

Changing Faces of Forestry Online Discussion – Panelist Bios

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conferring adaptation potential within the context of global change, including introduced insects and diseases. Contact info: awdamato@uvm.edu; 802-656-8030.



Mindy Crandall is a native of the Oregon Coast Range, where the intermix of plantations and public lands shaped her early love of (and curiosity about) forests. She holds an A.S. degree in Native American Studies from Salish Kootenai College (Montana) and various degrees from Oregon State University, including a B.Sc. in Forest Management and a Ph.D. in Applied Economics with a minor in Forest Resources. After more than 5 years at the School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine, she returned to OSU January 2020 as an assistant professor of Forest Policy in the Department of Forest Engineering, Resources, and Management. Her research is focused on the relationship between forests and people, including how we make decisions about forest uses and values.



Brandy Saffell earned a B.S. in Environmental Studies from Florida State University and a M.S. in Forest Ecosystems and Society from Oregon State University, where she studied the impacts of disease on Douglas-fir forests in Oregon. Before joining the Tualatin SWCD team, she worked as a forestry educator for OSU Extension, a nature guide in the Columbia River Gorge, a lab technician at a forest research institute, and a field technician at Tall Timbers Research Station in Florida. As a Forest Conservation Specialist, she assists new and seasoned forest managers with assessing forest health concerns, writing stewardship plans, improving wildlife habitat, and getting the work done. She also leads research to better understand how we can prepare forests for a

changing climate, wildfire, and invasive insect pests. Contact Info: brandy.saffell@tualatinswcd.org; (971) 371-0353.

Kenny Ruzicka works as a silviculturist for the Bureau of Land Management and had previous careers in research and environmental consulting. He completed a BS in Biology from Knox College, a MS in Forestry from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and PhD in Forest Science from Oregon State University. As a forest manager he is interested in how actions, policy and stochasticity interact across scales, especially how the emergent properties from these interactions affect the provision of ecosystem services. Societal expectations will play as much a role in future forest management as climate change and he is excited to be a part of the conversation.

