

The Green Plum Book: Conservation Leaders for the Obama Administration

The Obama Administration will be confronted with the overwhelming urgency of the energy security issue, with all the accompanying demands to maximize domestic production. The Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce departments will increasingly be on the front line of this rapidly evolving debate. The current framework positions energy security against the preservation of our public lands and natural resources. The future of our public lands will depend on the resolve and effectiveness of their managers. The competing pressures are arguably more intense than they have ever been; every American will be affected by decisions over the next four years.

Several of the nation's most significant conservation leaders, which support efforts to promote public land preservation, have enabled the Arabella Legacy Fund to identify, research, and promote key individuals who could effectively lead in this challenging environment. Starting from a vast pool of nearly two hundred viable leaders, a team narrowed the range and scope down to roughly a dozen for each position. After profiling this strong stable of leaders, candidates were further analyzed for their respective strengths, skills, character and record to date. All were measured against the emerging context, nature and degree of challenges that each position would demand of him or her. Each showed varying degrees of strength across a broad spectrum of qualities and criteria.

Our effort elevates those individuals who would arrive in the office with a full appreciation for the risks ahead: prepared for obstacles; anticipating issues before they arise; and strategically defining debate. The following profiles and analysis highlight those individuals who offer a unique opportunity for leadership and the promotion of a conservation agenda.

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Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service

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Dan Ashe



**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Secretary for
Policy, Management and Budget
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Brooks B. Yeager **Considered For: Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget**



Background Information

Brooks Yeager currently works as the Executive Vice President of the Climate Policy Center at Clean Air-Clean Planet, which is a leading organization dedicated to promoting global warming solutions. Throughout his career, Yeager worked for environmental conservation efforts through positions in both the public and private sectors.

While working for the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society in the Reagan years, Yeager helped to bring down a forceful coal leasing agenda led by former Interior Secretary James Watt. Yeager reformed the Forest Service and BLM's oil and gas leasing processes, and was influential in protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He also held significant environmental positions in both the Clinton and Bush Administrations.

Previous Positions

- Senior Vice President, David Gardiner Associates
- Principal, Birdwell Strategies
- Visiting fellow, H. John Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment, 2005
- Vice President of the Global Threats Program, World Wildlife Fund, 2001
- Co-Chair, National Energy Strategy Workgroup
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Development, State Department, 1999-2000
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Department of the Interior, 1993
- Directed environmentalists, Clinton/Gore presidential campaign, 1992
- Consultant, environmental and public interest organizations and foundations
- Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Audubon Society
- Washington Representative, Sierra Club
- Legislative aide, Congressman Jim Weaver (D-OR), specialized in environmental issues, 1977

Public Service & Other Activities

- As a VP at the World Wildlife Fund, he testified at the following hearings:
 - House Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, March 25, 2004
 - Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, May 14, 2002
- As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, testified before the House Committee on Resources Regarding the American Land Sovereignty Protection Act, March 18, 1999

Personal Life

- Yeager received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University
- He and his wife live near the Anacostia River in Silver Spring, Maryland and have two grown daughters
- Yeager and his wife enjoy bird-watching, rafting, hiking, listening to music and hanging out with their daughters

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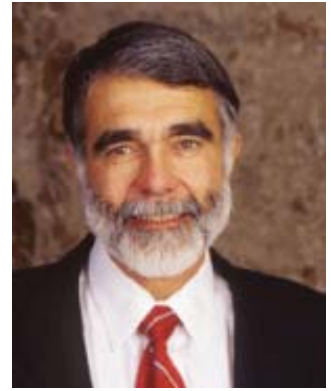


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Solicitor of the Interior

Profile: John Leshy

Considered For: Solicitor, Department of the Interior



Background Information

John Leshy is the Harry D. Sunderland Distinguished Professor of Real Property Law at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law. He teaches courses on property law, public land and natural resources law. In the past, Leshy also taught constitutional law (state and federal), property law, Indian law, water law, public land law, natural resources law and policy, and law and social change. He has written widely on federal lands, water, natural resources, constitutional and comparative law. He co-authored the standard casebook on federal land resources law and one of the leading casebooks on water law. Leshy also published books on the Mining Law of 1872 and the Arizona Constitution.

Leshy served as Solicitor of the Department of the Interior during the Clinton administration, holding the second longest tenure of any Solicitor in the Department's history. He was also an Associate Solicitor for Energy and Resources in the Carter Administration.

Previous Positions

- Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1993-2001
- Special Counsel, Rep. George Miller(D-CA), Resources Committee, 1992-1993
- Professor of Law, Arizona State University, 1980-1992
- Associate Solicitor, Department of the Interior, 1977-1980
- Attorney, National Resources Defense Council, 1972-1977
- Attorney, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, 1969-1972

Public Service & Other Activities

- Trustee, Grand Canyon Trust
- Trustee, National Heritage Institute
- Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, Past President, Wyss Foundation
- Trustee, Western Progress
- Member, Board of Directors, Arizona Raft Adventures
- Director, Interior Project Transition, President-Elect Obama's administration
- Member, Advisory Board, Earthworks

Other Notes of Importance

- Co-Author of "Legal Controls of Water Resources," (July 2006)
- Co-Author of "Federal Public Lands and Resource Law," the standard textbook for public lands law (July 2002)
- Author of "The Arizona State Constitution: A Reference Guide," (August 1993)
- Author of "The Mining Law: A Study in Perpetual Motion" (January 1987)
- The following quotation about Professor Leshy is attributed to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, from August 2007:

At an August 2007 field hearing in Elko, Nevada, Reid shared with those present his opinion of Leshy, then a professor, according to a transcript of the event. "[N]ow, thank goodness, [Leshy] is a professor, not involved in doing anything regarding mining," said Reid, the son of a miner. "He tried to destroy mining. Really. [He] didn't believe in it. He wanted it gone. And that has created uncertainty." Reid went on to make reference to a document produced by Leshy in 1997 known as the millsite opinion. Leshy was then a Clinton administration solicitor with the Department of the Interior. The Bush administration overturned the opinion in 2003. "We all remember the Millsite Opinion of 1997," said Reid, "which I said publicly could have been written by somebody in the eighth grade rather than this professor." (Source: [The Politico.com](http://ThePolitico.com), November 19, 2008)

Personal Life

- J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, 1969
- A.B. *cum laude* from Harvard College, 1966
- He and his wife, Helen Sandalls, live in San Francisco

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Secretary
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Department of the Interior**

Profile: William (Will) Shafroth **Considered For: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks**

Background Information

Will Shafroth lost the 2008 Democratic primary to replace Mark Udall in Colorado's 2nd congressional district. Prior to joining the race, Shafroth was the Executive Director of Colorado Conservation Trust, a non-profit organization he founded to increase the pace and effectiveness of conservation in Colorado through public policy and increased investments in conservation. He has been actively involved in the Colorado conservation community, and proudly calls himself an environmentalist. He is the great-grandson of a Colorado Governor and U.S. Senator, and has a Master's in public administration from Harvard.

Shafroth is known as a level-headed consensus builder, and as someone who avoids polarization. He has shown skill at piecing together partnerships with people who have different political perspectives, a valuable skill for a BLM Director to have. Shafroth has well-rounded credentials, with experience in agriculture, government, and conservation.

Previous Positions

- Executive Director of Colorado Conservation Trust, 2000-2008
- Executive Director of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), 1994-2000
- Served in California state government as Assistant Secretary for Land and Coastal Resources, where he helped develop the state's first wetlands conservation plan and the establishment of the 5,332-square-mile Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. "Will was able to solve many long-standing natural resources problems through engagement of divergent interests," said Douglas Wheeler, California Resources Secretary
- Western Regional Director of the American Farmland Trust, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to agricultural conservation and keeping farmers and ranchers on the land, 1982-1990

Public Service & Other Activities

- Appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the Resources Legacy Fund board, 2007
- Chairman of the Resources Legacy Fund, a California-based organization that links donors and philanthropic organizations with conservation causes and efforts and land preservation projects, 1993-2007
- Chair of the Land Trust Alliance, a national organization dedicated to land preservation, 2003-2007
- Served on the Board of Directors for the Land Trust Alliance
- Precinct Captain and House District co-chair for the Boulder Democratic Party, and volunteered on the campaigns of Ken Salazar, Mark Udall, Bill Ritter, Gail Schoettler, Tom Strickland, and others

Other Notes of Importance

- At the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund, and also as the leader of the Colorado Conservation Trust since 2001, Shafroth helped preserve more than 325,000 acres of land in Colorado
- During his tenure at GOCO, he established grant programs that invested more than \$250 million in parks, trails, open space, wildlife, and environmental education. In all, 275,000 acres of land was preserved, 557 miles of trails were built or restored, and 100 ball fields were constructed or improved. The *Denver Post* praised his work: "Shafroth's leadership enabled board members of divergent views and disparate backgrounds to work together cordially and effectively"

Personal Life

- He resides in Boulder, CO, where he and his wife, Erica, are active in community projects. They have three teenaged children: Ethan, Anna, and Lily
- He comes from an old-line Colorado family with deep political roots. His great-grandfather, John Shafroth, was Colorado's Governor from 1909-1913, and also served in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
- He has a Bachelor's degree in environmental studies and political science from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a Master's in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University



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**Transition Profiles
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**Director, National Park Service
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Michael (Mike) V. Finley **Considered For: Director, National Park Service**

Background Information

Michael V. Finley is currently the President of the Turner Foundation, an environmental grant-offering foundation dedicated to preventing damage of natural systems. The Foundation provides grants for programs and initiatives which protect terrestrial and marine habitats, improve conservation efforts, and create sustainable solutions.

Prior to working with the Turner Foundation, Finley was the superintendent of Yellowstone Park during the Clinton Administration. Finley is a 32-year National Park Service veteran, who is known for his exceptional conservation efforts. He was influential in establishing the Yellowstone Park Foundation, which strives to protect, preserve, and enhance Yellowstone by funding important projects and programs that are beyond the financial capacity of the National Park Service. The Foundation was founded in 1996 and since then has raised over \$3.5 million for Yellowstone National Park.

Previous Positions

- Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
- Acting Associate Director for Operations, National Park Service, Washington, DC
- Superintendent, Everglades National Park, FL
- Associate Regional Director, Management, Alaska Regional Office
- Superintendent, Assateague Island National Seashore
- Staff Park Ranger, National Park Service
- Ranger Activities Division, National Park Service
- Legislative Affairs Specialist, National Park Service
- Law Enforcement Specialist, Grand Teton National Park
- Seasonal firefighter, National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park

Personal Life

- Finley, and his wife, Lillie, live in Sandy Springs, Atlanta

Public Service & Other Activities

- Steering-Committee Co-Chair, Energy Future Coalition (EFC), a non-partisan alliance housed at the United Nations Foundation (and founded like the Turner Foundation with a major gift by entrepreneur Ted Turner), which seeks to bridge the differences among business, labor and environmental groups and identifies energy policy options with broad political support
- Member, National Committee on North Korea, a non-partisan coalition of individuals with knowledge of and direct experience to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's society, economy, government, and history

Other Notes of Importance

- Public Service Award by the Defenders of Wildlife
- Public Service Award from the Wyoming Wildlife Federation
- American Rivers Distinguished Public Service Award, 1996
- Everglades Coalition Conservation Award, 1990
- National Park Service Honor Award for Superior Service, 1989
- Florida Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year Award, 1989
- Sierra Club Public Service Award for Environmental Protection, 1989



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Profile: Donald (Don) J. Barry **Considered For: Director, National Park Service**

Background Information

Don Barry is presently directing the Obama transition-related "Participation Project." He has over 26 years of experience with federal environmental agencies. While with the federal environmental agencies, he oversaw policy and management decisions for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. At the Department of the Interior, Barry managed numerous conservation and environmental programs, including: the Endangered Species Act, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Coastal Barrier Resources System, the Wallop-Breaux Act, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and the Duck Stamp Act. He worked extensively to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act, and is considered as an expert on endangered species.

Barry is known for his long record of public service in natural resource policy and his management of difficult issues. Barry maintains strong connections to political officials in both parties. Barry is known as a capable and dedicated public servant. He is recognized for his contributions to both the Clinton Administration and the Department of the Interior.

Previous Positions

- Executive Vice President, Wilderness Society, 2000-2008
- Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior under Clinton, July 1998
- Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish & Wildlife & Parks, 1995
- Counselor, Assistant Secretary for Fish & Wildlife & Parks, May 1993
- Vice President, U.S. Land and Wildlife for the World Wildlife Fund, 1991-1993
- General Counsel, Fisheries & Wildlife for the Committee on Merchant Marine & Fisheries, U.S. House of Representative, 1986-1991
- Chief Counsel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, 1980-1986
- Staff Attorney, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, 1974-1980

Public Service & Other Activities

- As the Executive Vice President of the Wildlife Society, Barry testified before the house Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on Interior on the Fiscal Year 2008 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, April 19, 2007

Personal Life

- J.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1974
- Bachelor's from the University of Wisconsin, Madison; he was Phi Beta Kappa
- He and his wife, Teiko Saito, reside in Alexandria, Virginia.



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Profile: Dan Kimball **Considered For: Director, National Park Service**

Background Information

Dan Kimball is Superintendent of the Everglades National Park and Dry Tortugas National Parks. Kimball oversees the preservation, protection, restoration and management of both the Everglades and the Dry Tortugas National Parks. He also administered the establishment of a marine protected area in the Dry Tortugas. As Chief of the National Park Service Water Resources Division, Kimball consistently works to defend the park's aquatic resources. He was influential in the settling of park water rights issues in the western United States.

Kimball is a 20-year veteran of the National Park Service. He is an expert in water and natural resource management and he is known for his evaluation of complex environmental issues.

Previous Positions

- Chief, National Park Service Water Resources Division, 1993
- Acting Superintendent, Zion National Park, Utah
- Assistant, National Park Service Deputy Director
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Office of Surface Mining
- Environmental consulting firms

Other Notes of Importance

- Pacific Northwest Regional Director's Award for Professional Excellence in Natural Resources, 2002
- Stephen Tyng Mather Award for resource conservation, National Parks Conservation Association, 1995
- Department of the Interior Superior Service Award, 1989

Personal Life

- Master's in Water Resources Administration from the University of Arizona, 1974
- B.A. in Earth Sciences from Denison University, 1971
- He and his wife have one son



Name: Dan Kimball

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Joanna Prukop **Considered For: Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

Background Information

Joanna Prukop is New Mexico's Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources. She oversees the State Parks Division, the State Forestry Division, the Oil Conservation Division, the Mining and Minerals Division, and the Energy Conservation and Management Division. Before serving as Secretary, Prukop worked in the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for 26 years. She holds a Bachelor's from Texas A&M University and a Master's from Colorado State University.

Prukop gained policy experience at the Game and Fish Department and was involved in state, regional and national-level initiatives. She has led a number of conservation organizations and committees, including the Clean Energy Development Council, the Clean and Diversified Energy Advisory Council, and the Natural Lands Protection Committee. Prukop has a strong background in both conservation and policy.

Previous Positions

- Worked for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for 26 years, retiring in September 2002. While with the Game and Fish Department, she served as a commissioned wildlife conservation officer, a public affairs specialist, and as the Division Chief for Northeast Field Operations in Raton for 16 years
- During her career with the Game and Fish Department she also led the agency's comprehensive management systems team, worked on special projects for the Game Commission, was active in policy development, and was involved in regional and national wildlife management initiatives
- Prior to joining the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Prukop worked as project leader with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Her responsibilities included a special project called the Management Assistance Team, where she served as a consultant to the 50 state wildlife agencies on organizational management and agency effectiveness issues

Public Service & Other Activities

- Chair, Clean Energy Development Council
- Chair, Natural Lands Protection Committee
- Chair, Western Interstate Energy Board
- Chair, Radioactive Waste Consultation Executive Committee
- Co-chair, Clean and Diversified Energy Advisory Council
- Secretary, New Mexico Finance Authority
- Past Chair, Mule Deer Foundation
- Appointed by the Governor to the Litter Control Council
- Serves on the following boards and committees:
 - Drought Task Force
 - Water Trust Board
 - Governor's Cabinet
 - Governor's Finance Council
 - Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission
 - Consortium for Environmental Education and Technology Development board
 - Youth Conservation Corps Commission board
 - New Mexico Resource Leaders
- Executive Committee, Forest and Watershed Health Planning
- Executive Committee, New Mexico Homeland Security Advisory Council



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Other Notes of Importance

- Prukop has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition by her peers in 2000 when she received the Wildlife Professional of the Year Award from the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- She was the principal author of a white paper on “The Future of the North American Model of Fish & Wildlife Conservation” that was unanimously adopted by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its 100th Anniversary Celebration in September 2002
- Testified before the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, and Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, on “The West-wide Energy Corridor Process: State and Community Impacts,” April 15, 2008

Profile: Daniel M. Ashe **Considered For: Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

Background Information

Dan Ashe is currently the Science Advisor to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a position he was appointed to in 2003. His primary role is to promote the application of scientific data and research in the context of the agency's goals and objectives. Over the course of his career, Ashe managed some of the Service's most important and longstanding conservation programs, including: the 92-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System; migratory bird conservation and management; land acquisition; implementation of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; and the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

Ashe has a long career as a civil servant focusing on conservation and wildlife management. He has more than a decade of experience working on Capitol Hill, which contributes to his success within the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Previous Positions

- Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service
- Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, 1998-2003
- Director, Fish & Wildlife Service's migratory bird management and North American wetlands conservation programs, 1998-2000
- Assistant Director, External Affairs at the Fish & Wildlife Service, 1995-1998
- Member of the Professional Staff, including Staff Director, former Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, U.S. House of Representatives, 1982-1995

Public Service & Other Activities

- Recipient, National Sea Grant Congressional Fellowship, 1982

Other Notes of Importance

- Ashe testified before Congress numerous times on issues ranging from wetland restoration to habitat protection
- As Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System, he directed operation and management of the 93 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, and the Service's land acquisition program. Under Ashe, the Refuge System experienced an unprecedented and sustained period of budget increases for operations, maintenance, construction and land acquisition
- As Asst. Director for External Affairs, he managed the Fish & Wildlife Service's Congressional and public affairs
- As lead negotiator of the Fish & Wildlife Service with Congress, Ashe helped develop comprehensive legislation governing management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, resulting in the enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997
- Ashe served in several capacities during his time on Capitol Hill, advising the Committee's Chairmen and Members on a wide range of environmental policy issues, including endangered species and biodiversity conservation, ocean and coastal resources protection, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the National Marine Sanctuaries Program, the Clean Water Act, wetlands conservation, fisheries management and conservation, and offshore oil and gas development
- His Masters thesis, on wetland mitigation in estuarine ecosystems, was published in the Coastal Zone Management Journal in 1982
- Ashe wrote the foreword to *America's national wildlife refuges : a complete guide*, by Russell D. Butcher with contributions by Stephen E. Adair, Lynn A. Greenwalt, and Mike Boylan

Personal Life

- Son of William Ashe, a former career civil servant in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Earned a Masters of Marine Affairs from the College of Ocean and Fisheries Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle
- Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Florida State University in Tallahassee
- Ashe and his wife, Barbara, have two grown children and reside in Rockville, Maryland



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**Transition Profiles
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**Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Mike Connor **Considered For: Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs**

Background Information

Mike Connor works for Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where he serves as Majority Counsel and is responsible for all issues before the Water and Power Subcommittee, as well as Native American issues that are within the Energy Committee's jurisdiction. He has been in this position since 2001. Prior to joining the U.S. Senate, Connor was with the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he served as Director of the Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office. In that capacity, he represented Secretary Babbitt in negotiations with Indian tribes, state representatives, and private water users to secure water rights settlements, consistent with the federal trust responsibility to tribes.

Previous Positions

- Director, Secretary's Water Rights Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1998-1999
- Attorney, Southwest Regional Solicitor's Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, Albuquerque, NM, 1997-1998
- Attorney-Advisor, Division of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1994-1997
- Attorney, Solicitor's Honors Program, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1993-1994
- Research Assistant, University of Colorado, Natural Resources Law Center, Boulder, CO, 1991-1993
- Manager, Power Services Liquid Insulation Lab, General Electric Co., Denver, CO, 1988-1990

Public Service & Other Activities

- Member, State Bar of New Mexico
- Member, New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association
- Inactive Member, State Bar of Colorado
- Member, Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society
- Member, Omega Chi Epsilon, Chemical Engineering Honor Society

Other Notes of Importance

- Has a background in chemical engineering, worked at General Electric and IBM upon graduation from New Mexico State University and prior to entering law school
- Wrote the following publications:
 - "Commentary on 'History of the Minnow Litigation and Its Implications for the Future of Reservoir Operations on the Rio Grande,'" 47 Natural Resources Journal 693 (2007)
 - "Energizing Indian Tribes and America," American Bar Association, Native American Resources Committee Newsletter (March 2002)
 - "Extracting the Monkey Wrench From Glen Canyon Dam: The Grand Canyon Protection Act - An Attempt at Balance," 15 Public Land Law Review 135 (May 1994)
 - Comment, "Maquiladoras and the Border Environment: Prospects for Moving from Agreements to Solutions," 3 Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law & Policy 683 (1992)

Personal Life

- J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law, 1993
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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Alvin Warren **Considered For: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Background Information

Alvin Warren is currently Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, a post he was appointed by Governor Bill Richardson on Jan. 11, 2008. Warren served eight terms in Santa Clara's government as lieutenant governor, tribal interpreter, tribal treasurer, and tribal council member. He spent 16 years assisting his tribe and other indigenous peoples with mapping, protecting and reacquiring their traditional lands. He was the National Director of the Trust for Public Land's "Tribal Lands Program" and also served as the Associate Director of the Indigenous Communities Mapping Initiative. Warren was Director of the Santa Clara Pueblo Land Claims/Rights Protection Program. With the help of Warren, Santa Clara Pueblo, a federally-recognized tribe in northern New Mexico, reacquired title or additional rights to over 16,000 acres of its ancestral lands.

Previous Positions

- Lt. Governor, Santa Clara Pueblo Tribe, 2006-2008
- Chairman, New Mexico Indian Affairs Commission, 2007
- Commissioner, New Mexico Indian Affairs Commission, 2006
- Representative, Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Council, Eight terms
- National Director, Trust for Public Lands "Tribal Lands Program," 2004-2005
- Owner, Warren Consultation Services, a firm specializing in assisting indigenous peoples with mapping, protecting and recovering legal title to their traditional lands and resources
- Appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to Technical Advisory Panel for the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, 2001

Public Service & Other Activities

- Member, Board of Directors of the Earth Circle Foundation
- Founding Chairperson and Former Member, Santa Clara Pueblo Governor's Task Force on Youth and Families
- Former Vice-Chairman and Member, Santa Clara Day School Board of Education
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Chamiza Foundation
- Former Member, New Mexico Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Conference Coordinator for the first International Forum on Indigenous Mapping held from in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 11-14, 2004
- Former Associate Director, Indigenous Communities Mapping Initiative
- Former Director, Santa Clara Pueblo Land Claims / Rights Protection Program

Other Notes of Importance

- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow
- Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellow
- Colleague with the New Mexico Strategic Leadership Institute

Personal Life

- B.A. in Native American Studies from Dartmouth University, 1991
- Used his senior history thesis to disprove land claims made by the U.S. federal government about his tribe's ancestral homeland, which ultimately led the government to return the territory to his community
- He and his wife Pamela live in Espanola with their three children



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Profile: Robert T. Anderson

Considered For: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Background Information

Robert Anderson is currently an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Native American Law Center. He teaches courses regarding Indian Law, Public Land Law, Water Law and Property Law at the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle. In both 2005 and 2007, Professor Anderson was chosen by students as a Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year.

Anderson has written extensively on Indian Law, water rights, tribal courts. He is a co-author and serves on the Board of Editors of Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law (2005). He is also a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (Bois Forte Band).

Previous Positions

- Counselor, Secretary of Interior, appointed to provide legal advice on a wide variety of matters, including Indian water rights, Park Service issues, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings, Endangered Species Act issues, Indian gaming matters, and tribal trust land acquisitions, 1997-2001
- Associate Solicitor, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1995-1997
- Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, CO and AK, 1983-1995
- Of Counsel, Kanji and Katzen, PLLC, a Michigan law firm specializing in tribal rights

Public Service & Other Activities

- Passed the bar in Washington, Minnesota, Colorado, Alaska, District of Columbia, United States Supreme Court, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Federal District Court for the District of Alaska
- Treasurer, Legal Foundation of Washington
- Member, Trust for Public Lands, Native American Lands Project Advisory Board
- Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court of Appeals
- Judge, Court of Appeals, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Other Notes of Importance

- Counsel or co-counsel on the following cases:
 - Alaska v. Babbitt, 72 F.3d 698 (9th Cir. 1995), cert. denied, 516 U.S. 1036 (1996);
 - John v. State of Alaska, 29 F.3d 692 (9th Cir. 1994)
 - Alaska, ex rel. Yukon Flats School District v. Native Village of Venetie, 856 F.2d 1384 (9th Cir. 1988)
 - McDowell v. United States, 32 F.3d 572 (9th Cir. 1995)
 - State of Alaska v. Kluti Kaah Native Village of Copper Center, 831 P.2d 917 (Alaska 1992)
 - Blatchford v. Native Village of Boatak, 501 U.S. 775 (1991)
 - In the Matter of Delinquent Taxes Owed to the City of Nome, 780 P.2d 363 (Alaska 1989)
 - Morry v. State of Alaska, 872 P.2d 1209 (Alaska 1994)
 - Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma v. United States, 966 F.2d 583 (10th Cir. 1992),
- Author or co-author of the following books:
 - *Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law* (2005)
 - *2007 Supplement to Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law* (LexisNexis 2007)
 - *Anderson, Berger, Frickey, and Krakoff's American Indian Law, Cases and Commentary* (American Casebook Series) (Thomson West. 2008)

Personal Life

- J.D. from the University of Minnesota, 1983
- Bachelor's from Bemidji State University, 1980
- His wife, Marilyn Heiman, is the Director of the Boreal Songbird Initiative, and was formerly Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. They live in Seattle



Name: Robert Anderson

Current Position

Director, Native American Law Center, Associate Professor of Law, University of Washington School of Law

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals
Management**

Department of the Interior

Profile: Joe Lovett **Considered For: Assistant Secretary of Land and Mineral Management, Department of the Interior**

Background Information

Joe Lovett is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Appalachian Center for the Economy and the Environment, a regional law and policy organization focused on stopping mountaintop removal coal mining. As a recent graduate in 1997, Lovett gained publicity for his work on the precedent-setting case *Bragg v. Robertson*. The ruling in this case temporarily halted mountaintop dumping in the nearby valleys, and mandated the implementation of proper resurfacing techniques. Since this landmark case, Lovett has built a successful legal career fighting environmental destruction in the heart of Coal country.

Previous Positions

- Attorney, Mountain State Justice, 1997-2001
- Law Clerk, Chief Judge Charles H. Haden II, U.S. District Court for Southern West Virginia, 1995-1997

Public Service & Other Activities

- Recipient, 2000 Public Justice Achievement Award, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice
- One of *Plenty* magazine's "Top 20 Green Trend-setting Individuals, Companies and Ideas," 2008

Other Notes of Importance

- Post-college, Lovett worked at Potomac Vegetable Farms, an organic farm near Washington, D.C., and considered becoming an organic farmer; he later left the program at Virginia Tech
- The book, *Moving Mountains: How One Woman and Her Community Won Justice from Big Coal* (2007) chronicles his work on the *Bragg v. Robertson* case
- He was counsel on the case *Kentuckians for the Commonwealth v Rivenbaugh*, wherein a federal judge in West Virginia held that the Bush administration violated the Clean Water Act when it issued a federal regulation allowing companies to dispose of waste in streams throughout the United States (later overturned in the Court of Appeals), 2003
- In additional legal challenges, he has added millions of dollars to the West Virginia Coal Mining Special Reclamation Fund
- *Plenty* magazine described Lovett as a "character straight out of a John Grisham novel"

Personal Life

- J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1995
- B.A. from Vanderbilt University, 1986
- He and his wife, Gretchen, a pediatric psychologist, live in Lewisburg, WV



Name: Joe Lovett

Current Position

Executive Director, Appalachian Center for the Economy and the Environment

Age

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Director, Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Mathew (Mat) N. Millenbach **Considered For: Director, Bureau of Land Management**

Background Information

Mat Millenbach is Stewardship Director at the Western Rivers Conservancy, responsible for assessing the long-term results of land acquisition projects and developing new conservation opportunities. Before taking his current position, Millenbach had a 30-year career with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in four states and at headquarters, and then worked for the Conservation Fund as a field representative. Millenbach earned a Bachelor's from Michigan State University, and is a Vietnam War veteran.

News reports suggest that Millenbach left BLM in 2002 after a long career because of his concerns over the Bush administration's desire to develop oil resources on public lands. Millenbach's strong dedication to conservation ideals and his varied background in BLM would make him a strong choice for Director.

Previous Positions

- After leaving BLM, Millenbach worked for The Conservation Fund for four years as Western Field Representative
- He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for 30 years, serving in four western states and in Washington, DC
- Millenbach became the Director of the Montana/Dakotas office of BLM in April 2000; he retired from that position in 2002
- His career with the BLM also includes positions as the Deputy Director and Chief of Lands in Washington, DC; Utah State Director; Miles City District Manager in Montana; Area Manager in Farmington, NM; and a staff position in California.
- Before assuming the Montana-Dakotas directorship, he was the manager of the Department of Interior's Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program
- Millenbach was an unsuccessful candidate for the Montana legislature in 2004, running for House District 49 in Billings and saying: "I just don't think the Republican Party represents all the people very well anymore"
- Millenbach began his federal career as a firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service during summers while attending college

Public Service & Other Activities

- Member, Board of Directors, Public Lands Foundation,
- Member, Board of Directors, Yellowstone Association Institute
- Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Millenbach to the Private Lands and Public Wildlife Council, 2005

Other Notes of Importance

- Millenbach left BLM in 2002 after a long career there because of his concerns regarding the Bush administration's desire to develop oil resources on public land

Personal Life

- Millenbach and his wife, Linda, have three grown children
- He enjoys outdoor activities such as, camping, bike riding and fishing



Name: Mat N. Millenbach

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Director, Office of Surface Mining
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Margaret Janes **Considered For: Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior**



Background Information

Margaret Janes is Senior Policy Analyst at the Appalachian Center for the Economy and the Environment. She has worked with the Appalachian Center since its founding in 2001. She covers issues regarding water pollution and Clean Water Act violations. For the past 10 years, Janes has focused on mining and corporate agriculture.

Previous Positions

- Veterinarian in private practice, Mathias, WV

Public Service & Other Activities

- Co-Chair, Board of Directors, West Virginia Rivers Coalition
- Appointed Member, West Virginia State Nutrient Criteria Technical Committee

Other Notes of Importance

- She has represented environmental interests on West Virginia's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Sample Media Coverage and Statements

- 1) **“Analysis: Ridge-Top Wind Generates Debate”**
by Kristyn Ecochard, *UPI Energy*, March 27, 2007

Excerpt:

While major studies recently have touted wind power in the Midwest and mid-Atlantic offshore areas, there is large potential in Appalachia....

If Appalachian environmentalists have their way, permits for many mountaintop removal mines would be much more difficult to get following recent court rulings regarding the permitting process. If that land is freed up, wind power could be a potential alternative to coal.

The areas are already flat land but it's up to the mining companies, said Margaret Janes, senior policy analyst at the Appalachian Center for Economy and Environment.

"They're supposed to be putting sites to equal or better use than what was there before," she said.

Lowering of peaks by the blasts may have affected the wind power potential, Janes said, but converting what has essentially become barren wasteland where the coal has already been mined to a wind farm that would generate clean electricity is something that should be looked at, she said.

While wind is much more responsible and sustainable, said Joe Lovett, executive director of ACEE, there is a large supply of coal that companies will use other methods to obtain, regardless of the rulings on permitting. In spite of the low cost of coal in the area, wind projects are starting to gain momentum, he said, in particular there's a large wind project proposed on Mount Storm near the Dominion Power facility. There's also a project in the works in Greenbrier, W.Va., and a project in operation in Tucker County.

Name: Margaret Janes

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Director, Minerals Management Service
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Lee Ellen Helfrich **Considered For: Director, Minerals Management Service**

Background Information

Lee Ellen Helfrich is a partner at the law firm of Lobel, Novins & Lamont, a private law firm in Washington, D.C. emphasizing public interest issues. She is a specialist in federal energy, natural resources, public lands, oil and gas, complex civil litigation, and legal ethics energy. Her legal expertise extends to administrative and civil litigation, rulemakings, legislative and policy reforms, and organizing State and Tribal auditor association. Helfrich also works on issues including professional ethics, federal and state tax policy, constitutional law, defamation, fiduciary obligations, escheat of unclaimed property, and the Freedom of Information Act.

Helfrich represented California in the first suit against Interior for an internal audit. She was influential in establishing the State and Tribal Royalty Audit Committee. She served as a public representative on Interior's Royalty Policy Committee. For the past 25 years, Helfrich supervised and advocated on the Interior's revenue collection program.

Previous Positions

- Federal Trade Commission, Office of Commissioner Patricia Bailey, Law Clerk, 1980
- Consumers Union, Legal Intern, 1979
- Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press, Legal Intern, 1978-1979

Public Service & Other Activities

- Legal Ethics Instructor, Georgetown University Paralegal Studies Program, 2006
- Board Member, District of Columbia Board of Responsibility (appointed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals), 2004-2006
- Instructor, Mandatory Course for New Admittees, D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct, D.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Program, 1997-2002
- Member, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
- Public Representative, Royalty Policy Committee, Department of the Interior, 2000-2002
- Member, Subcommittee on Valuation, Royalty Policy Committee, Department of the Interior, 1995
- Member, Bar of the District of Columbia, admitted 1980

Other Notes of Importance

- Recent publications:
 - "Why Gas is Almost \$4 a Gallon and Some Ideas on What to Do About It," Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, May 1, 2008 (co-authored with H. Banta and M. Lobel)
 - "Cobell v. Norton, "A Window on the Balance of Power in Washington," Nieman Watchdog.org, Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, Dec. 16, 2005
- Panelist, Federal and State Royalty Issues, Annual Conference of Eastern and Western State Land Commissioners, 2000-2002
- Speaker, Valuation of Oil and Gas for State Royalty Purposes, National Oil and Gas Royalty Conference, Professional Development Institute, University of North Texas, November 1997

Personal Life

- Received her L.L.M. with a focus on pedagogy and Constitutional law, Harvard Law School, 1984
- J.D. from The American University Washington College of Law, 1980
- B.A. In Journalism/Politics & Government from Ohio Wesleyan University, 1977
- She and her husband, Allen Shinder, live in Annandale, Va.



Name: Lee Ellen Helfrich

Current Position

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Secretary, Water and Science
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Bradley M. Campbell **Considered For: Assistant Secretary for Water and Science**

Background Information

Bradley Campbell is a national environmental leader with over 20 years of experience in legal and environmental issues at the federal, state, and local levels. He is currently managing his own consulting business with a focus on affordable housing, energy and environment, and serving as principal of his private practice law firm, Bradley M. Campbell, LLC. He brings a wealth of knowledge on Brownfield redevelopment, land use issues, water resource management, and global climate change and a depth of experience in management to make things happen.



Name: Bradley M. Campbell

Previous Positions

- Partner, Wolff and Samson PC, 2006-2007
- Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 2002-2006
- Regional Administrator, Region III (Mid-Atlantic), Environmental Protection Agency, 1999-2001
- Associate Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality, 1995-1999
- Attorney, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1990-1995
- Attorney, private practice, 1988-1990
- Clerk, Honorable Carl McGowan, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
- Clerk, Thomas A. Flannery, United States District Court

Public Service & Other Activities

- Recipient, Arthur Fleming Award for Distinguished Government Service, 1993
- Recipient, John Marshall Award (the Justice Department's Highest Honor), 1993
- Co-Founder, Common Ground Community Housing Development Co
- Trustee, New Jersey Conservation Foundation
- Board Member, Preservation New Jersey
- Board Member, Echo Hill Outdoor School

Other Notes of Importance

- Reported member of the EPA Administrator short-list in Obama administration, *Inside EPA*, October 24, 2008
- Law Review Editor, University of Chicago Law Review, 1987
- Vocal opponent of EnCap project, Bergen County, NJ
- Defended the lender liability rule under Superfund (Kelley v. EPA) that ensures that polluters, not taxpayers pay for toxic waste cleanup while at DOJ
- Served under Carol Browner at EPA

Personal Life

- Received his JD from the University of Chicago Law School, 1987
- Received his BA from Amherst College, 1983
- He is a Philadelphia native

Current Position

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Director, U.S. Geological Survey
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Susan Kieffer **Considered For: Director, U.S. Geological Survey**

Background Information

Susan Kieffer is a physical geologist and planetary scientist. She is currently Professor of Geology and Professor of Physics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she holds a Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. chair. She is known for her work on the fluid dynamics of volcanoes, geysers, and rivers, and for her model of the thermodynamic properties of complex minerals. She also contributed to the understanding of meteorite impacts.

Keiffer was the first scientist to explain the physics and chemistry involved in the eruptions on Jupiter's moon Io. She is also credited with the first scientific understanding of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, the dynamics of Old Faithful, the hydraulics of rapids of the Colorado River, and with colleagues described the dynamics of the Chixculub meteor, which resulted in a major extinction event when it struck the Earth 65 million years ago.

Previous Positions

- Co-Founder of Kieffer & Woo, Inc., a Canadian small business for analysis of non-linear data and prediction of processes; ventures in multidisciplinary, multimedia science and in science education, April 2003
- S.W. Kieffer Science Consulting, Inc., 1996-2000
- Co-Founder and President of The Kieffer Institute for Development of Science-Based Education, a non-profit Institute based in Arizona for development of curriculum material for at-risk K-12 students, dissolved December 1999
- Chair, Canadian Geoscience Council GAND Committee, 1995-1996
- Professor of Geological Sciences at University of British-Columbia, 1993-1995
- Professor of Geology (later Regent's Professor), 1990-1993
- Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ, 1979-1990
- Assistant Professor of Geology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1973-1979

Public Service & Other Activities

- Member, National Academy of Sciences, 1986-present
- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1988-present
- MacArthur Fellow, 1995-2000
- Department of Interior Meritorious Service Award, 1987
- Day Medal from the Geological Society of America, 1992
- Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, 1977-1979
- Mineralogical Society of America Award, 1980
- Spendiarov Award from the USSR Academy of Sciences (the first and only woman to receive this award), 1989
- USGS Group Achievement Cash Award, 1980

Other Notes of Importance

- Recipient of numerous research grants from NASA, Los Alamos National Laboratory, USGS, Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Science Foundation
- Consultant for the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board on the issue of volcanic intrusions into the Yucca Mountain Waste Repository, 2004-present
- Self-produced three narrative videos on geology, formulated 30-part educational video series on Fluid Mechanics in Earth Science



Name: Susan Kieffer

Current Position

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Director, Bureau of Reclamation
Department of the Interior**

Profile: Mary Kelly **Considered For: Director, Bureau of Reclamation**

Background Information

Mary Kelly is a Senior Attorney and Co-Program Director for Ecosystems at Environmental Defense Fund, the national non-profit group that “combines law, science and economics to find cost-effective and lasting solutions to our most pressing environmental problems.” Kelly has almost 20 years of experience as an environmental lawyer in Texas, having worked in private practice and the not-for-profit sector. She served on several state advisory groups and regularly speaks on environmental issues at state and national legal conferences. She is recognized as an authority on Texas and trans-boundary water policy and has authored many papers on these topics.



Name: Mary Kelly

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Previous Positions

- Of Counsel (part-time), Henry, Lowerre, Johnson & Frederick, 2001-present
- Of Counsel, Henry, Lowerre, Johnson & Frederick, 1991-2001
- Executive Director, Texas Center for Policy Studies, 1989-2002
- Partner, Henry & Kelly, 1987-1991
- Associate, Stuart N. Henry & Associates, 1986-1987
- Law Clerk, Environmental Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, 1983-1985
- Project Director of contract work for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Electric Power Research Institute, and private sector clients, 1979-1983

Public Service & Other Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas, 1986-present
- Board Member, Network for a Progressive Texas
- Board Member, Interhemispheric Resource Center
- Board Member, Environmental Finance Advisory Board (Advisory Board to U.S. EPA)

Other Notes of Importance

- Conference Co-chair, Law of the Rio Grande Continuing Legal Education Conference (CLE International), 2002-2004
- Former Chair, National Advisory Committee to the U.S. Government on Implementation of NAFTA Environmental Side Agreement, 1995-1997
- Member, Border Working Group on the Environment Subcommittee for the Office of the Governor of Texas, 1992
- Author, “Environmental Enforcement in Texas: A Review of Trends and Issues” (Alliance for Clean Texas, 2003)
- Co-author, “Irrigation Demand Forecasts in Texas Water Planning” (EDF, 2003)
- Co-author, “Agricultural Irrigation Conservation Investments in the Delicias, Chihuahua Irrigation District” (EDF, 2003)
- Other reports include “The Río Conchos: A Preliminary Overview” (Texas Center for Policy Studies, 2001); “Realm of the Unknown: Pesticide Use in Texas” (TCPS, 1999)
- Author of additional articles on how water issues affect environmental management, habitat protection, international cooperation and free trade

Personal Life

- B.S. in Chemical Engineering, University of Arizona
- J.D. from University of Texas Law School

Profile: Dave Wegner **Considered For: Director, Bureau of Reclamation**

Background Information

Dave Wegner is the principal scientist and president of Ecosystem Management International, Inc. in Durango, CO. His company specializes in the development, analysis and application of sound scientific logic to the evaluation of complex ecosystem problems and restoration.

Since the 1970's, Wegner has been coordinating teams of experts, designing and implementing river rehabilitation programs. He has been developing and practicing methods for preserving threatened and endangered species, and assessing and documenting the biological diversity of ecosystems throughout the world.

From 1982 through 1996, Wegner coordinated the most extensive series of ecosystem studies and rehabilitation work ever attempted on a river system, which took place in the Grand Canyon. He led the research team, the Glen Canyon Environmental Studies (GCES), in their landmark controlled flood of the canyon from Glen Canyon Dam, in April 1996. The effects of this flood have been studied internationally. Lessons learned are being applied to other river systems throughout the world.

Wegner's expertise lies in the areas of aquatic ecology, river engineering and the application of science to risk assessment and adaptive management, as well as environmental facilitation and education. His professional career includes work with states across the nation. Since 1997, he has continued to work with Department of the Interior as an independent consultant, through projects associated with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. His expertise also has been called upon by Native American tribes, the U.S. Forest Service, State Department, Justice Department, Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, and Idaho Power Co.

Previous Positions

- Principal Scientist and Program Manager for the Glen Canyon Environmental Studies, a Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, 1983-1997
- Limnologist for the Upper Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation, Salt Lake City, UT, 1981-1983
- Aquatic Ecologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ft. Collins, CO, 1977-1981
- Engineering Technician for the Bureau of Reclamation, Duchesne, UT, 1976-1977
- Biologist working for the Utah Department of Natural Resources on the collection of aquatic and terrestrial information for the Central Utah Environmental Impact Statement, 1975-1976

Public Service & Other Activities

- Election Judge for La Plata County, Colorado, 2008
- Member, Open Space Strategic Review Team for Durango, CO, 2008
- Member, Water Commission for La Plata County Colorado, 2008
- Member, Animas Task Force Commission, City of Durango, CO
- Chairman, La Plata County Animal Damage Control Board
- Environmental Chairman, La Plata County Democratic Executive Committee
- Voluntarily prepared and coordinated research, evaluation, planning and program development for:
 - BLM
 - Forest Service of Utah
 - Hualapai Tribe
 - National Park Service
 - John Heinz Center
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service



Name: Dave Wegner

Current Position

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 - Grand Canyon National Park
 - Animas River Stakeholders Group
 - Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery Program Stakeholders Group
 - EPA
 - US Corps of Engineers
 - Aquatic Work Group for the Hells Canyon Complex
 - Arizona Game and Fish
 - Western Power Area Administration
 - Audubon Society
 - International Rivers Network
 - Colorado River Indian Tribes
 - GAO
- Recipient, Department of the Interior Resource Management Award
 - Recipient of three Special Achievement Awards from the Bureau of Reclamation
 - Commendations from the Zuni Pueblo, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Colorado River Indian Tribe and Hualapai Tribe
 - International consultation with the Countries of Turkey, Japan, China, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Russia
 - Vice President, Friends of the Animas River
 - Board Member, Glen Canyon Institute
 - Board Member, Sierra Club Western Task Force on the Colorado River
 - President, Flagstaff Festival of Science (1996)
 - Nominated for the 1998 John C. Heinz Foundation Environmental Achievement Award

Other Notes of Importance

- Prepared keynote addresses for the Japan Environmental Lawyers Conference, Osaka, Japan, December 2005; the World Hydrology Forum, Tsukuba Japan, March 2007; the Grand Canyon History Association, January 2007; the American Association of Geographers, April 2007; and the American Association of Science, February 2007.
- Lecturer on Western water law and the Endangered Species Act at Denver University, Golden Gate University Law School, University of Utah, Hokkaido University, Tokyo University and University of California, Berkeley
- Recent publications:
 - "New Ideas for Old Dams: Developing Solutions for a Shrinking Colorado River." Golden Gate University, Environmental Law Journal, San Francisco (2008)
 - "Environmental law and its application to river restoration in Japan." Environmental Law Conference, Osaka, Japan (2004)
 - "Development of alternative operations for the lower Snake River." Golden Gate Law University, San Francisco (2003)
 - "Tempisque River Restoration." Heinz Center Report (2000)
 - "Restoring Glen Canyon: The hope for the future, the time for the future." Arizona LawReview, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (2000)
- Registered Fisheries Scientist with the American Fisheries Society
- Certified environmental facilitator and mediator for the Morris K. Udall Environmental Conflict Resolution Institute, Department of the Interior

Personal Life

- M.S. in Aquatic Sciences, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO, 1980
- B.S. in Aquatic Ecology, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, 1975



**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Under Secretary for Natural Resources and
Environment**

Department of Agriculture

Profile: Chris Wood **Considered For: Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment**

Background Information

Chris Wood is Chief Operating Officer of Trout Unlimited, a nonprofit organization working to restore and protect cold-water fisheries and their watersheds. He has a mix of experience in government and private-sector conservation groups, with time spent at the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, as well as the conservation group American Rivers.

Wood was Michael Dombeck's top aide when Dombeck was chief of the Forest Service, until Dombeck's resignation in 2001 over differences with the Bush administration on forest management. He joined Dombeck in writing a book afterwards, *From Conquest to Conservation: Our Public Lands Legacy*, published in 2003. He has shown special interest in the impacts of mining and mine waste on rivers and streams. Wood is also been active on matters related to energy development and the relationship between energy development and fresh water. He has excellent ties to hook-and-bullet groups as well as to the harder-line environmental groups; he would bring a diverse network of support to the agency.

Previous Positions

- Before serving as the Chief Operating Officer at Trout Unlimited, Wood was head of the group's conservation programs, as Vice President of Conservation
- Senior Policy and Communications Advisor to the Chief of the Forest Service for four years
- Started his natural resource career as a temporary employee with Forest Service Research in Idaho
- Worked for the Bureau of Land Management and for American Rivers, the national river conservation group

Public Service & Other Activities

- Member, Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee
- Member, Advisory Board of Earthworks
- Member, Board of Directors of Earthworks, 2002-2007
- Member, Board of Trustees, Institute for Journalism & Natural Resources

Other Notes of Importance

- Co-authored the book, *Conquest to Conservation: Our Public Lands Legacy*, with Corinne J Naden and Mike Dombeck



Name: Chris Wood

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Chief, U.S. Forest Service
Department of Agriculture**

Profile: Tom Tidwell

Considered For: Chief, Forest Service

Background Information

Tom Tidwell is Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region. During his time with the Forest Service, he worked in eight different national forests in a variety of positions. His posts included Legislative Affairs, where he worked on the National Fire Plan, the planning rule, the roadless rule, and the Secure Rural Schools County Payments Act.

Tidwell is clearly experienced in many of the hot-button issues currently facing the Forest Service. His experience includes both practical and policy experience.

Previous Positions

- Deputy Regional Forester for Fire and Aviation Management, Recreation, State and Private Forestry and Tribal Relations for the Pacific Southwest Region, 2005
- Forest supervisor on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake City, UT
- Legislative affairs staffer in the Washington U.S. Forestry office
- District ranger for the Uinta National Forest for nine years
- Acting Forest supervisor positions on the Fishlake National Forest in Utah and the Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho

Other Notes of Importance

- Defendant in the following District Court cases for Montana:
 - Native Ecosystems Council et al. v. Tidwell et al., filed August 15, 2008
 - Hapner et al v. Tidwell et al., July 1, 2008
 - Alliance for the Wild Rockies et al v. Tidwell et al., June 23, 2008
 - McFarland White Ranch v. Schafer et al., June 4, 2008

Personal Life

- Tidwell is married to Kim Tidwell and has a daughter, MacKenzie
- His hobbies include hunting, fishing and hiking



Name: Tom Tidwell

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Profile: Randy Moore

Considered For: Chief, Forest Service

Background Information

Randy Moore is Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region, covering much of California and the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands. Moore spent most of his career with the USDA, and has worked for the Forest Service for almost 30 years. Moore is a graduate of Southern University with a major in agronomy and an emphasis in soil science.

He led the Eastern Region to successfully complete Forest Plan Revisions within a two-year time frame, which the Forest Service noted was “an unprecedented accomplishment.” Outside of the Forest Service, however, Moore is not well-known; there seems to have been little media coverage of his accomplishments. Although he has some conservationist credentials, such as from arguing for responsible use of vehicles in National Forests, the lack of any standout accomplishments or clear connections with policy-makers may be an obstacle to appointment.

Previous Positions

- Regional Forester in the Eastern Region (Region 9), May 2002-2007
- Forest Supervisor on the Mark Twain National Forest, based in Rolla, Mo., after having been its deputy forest supervisor from 1994-96
- Soil scientist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Dickinson, N.D., starting in 1978, and then soil scientist with the Forest Service in Pueblo, CO, 1980
- Has a broad range of natural resource management experience

Other Notes of Importance

- Moore has been recently involved in controversy over his lifting of the long-standing California policy of allowing controlled fires to burn in order to thin overgrown forests. Per the new policy, the U.S. Forest Service for the Pacific Southwest Region will fight all fires. This policy has resulted in additional deaths of firefighters

Personal Life

- Lives in Fairfield, CA with his wife, Annette, and sons, Darian and Randy Moore II



Name: Randy Moore

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Agriculture**

Profile: Robert (Bob) L. Bendick Jr. **Considered For: Chief, National Resource Conservation Service**

Background Information

Robert Bendick is Director of U.S. Governmental Relations for The Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization dedicated to protecting ecologically important lands and waters around the world. He has been working with the Conservancy since 1995.

Bendick is an advocate for land conservation and is regularly quoted as an authority on the topic. He has a 30-year success record in innovative leadership and managing both governmental and non-governmental organizations to achieve lasting successes in conserving the environment. His experience includes extensive work in forestry and agricultural programs in New England, New York and across the South.

Previous Positions

- Managing Director for the Southern U.S. Region of The Nature Conservancy, 2004-2008
- Southeast Division Director for The Nature Conservancy, 2002-2004
- Division Vice President for the Southeast Division for The Nature Conservancy, 1998-2002
- Florida Chapter Director for The Nature Conservancy, 1995-2002
- Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 1990-1995
- Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, 1982-1990
- Assistant Director for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, 1978-1982
- Director of Planning and Development for the City of Woonsocket in Rhode Island, 1972-1978

Public Service & Other Activities

- Chair, Northern Forest Lands Council
- Member, American Institute of Certified Planners
- Member, Society of American Foresters
- Member, Committee on Marine Area Governance and Management

Other Notes of Importance

- He wrote a chapter entitled “*State Partnerships to Preserve Open Space: Lessons from Rhode Island and New York*” in Land Conservation Through Public Private Partnership, 1992
- Recipient, Outstanding Chapter Award from the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, 1998
- Recipient, Chevron Conservation Award
- Recipient, President’s Public Service Award from the Nature Conservancy
- Recipient, New England Environmental Network Leadership Award
- Recipient, Save the Bay’s (Narragansett Bay) Environmental Leadership Award
- Recipient, Empire State Forest Products Association Leadership Award

Personal Life

- Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the New York University Graduate School of Public Administration, 1970
- Bachelor’s from Williams College with a major in History; graduated with honors, 1968



Name: Bob Bendick Jr.

Current Position

Director of U.S. Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy

Age

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Profile: Ferd Hoefner **Considered For: Chief, Natural Resources** **Conservation Service**

Background Information

Ferd Hoefner is Policy Director of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (SAC) and has worked for the Coalition since its 1988 creation. Hoefner has over 25 years' experience in federal agricultural and environmental policy.

SAC is an alliance of national and grassroots organizations that take common positions on federal agricultural, food, environmental, and rural policies. Their goal is a food and agriculture system that is environmentally sound, economically profitable, family-farm based, and socially just.

In his work with SAC, Hoefner has been closely associated with the creation of such programs as the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, the Beginning Farmer Down Payment Loan Program, the Wetlands Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Fund for Rural America, the Organic Certification Cost-Share, Value-Added Producer Grants, and the Conservation Security Program, among others. Since 1977, he has worked on nearly every federal agricultural budget and appropriations bill.

Previous Positions

- Worked on several federal policy reform campaigns for a wide variety of national and state public interest and faith-based groups
- Agriculture and Development Associate, Inter-Religious Task Force on U.S. Food Policy
- Congressional Intern, Food and Agriculture policy
- Intern, World Hunger Program, United Methodist Board of Church and Society

Public Service & Other Activities

- Worked with the USDA on the following programs:
 - Sustainable Research and Education Program
 - The Beginning Farmer Down Payment Loan Program
 - The Wetlands Reserve Program
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 - The Fund for Rural America
 - Organic Certification Cost-Share/Value-Added Producer Grants
 - Conservation Security Program
- Member, Coordinating Council for the Farm and Food Policy Project
- President, Board of Directors, Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition

Other Notes of Importance

- Ferd Hoefner has been called “the go-to guy for any Ag bill post-mortem”
- Since 1977 he has worked on almost every federal agricultural budget and appropriations bill

Personal Life

- B.A. from Oberlin College
- Master's coursework in ethics, economics and public policy at Wesley Seminary and American University
- He and his wife Diane live in Takoma Park, MD



Name: Ferd Hoefner

Current Position
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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Administrator, Farm Service Agency
Department of Agriculture**

Profile: Dallas Tonsager **Considered For: Administrator, Farm Service Agency**

Background Information

Dallas Tonsager currently serves on both the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) Board and the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board. He was appointed to both boards by President George W. Bush in December 2004. As Executive Director of the South Dakota Value-Added Agriculture Development Center, he coordinated initiatives to better serve producers interested in developing value-added agricultural projects. While working as the South Dakota State Director for Rural Development, Tonsager oversaw a diversified portfolio of housing, business, and infrastructure loans in South Dakota totaling more than \$100 million.

In partnership with his brother, Tonsager owns Plainview Farm in Oldham, South Dakota. Their family farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay. Tonsager is known for his extensive experience as an agriculture leader and producer. He is committed to implementing innovative development strategies that benefit rural residents and their communities.

Previous Positions

- Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) Board and Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board, appointed by President George W. Bush, 2004- 2010
- Executive Director, South Dakota Value-Added Agriculture Development Center in Huron, 2002-2004
- State Director, South Dakota for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, appointed by President Clinton, 1993-2001
- President, South Dakota Farmers Union, served two terms, 1988-1993
- Aide to former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD)

Public Service & Other Activities

- Board member, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
- Board member, National Farmers Union Insurance, 1989-1993
- Advisory Board member, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1990-1993
- Board member, Green Thumb, Inc., nationwide job training program for senior citizens, 1988-1993

Other Notes of Importance

- Recognized as one of two "Outstanding State Directors" in the nation by then-USDA Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson, 1999

Personal Life

- Tonsager grew up on a dairy farm near Oldham, South Dakota. He and his brother jointly own Plainview Farm in Oldham
- Graduated from South Dakota State University with a B.S. in agriculture, 1976
- He and his wife, Sharon, have two sons



Name: Dallas Tonsager

Current Position
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Farm Credit Administration Board

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Administrator, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration**

Department of Commerce

Profile: Bruce Babbitt **Considered For: Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Background Information

Bruce Babbitt is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors at the World Wildlife Fund. He has an extensive political background that includes serving as the Secretary of the Interior during the Clinton Administration. He was formerly Governor of Arizona and state Attorney General before that. He served as President of the League of Conservation Voters in the late '60s and early '70s.

Babbitt is passionate about the environment. While serving as Governor, Babbitt increased public awareness and action to improve environmental and resource management. He was the influential lead negotiator behind the Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980, which today remains the nation's most comprehensive water regulatory system. Babbitt led the Interior in creating the forest plan in the Pacific Northwest, restoration of the Florida Everglades, passage of the California Desert Protection Act, and legislation for the National Wildlife Refuge system. He advocates on the behalf of Endangered Species Act and worked with President Clinton to implement 22 new National Monuments.

Previous Positions

- Of Counsel, Latham and Watkins, LLP, Washington, D.C., 2001-2005
- Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, 1993-2001
- Partner, Steptoe and Johnson, 1988-1993
- Governor of Arizona, 1978-1987
- Attorney General of the State of Arizona, 1975-1978
- Partner, Brown, Valassis, & Bain, 1967-1974
- President, League of Conservation Voters, 1967-1974

Public Service & Other Activities

- Appointee, President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island, Carter Administration, 1979
- Founding member, Democratic Leadership Council
- Chairman, Democratic Governors Association, 1985
- Candidate for Democratic presidential nomination, 1988
- Author, *"Cities in the Wilderness: A New Vision of Land Use in America,"* August 2005

Other Notes of Importance

- Investigated by a federal grand jury over accusations that he lied to Congress about denying an Indian casino license in Wisconsin in return for political donations, 1998-1999. Babbitt was cleared of wrongdoing in the special prosecutor's final report on the investigation
- Twice considered for an appointment to the Supreme Court—to replace retiring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White in 1993, and Justice Harry Blackmun in 1994

Personal Life

- Babbitt's wife, attorney Hattie Coots, was the former ambassador to the Organization of American States. They have two sons, Christopher, a lawyer in San Francisco, and T.J., a teacher in the Los Angeles public school system
- J.D. from Harvard Law School
- Attended Newcastle University in England on a Marshall Scholarship
- B.A. from the University of Notre Dame



Name: Bruce Babbitt

Current Position

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Administrator, National Marine
Fisheries Service**

Department of Commerce

Profile: Hilda Diaz-Soltero

Considered For: Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)



Background Information

Hilda Diaz-Soltero is a Senior Invasive Species Coordinator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She is responsible for the leadership, technical expertise, coordination and direction of the nationwide USDA invasive species program, and policy development, execution and oversight.

Diaz-Soltero has extensive experience in U.S. and foreign government in positions relating to botany, natural resources, and fish and wildlife. She spent a short time with the conservation group The Nature Conservancy in the mid-1980s. Diaz-Soltero holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Vassar College and a Master's of Science in Biology, Wildlife Management, from the University of Puerto Rico.

Diaz-Soltero has strong experience at multiple levels of government. She is well-qualified on the policy front, and her resume would doubtless garner strong support.

Previous Positions

- Invasive Species Coordinator for the USDA, 2003-present
- Director for the USDA Pacific Southwest Research Station, 2001-2003
- Joined the U.S. Forest Service, as Associate Chief of Natural Resources, 1999
- Moved to Washington, DC to lead endangered species efforts at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), including an effort to rewrite the Endangered Species Act, 1997
- Became Deputy Director of the Southwest Region for NMFS, 1994
- Moved laterally in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Region, Minneapolis, to head a program to restore lake trout in the Great Lakes, the largest fish restoration project in the nation, 1992
- Became Deputy Asst. Regional Director for Ecological Services of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Region, Minneapolis, 1990
- Field Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Caribbean Field Office; was responsible for the first ever endangered species project using FEMA money (parrots threatened by hurricane destruction), 1987
- Supervised programs in Ecuador, Paraguay and the Caribbean for The Nature Conservancy, 1986
- Took a position at the Recreation Development Company, a government agency, and then with the Puerto Rico Sports and Recreation Department
- Managed the University of Puerto Rico Botanical Garden, 1981
- Served for four years as Secretary of Natural Resources agency in Puerto Rico starting at age 31, in 1980

Public Service & Other Activities

- Board of Directors, Aldo Leopold Foundation, 2004-2005

Other Notes of Importance

- First woman, first Hispanic, and first person from outside the agency to be named Associate Chief for Natural Resources at U.S. Forest Service

Personal Life

- Born, raised, and attended college in Puerto Rico
- Has three grown children, a girl and two boys

Name: Hilda Diaz-Soltero

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Profile: Daniel M. Ashe **Considered For: Assistant Administrator,** **National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)**

Background Information

Dan Ashe is currently the Science Advisor to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a position he was appointed to in 2003. His primary role is to promote the application of scientific data and research in the context of the agency's goals and objectives. Over the course of his career, Ashe managed some of the Service's most important and longstanding conservation programs, including: the 92-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System; migratory bird conservation and management; land acquisition; implementation of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; and the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

Ashe has a long career as a civil servant focusing on conservation and wildlife management. He has more than a decade of experience working on Capitol Hill, which contributes to his success within the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Previous Positions

- Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service
- Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, 1998-2003
- Director, Fish & Wildlife Service's migratory bird management and North American wetlands conservation programs, 1998-2000
- Assistant Director, External Affairs at the Fish & Wildlife Service, 1995-1998
- Member of the Professional Staff, including Staff Director, former Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, U.S. House of Representatives, 1982-1995

Public Service & Other Activities

- Recipient, National Sea Grant Congressional Fellowship, 1982

Other Notes of Importance

- Ashe testified before Congress numerous times on issues ranging from wetland restoration to habitat protection
- As Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System, he directed operation and management of the 93 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, and the Service's land acquisition program. Under Ashe, the Refuge System experienced an unprecedented and sustained period of budget increases for operations, maintenance, construction and land acquisition
- As Asst. Director for External Affairs, he managed the Fish & Wildlife Service's Congressional and public affairs
- As lead negotiator of the Fish & Wildlife Service with Congress, Ashe helped develop comprehensive legislation governing management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, resulting in the enactment of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997
- Ashe served in several capacities during his time on Capitol Hill, advising the Committee's Chairmen and Members on a wide range of environmental policy issues, including endangered species and biodiversity conservation, ocean and coastal resources protection, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the National Marine Sanctuaries Program, the Clean Water Act, wetlands conservation, fisheries management and conservation, and offshore oil and gas development
- His Masters thesis, on wetland mitigation in estuarine ecosystems, was published in the Coastal Zone Management Journal in 1982
- Ashe wrote the foreword to *America's national wildlife refuges : a complete guide*, by Russell D. Butcher with contributions by Stephen E. Adair, Lynn A. Greenwalt, and Mike Boylan

Personal Life

- Son of William Ashe, a former career civil servant in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Earned a Masters of Marine Affairs from the College of Ocean and Fisheries Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle
- Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Florida State University in Tallahassee
- Ashe and his wife, Barbara, have two grown children and reside in Rockville, Maryland



Name: Daniel M. Ashe

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Administrator for Water
Environmental Protection Agency**

Profile: Alex Matthiessen

Considered For: Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency



Background Information

Alex Matthiessen became President of Riverkeeper, Inc. in 2000. Riverkeeper is an environmental non-profit that works primarily to protect the Hudson River and surrounding New York City watershed. Matthiessen's leadership transformed Riverkeeper into a nationally recognized environmental advocacy group. He encouraged Riverkeeper to create partnerships with renowned academic and research institutions to strengthen enforcement efforts, advance scientific understanding of the watershed, and identify solutions to prevent destructive development along the Hudson River corridor. He is known for his dedication to preserving both nature and the environment.

Prior to joining Riverkeeper, Matthiessen was Special Assistant at the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he worked on areas of special importance to Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt. While with the Department of the Interior, Matthiessen conceived and implemented the Green Energy Parks initiative, a joint program with the National Park Service and the Department of Energy. The Green Energy Parks initiative promotes clean and sustainable energy use throughout the National Park system. Matthiessen received a Presidential Award from the White House for leadership on this project. He is the son of *Paris Review* co-founder, naturalist, and author (and briefly, CIA spy) Peter Matthiessen.

Previous Positions

- Special Assistant, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1997-2000
- Macroeconomic Policy Analyst, Harvard Institute for International Development, Indonesia 1995-1996
- Intern, White House Council on Environmental Quality, 1994
- Grassroots Program Director, Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, CA 1990-1994

Public Service & Other Activities

- Advisor on Energy and Environment, New York Gov. Elliot Spitzer's transition team, 2006
- Chair of the Energy Committee, Westchester County Climate Change Task Force
- Chair of the Water Committee, MTA Blue Ribbon Commission on Sustainability
- Member, Board of Directors, Hudson River Improvement Fund
- Member, Board of Directors, Catskill Mountainkeeper
- Member, Board of Directors, Waterkeeper Alliance

Other Notes of Importance

- For his leadership on the Green Energy Parks initiative with the Department of the Interior, he received a Presidential Award from the White House

Personal Life

- Son of renowned author and naturalist Peter Matthiessen
- Masters in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, 1995
- B.A. in Biology and Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz, 1988

Name: Alex Matthiessen

Current Position
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Profile: Eric Raffini

Considered For: Assistant Administrator for Water, Environment Protection Agency

Background Information

Eric Raffini is currently an Environmental Scientist and Senior Project Reviewer at the Wetlands Regulatory office of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Southwest Region. He oversees the review, analysis, and comments on proposed projects by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in affected regulated waters, and reviewing them for compliance with federal guidelines under the Clean Water Act and National Environmental Policy Act. He then coordinates internally with the EPA, externally with the Corps, FWHA, community groups, and state, local, and regional transportation agencies. He has a variety of field experience, including service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Madagascar.

Previous Positions

- Environmental Protection Specialist, Watersheds Branch, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, U.S. EPA, Washington, D.C., 2004-2005
- Wildlife Biologist, Federal Coordinator for Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, MA, 2004
- EPA Research Fellow, Wetlands Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, U.S. EPA, Washington, D.C., 2001-2004
- Environmental Reviewer, Office of Land Information Services, State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Madison, WI, 2000-2001
- Wilderness Park Ranger, Mount Rainier National Park, Enumclaw, WA, 2000-2001
- Field Instructor, Keystone Science School, Keystone, CO, 1998
- Instructor, Sail Caribbean Voyages, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 1995-1998

Public Service & Other Activities

- Kinship Conservation Fellow, Kinship Conservation Institute, Bozeman, MT, 2004
- Member, National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, 1993-2001
- Volunteer, Lake Monitoring Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, WI, 1997
- Peace Corps Volunteer, Andasibe, Madagascar, 1996-1997

Other Notes of Importance

- Co-authored, with University of Kentucky Professor Morgan Robertson, "Water Quality Trading: What Can We Learn from 10 Years of Wetland Mitigation Banking?" *National Wetlands Newsletter* 27: 4; 3-5, Environmental Law Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Co-authored with Lynda Hall, "Water Quality Trading: Where Do We Go From Here?" *Natural Resources and Environment*, 20:1, 38-42, American Bar Association
- Presented at 2005 Environmental Law Institute National Forum on synergies between water quality trading and wetland mitigation banking; held in conjunction with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Recipient of National Network for Environmental Management Studies Research Fellowship, 2001 and 2002

Personal Life

- Raffini holds a Master's in Water Resources Management, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001
- He earned a Bachelor's in Conservation Biology and Zoology, Certificate in Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1996
- Partakes in several outdoor activities including skiing, sailing, sea-kayaking, and windsurfing, and has competed in a number of marathons, including the Boston Marathon and the New York City Marathon
- Has reading proficiency in French and Spanish and knowledge of Malagasy



Name: Eric J. Raffini

Current Position

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**Transition Profiles
2008**

**Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works
Department of Defense**

Profile: Mary Doyle **Considered For: Assistant Secretary of the Army -** **Civil Works, Department of Defense**

Background Information

Mary Doyle is the Co-Director of the Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy and a Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law. Professor Doyle teaches property law, land use, and water law. She has a long history of government service and legal work pertaining to property and water law, environmental protection and land use. Her most recent foray into government service was an appointment as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science by President Clinton. Also during the Clinton administration, Doyle was named head of an intergovernmental panel that is coordinating a new 20-year, \$7.8 billion effort to restore the Everglades and ensure a long-term water supply for South Florida.

Previous Positions

- Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1999-2001
- Dean-In-Residence, American Association of Law Schools, 1994-1995
- Interim Dean, University of Miami School of Law, 1988-1989
- Dean, University of Miami School of Law, 1986-1994
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Arizona College of Law, 1984-1986
- Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Carter Administration
- Attorney, U.S. Department of Energy, 1979-1981
- Assistant Executive Director and Associate General Counsel for Grants, Contracts and Administration, New York City Board of Corrections
- Assistant General Counsel, New York State Special Commission on Attica
- Attorney, private practice, New York City

Public Service & Other Activities

- Former Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Everglades Restoration Program, Interior Department
- Member, Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, National Council for Science and the Environment

Other Notes of Importance

- Co-wrote the book "*Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration: Five Case Studies from the United States*" with Cynthia Drew, 2008
- Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said in announcing Doyle's appointment as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science:

"Mary Doyle is extremely qualified for this position, not only by her high legal stature, but also by her high level of commitment to the Department of the Interior and to protection of the environment... Mary Doyle has a proven track record in water policy, science, law, conservation, and other areas critical to this position."

Personal Life

- L.L.B from Columbia Law School, 1968
- She received her B.A. from Radcliffe College, 1965
- Her deceased husband, James D. Webb, was an environmental attorney, former Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and former general counsel at the Wilderness Society. He died in 1997



Name: Mary Doyle

Current Position

Professor of Law,
U. of Miami School of Law

Co-director of U. of Miami
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