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SPECIAL SKILLS & EXPERTISE:

- * Environmental auditing
- * Working with diverse groups of people
- * Leadership/project management
- * Public speaking/writing - Public Relations
- * Innovative public involvement strategies
- * Fundraising, budgeting & expense control
- * Facilitating group process to reach consensus
- * Research & Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1994- **President**, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC, Antrim NH & Portland, ME. Founder and owner of consulting business focused on forest and natural resource policy, sustainable forest management certification/environmental auditing, forest products industry research, renewable energy (especially biomass related), government relations assistance, and land protection. Founded forest certification auditing partnership in 1999 – *The Plum Line*. Have managed many large-scale projects in the land conservation, public policy, auditing and other fields and have audited on over 6 million acres of private forestland in the US and Canada. Company website at www.inrslc.com.
- 1991-94 **Executive Director**, Northern Forest Lands Council, Concord, NH. As top executive staffer of this regional, non-profit forest and land use policy advisory project, managed all facets of the process and organization. Developed long and short range work plans and implemented. Developed budgets and managed the project within budget restraints. Supervised employees. Oversaw a complex public policy building process centered on gathering good information and involving as wide a range of stakeholders as possible in order to seek common ground on the issues. Acted as lobbyist at federal level and as liaison to Congressional delegations. Responsible to a 17 member board.
- 1987-91 **Program Director**, Trust for New Hampshire Lands, Concord, NH. Top executive staffer responsible for overall administration of land protection organization including: budgeting and financial management, communications, lobbyist in NH legislature, fundraising, outreach and awareness, media relations, land protection/real estate negotiations and staff supervision (staff of 10). Liaison with state Land Conservation Investment Program. Responsible to Board of Trustees and Committees.
- 1983-87 **Executive Director**, New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, Concord NH. As executive staff for 75 year old non-profit, forest landowner and forest industry organization, responsible for all functions including: fundraising, annual budgeting, lobbyist at local, state and federal level, publications, all communications and promotion requiring extensive writing and verbal skills. Also developed and coordinated educational programs and volunteer activities. Supervised staff and responsible to Board of Directors.
- 1981-83 **Greenstreets Project Director and Urban Forester**, City of Manchester, NH. Administered comprehensive urban forestry program for the city of Manchester (population 95,000). Responsible for annual budgeting, publicity and education. Worked with private landowners and supervised youth workers.

- 1980 **Night Park Manager**, Pawtuckaway State Park, Raymond, NH. Responsibilities included evening and night management of this heavily used southeastern New Hampshire state park.
- 1979 **Field Crew Supervisor**, U.S. Forest Service, Dillon, Montana. Responsibilities included supervision of timber sale survey crews in southwestern Montana's Beaverhead National Forest.
- 1977-78 **Forestry Inventory Coordinator**, Brown Company, Berlin, NH. As a forestry technician, coordinated Continuous Forest Inventory program and boundary location and maintenance programs on company lands. Additional duties included timber sale layout and land surveying. All work responsibilities occurred on lands in northwestern Maine, northern New Hampshire and the northeast kingdom of Vermont.

EDUCATION ISO 14001 Lead Auditor Training 2000
& SAF Certified Forester®
CERTIFICATIONS RABQSA Certified EMS Lead Auditor #E052683
 SAF Certified Sustainable Forest Management Auditor®
 N.H. Licensed Professional Forester # 281, SAF Certified Forester®
 Leadership New Hampshire Associate, Class of 1994-95
 N.H. Town Moderator training 1994 & 1996
 Institute for Participatory Management & Planning training 1992
 B.S.F. 1979 Univ. of N.H., Forest Resources, Magna Cum Laude
 President Xi Sigma Pi, Forestry Honor Society
 Recipient of Ruth Farrington Scholarship

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, Society of American Foresters; member, member, NH Timberland Owners Association; member, Society for the Protection of NH Forests; past member and vice-chair Board of Trustees, Deering Association; member, Audubon Society of New Hampshire; member, Concord Food Cooperative; NH Forestry Communications Council 1983-87, Treasurer 1986-87; Project Learning Tree Steering Committee and Treasurer 1985-87 and PLT Facilitator 1986-1993; Board of Directors, Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment 1985-present; Board of Directors, NH Farm and Forest Exposition 1985-87; Chair, Program Committee 1986 and member 2000, 2005 and 2010 N.E. Society of American Foresters Winter Meeting and Technical Conference; N.E. Society of American Foresters Communications Committee 1985-86; N.E. Society of American Foresters Executive Committee 1996 – (elected); National Society of American Foresters Council 1998 –2001 (elected); NH Tree Farm Executive Committee and Inspecting Forester 1983-87; American Forest Council Communications Committee N.E. 1983-1992; Adjunct faculty Lincoln Institute of Land Policy 1993-1998; Governor Gregg appointee to Current Use Study Committee 1992; Ad-Hoc White Mountain National Forest Committee and later variations 1986-2004; NH Trails Advisory Committee 1983-87; Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy Judge 1995 – 97, Board of Directors 97-2003, Secretary 1999; Champions of NH Farms Board member 1997-2009; N.H. Forest Plan Steering Committee 1994-1996; Deering Conservation Commission 1986-1994, chair 1989-90; member, Deering Master Plan Commission, 1987-1990; Deering Quartet-tenor and Deering Community Church and choir 1985-1994; elected town moderator 1994 – 1998; member, Con Val School Board 2000; Member of Land and Community Heritage Investment Program Board of Directors 2000-2005, co-chair 2000-2002; Member, Board of Directors, Conservation New Hampshire 2009-10; Board member and Board President, Center for Northern Woodlands Education 2004-2009; Chair, Antrim Open Space Committee 2005-06; Antrim Planning Board 2011- .

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

Bicycled across the United States, 1982
 Special Recognition Award, American Forest Council, 1987;
 New England Society of American Foresters Young Forester Award, 1989
 Various recognition awards

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Bicycling, running, backpacking, outdoor sports, music, photography, travel, local activism.

PERSONAL

Married, two children.