



# Meet the Scientist!



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

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### Important Scientist Characteristics:

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

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

### Technology or equipment used in research:

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

### Most Exciting Discovery

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

### When did you know you wanted to be a scientist?

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