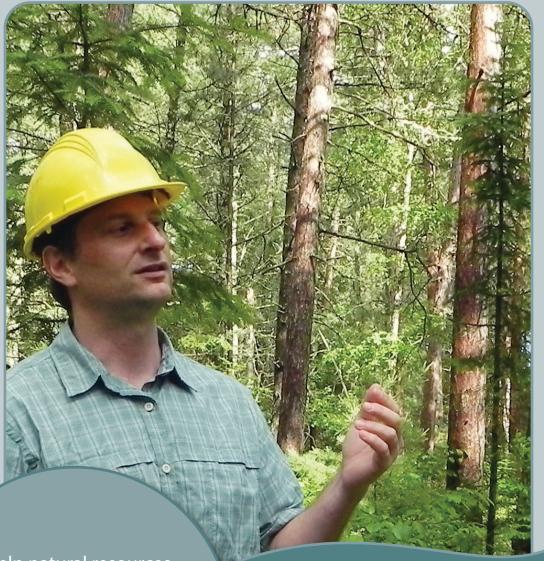> I help natural resources professionals consider how to change the management of ecosystems to address the challenges of a changing climate.

Meet the Scientist!

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Important Scientist Characteristics:
Listening is the most important skill in climate adaptation. Climate-informed decisions are actually more about people and their places than about the climate. We work with people on their lands, and they make the decisions.

Example of a simple research question I have tried to answer:
How might a range of possible future climates affect a forest? What strategies can a forester use to meet their goals, minimize climate-related risks, and take advantage of new opportunities?

Technology or equipment used in research:
Our work includes research and land management partners whose equipment ranges from complex computer models to field notebooks to chainsaws. Climate and forest adaptation spans many disciplines!

Most Exciting Discovery
We help people discover their own solutions to the challenges of a changing climate. It can be exciting to see person after person tackle this intimidating issue and take positive, proactive steps to move forward.

When did you know you wanted to be a scientist?
I loved forests as a kid. In college, I got a summer job with a forest soil scientist. I learned about the shifting connections between plants, geology, landforms, climate, and even time. I felt like my world opened up, and I wanted to do more.

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