



# Meet the Scientist!

I study how science is transferred and used to help make forest management decisions.

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## Important work skills

My ability to connect creativity with technological implementation is my greatest scientific skill. This ability enables me to test and demonstrate new ideas in a way that supports and drives future innovation.

**Example of a question, problem, or challenge I have tried to answer:** How do we make scientific information useful to those who need to make important forest management decisions in a way that the benefits are provided to society?

## Technology or equipment used in my work:

Scientific information is one of the most powerful tools available to the modern natural resource manager. I create Web-based tools that help managers understand and apply complex scientific information.

## Most Exciting Work:

The most exciting discovery to me is that science often reveals more questions than it answers. As I work to help decision makers apply science, I am constantly amazed by the enriching value brought to both scientists and managers by the exchange of ideas.

## When did you know this career would be a good fit for you?

As an undergraduate student, I decided I wanted to help bridge the gap between science and decision making. Early in my career as a field technician, I realized that the scientific process itself was part of what would make a good "bridge," between the two if applied correctly.

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