



Career Spotlight

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As a partnership coordinator, I bring together partners from across the country to support healthy forests, resilient communities, and wildfire risk reduction. My work connects people, ideas, and resources so we can take care of public lands for present and future generations.

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Which of your talents or skills contributes most to your work and why? Nature is not static, and neither are partnerships. The skills that support my work most are the ability to build trust quickly, communicate clearly across many audiences, and adapt as priorities shift. Partnerships thrive when people feel heard, supported, and connected to a shared purpose, and those are strengths I bring to every project.

What is a challenge you have encountered in your position? Challenges typically arise when there is a lack of communication. It is hard to get work done when the working group is not on the same page. Clear, consistent communication is key for a successful partnership.

What is an example of technology or equipment that you use in your work? I rely on my computer and a whole toolkit of Microsoft apps, Teams, Outlook, SharePoint, and more, to stay connected with partners across the country. These tools help me collaborate in real time, track projects, share ideas, and keep our work moving no matter where I am.

What has been your most exciting project? Managing national grant programs with the National Forest Foundation is exciting. These programs support meaningful, on-the-ground work in communities across the country, restoring forests, reducing wildfire risk, and strengthening partnerships that make a real difference.

When did you know this career would be a good fit for you? My career with the Forest Service began before I was ever hired on permanently. I did trail work with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps in Colorado, and I loved it! I worked closely with Forest Service staff on various projects and knew from that point on I wanted to work for the Forest Service.

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