

R-2 Representative – Frank Beum

Frank served as Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service from 2021 to 2024, retiring on the 43rd anniversary of his first day as a seasonal forestry technician on the Saguache Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest.

In between, he spent three summers as a seasonal on the Rio Grande National Forest thinning lodgepole pine and conducting forest inventory, completed a bachelor's degree in forestry at Ohio State University,

served three years as a Service Forester for the Ohio Division of Forestry, completed a master's degree in recreation resource management at Colorado State University, spent another summer as a seasonal on the San Juan National Forest, served a fellowship with the Wilderness Society in Washington DC, worked two years on a seasonal appointment on the Shoshone National Forest as a wilderness ranger and planner, and finally landed a permanent job with the Forest Service on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, serving eight years in both Colorado and Wyoming.

He worked at every level of the Forest Service, serving on seven national forests and five ranger districts in the Rocky Mountain and Southern Regions. He previously served as Acting Regional Forester in the Intermountain Region, Acting Associate Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Deputy Regional Forester and Director of Forest Management in the Southern Region and Acting National Director of Forest Management. Beum also served as Legislative Specialist in the Washington Office, Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest and District Ranger on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

Frank and his wife Jan have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and a grandson. He plans to enjoy retirement spending time with Jan and their family and friends, writing, travelling, camping, and on a never-ending quest to find his golf game.

