

R-3 Representative - Jerry Perez

Jerry retired as the Forest Service Director of Fire & Aviation Management (FAM) on December 30, 2024. When he retired, Jerry had more than 34 years of Federal Service.

Prior to becoming FAM Director, Jerry was Forest Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest. Prior to that, he served in two positions for BLM: California State Director and Oregon/Washington State Director.

Prior to his tenure with BLM, Jerry worked for the Forest Service in several positions, including Deputy Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region; Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest; Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Stanislaus National Forest; and National Litigation Coordinator in the Washington Office.

He began his natural resources career as a Student Conservation Association volunteer on the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest and started his permanent federal career on the Rochester Ranger District of the Green Mountain National Forest.

A graduate of West Virginia University, Jerry received a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management. He later received a law degree in from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Jerry served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana, Africa, where he met his wife Rita who was also serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer. He and his wife Rita have been married for 29 years.

