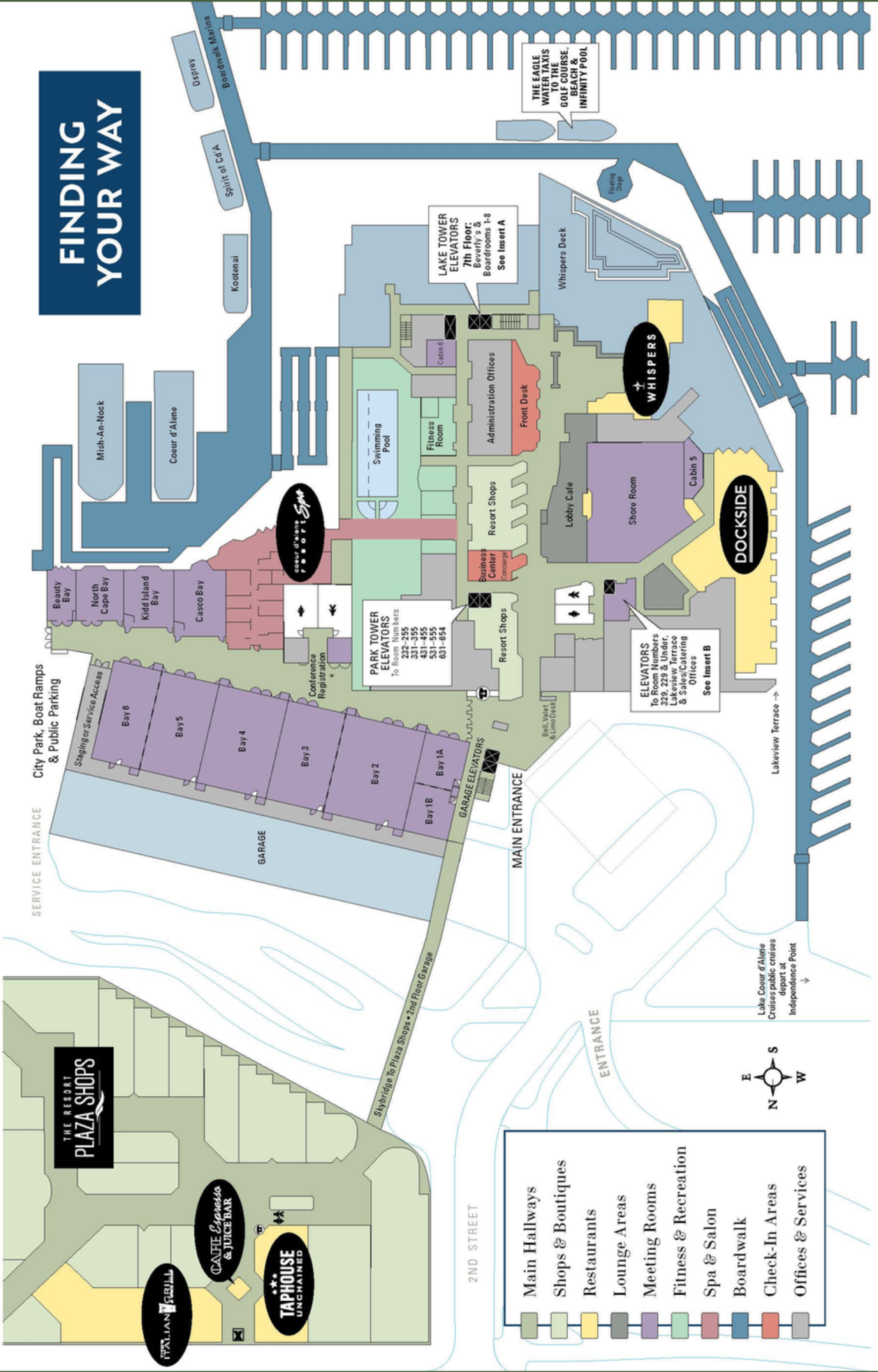
Bob has worked for both private landowners and public landowners with their management and stewardship of their natural resources.

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