

Patrick Heffernan

EDUCATION

O.N.D. Forestry Cumbria College of Agriculture & Forestry, Penrith, Cumbria, UK, 1981

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- November 2004 **President, PAFTI, Inc.** Full service natural resources consulting firm.
- 2002 - 2004 **Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation, Director, Red Lodge Clearinghouse.** Developed a full service organization for natural resource collaborative groups. Provided direct facilitative and funding assistance for several collaborative groups throughout the western U.S. See: <http://www.redlodgclearinghouse.org> for complete details. Liason with USFS, USDA, DOI and BLM personnel. Facilitative work with Agency, Environmental, Resouce Provider and Industry interests. Member of the INW Stewardship Contracting Monitoring Team – direct experience with Stewardship Contracting since 1996.
- 1995 - 2002 **Montana Logging Association, Staff Forester.** Developed and administered the Accredited Logging Professional (ALP) education & training program; State Implementation Committee staff for American Forest & Paper Association Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFISM) program. Developed additional educational outreach programs - Montana Forests Forever interactive CD-ROM program for middle school science. Association liaison with state, federal and tribal government agencies. Review, analysis and comment on major federal actions – NEPA, NFMA, ESA, CWA and federal rulemaking. Review of legal decisions; amici, Bitterroot Fire Salvage, 2002. Collaborative natural resource management projects with the Flathead Forestry Project and Flathead Common Ground. One of the original architechts of Stewardship Contracting legislation and implementaion of the pilot program. Registered lobbyist, state of Montana, 1997-2001.
- 1993 - 1994 **Creative Consultant Group, Vice President.** Owned & operated a diversified forestry consulting firm specializing in private non-industrial forestry in Montana. Performed contracted work for Montana Logging Association in developing their ALP program.
- 1991 - 1992 **Plum Creek Timber Co., Field Forester.** Timber sale field forester. Considerable experience in timber sale layout, road location and field surveying.
- 1985- 1990 **Canyon Logging/Ureco, Inc.** Logging crew foreman; heavy equipment operator. Supervision of multiple timber harvesting & road construction operations in western Montana.
- 1983 - 1985 **Self-employed Professional Timber Faller.** Contract timberfalling on a variety of western Montana timber harvesting operations.
- 1976 – 1981 **Related UK experience:** J. Roberson & Sons, Timber Merchants – harvesting and processing of hardwood timber; UK Forestry Commission – trainee forester; Buccleuch Estates, Ltd. – trainee forester, Tree Top Contracts, Ltd. Tree planting and plantation maintenance contractor.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 1991 – present Certified Forest Stewardship Advisor – Montana Forest Stewardship Workshop program & Riparian/Wetland Workshop program.
- Fires of 2000 Emergency Firefighter Training Coordinator – contractor workforce.
- August 1994 Communications Specialist/Ground Support, Starvation Fire, Glacier N.P. MT.
- September 1988 Engine Strike Team Leader, Red Bench Fire, Flathead N.F./Glacier N.P. MT.
- August 1985 Emergency Wildland Fire Crew member, Flathead National Forest.

1986-1995

Volunteer Fireman (Captain 1991) Martin City V.F.D.

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS

Society of American Foresters, member since 1989; Elected State Chair in 2001; Flathead Chapter Chair – 1996-1997; Forester of the Year award – 1995.

American Pulpwood Association – Logger Training & Education program award (ALP program) 1997; APA Western Technical Division Forest Activist award 1998.

Montana Wood Products Association – *Ex Officio* member, Resource Committee; Timberman of the Year award 1998.

Flathead Economic Policy Center – Chairman of the Board, 1996 – present.

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce – Natural Resource Committee Chair 1996-1998.

Biography: Patrick Heffernan

After graduating from Mill Hill School, London, in 1976, he attended the Cumbria College of Agriculture and Forestry, in Penrith, England, graduating with a National Diploma in Forestry in June 1981. Patrick has worked in most aspects of the forestry profession in Great Britain, including: tree surgery and tree care, plantation establishment and maintenance with Treetop Contracts, Ltd., Sible Hedingham, Essex, England; timber management, harvesting and plantation management for Bowhill Estates, Selkirk, Scotland; trainee forester, responsible for production forecasting, harvest scheduling, planning and implementation and other duties with the Forestry Commission, Brechfa, Dyfed, Wales and; timber harvest planning and implementation for J. Roberson & Sons, Timber Merchants, Llanybydder, Dyfed, Wales.

After emigrating to the United States in 1983, Patrick has worked within Montana's forest industry for a variety of employers including: Canyon Logging Co., Columbia Falls; Plum Creek Timber Company, Kalispell; Creative Consultant Group (which he founded in 1992), eight years with the Montana Logging Association (MLA) and, most recently, with the Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation.

Patrick has been instrumental in developing the services of the Red Lodge Clearinghouse, to deliver assistance to natural resource collaborative groups throughout the west. Particularly, Patrick has been working with the NWCOS group, in Craig, Colorado, to explore the collaborative development of a new BLM RMP for the Little Snake Resource Area. This has involved the recruitment and engagement of place-based local interests, interest-based national interests, local resource producers, energy companies and BLM and other agencies. This unique effort will use alternative pathways of NEPA, FLPMA, ESA consultation and Adaptive Management, to generate and implement an adaptive and flexible RMP, designed to meet diverse goals and objectives. Patrick has also been working with an existing collaborative group in Lakeview, Oregon, who are tackling forest restoration implementation in dry site ponderosa pine forests on the Freemont-Winema National Forest. The Lakeview Stewardship Group is developing a Forest Plan and implementation strategy for forest restoration on the 495,000-acre Lakeview Federal Stewardship Unit of the Freemont-Winema. Patrick has also been assisting the Priest Pend Oreille Forest Stewardship Committee in the implementation of one of the non-profit contracted stewardship contracts in the nation. PPOFSC is contemplating engagement with more stewardship contracts and Patrick has been helping them surmount challenging bonding and new IR contract provisions of the Forest Service Handbook.

At MLA, Patrick was responsible for organizing and administering Montana's Accredited Logging Professional program and other educational programs provided by the MLA as well as responsibility for the Association's forestry legislative affairs, state and federal government liaison and other Association duties. During this time, he gained great experience with the complexity of federal statutes, rules and regulations governing the operations of the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and EPA. Patrick conducted complete analysis of major federal actions and provided detailed comments to the agencies on complex issues like the Roadless Rule, Road Management Policy, INFISH, UCRBEIS and was involved with the CWA's TMDL program and other non-point pollution aspects of the CWA. Patrick has also been responsible for the administration of the Montana Forest Council, which functions as the State Implementation Committee for the American Forest & Paper Association's Sustainable Forestry Initiative program. Patrick has also represented forestry interests on Montana DEQ's Statewide Advisory Group for TMDL implementation, the Forestry BMP and SMZ Advisory Working Group, the Montana Forest Stewardship Program Steering Committee, the Montana State University Extension Advisory Council and the Montana Wood Products Association Resource Committee.

Patrick has been involved in many forestry education efforts including the Montana Forest Stewardship Workshop program, for which he is a Certified Instructor and the development of the Montana Forests Forever educational CD-ROM program for middle school science. He has served as Chair for the Flathead Chapter of the Society of American Foresters; Chair of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Natural Resource Committee and Board Chairman of the Flathead Economic Policy Center.

Patrick has received professional awards for his work including the SAF Flathead Chapter Forester of the Year Award in 1995; MWPA Timberman of the Year Award in 1998; and the American Pulpwood Association's 1998 Western Forest Activist Award.

Patrick has been involved in several collaborative projects in Montana and other states. They include the Canyon Citizen Initiated Zoning project (co-chair) – a community land use planning and zoning project including the communities of West Glacier,

Lake Five, Coram, Martin City and Hungry Horse; the Flathead Forestry Project; Flathead Common Ground and other local community projects.

Patrick has been deeply involved in water quality and fisheries protection through his work with the Montana Forestry Best Management Practices program and the Streamside Protection Act. Patrick has been working with partners in Wyoming, South Dakota and British Columbia to help develop similar protection measures for streams, lakes and wetlands in these areas. Patrick lives near Hungry Horse, Montana with his wife Carol and their children Heather, 20 and Holly, 18. Patrick and his family maintain their 5 acres of native Montana forest with great pride.