

## Water Resource Management for Line and Staff Officers will help you think about these water issues

- *What is my role in water decisions where the Forest Service shares jurisdiction with other agencies?*
- *Who should make these decisions and how should I and the Forest Service participate?*
- *How will I balance the water needs of ecosystems with the water needs of people?*
- *Should water be a commodity produced on and sold from National Forests?*
- *Should the Forest Service manipulate vegetation to increase water production?*
- *How will you provide leadership in your communities and with other agencies in resolving the conflicting needs and values of water?*
- *How do you see yourself in helping people understand the intricacies and consequences of water resource decisions within the National Forest boundaries? Outside the boundaries? The water system as a whole regardless of ownership?*
- *What approaches would you like to pursue to engage the public in understanding and supporting water resource decisions?*

## Steering Committee

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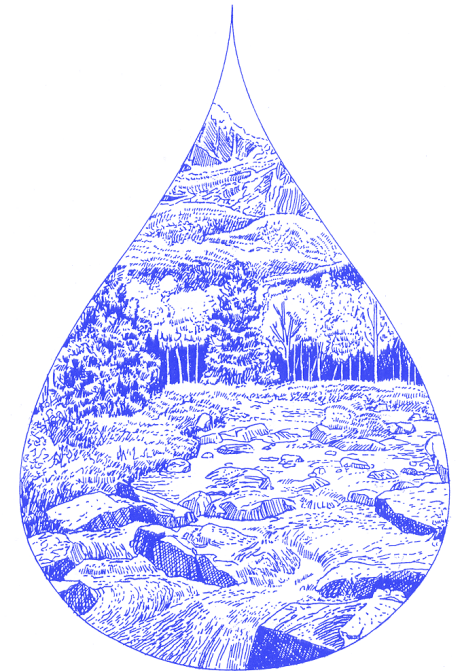
**Kent Evans**  
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### Speakers Include:

**Tom Tidwell**  
Chief USDA Forest Service (Invited)  
**Sandra Postel**  
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Speakers from  
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# Water Resource Management for Line and Staff Officers 2012

## Course Purpose

To provide Line and Staff Officers with information essential for effective leadership of Forest Service water resource issues and activities.

## Description

National Forests were initially established for the purposes of securing favorable conditions of water flows and to provide a continuous supply of timber. As demand for high quality water from National Forest System lands increases, competition for water resources and decisions regarding the allocation of this finite resource is emerging as one of the most contentious issues the Forest Service will face in the future.

This course explores the demands, values, tensions, and opportunities related to water and the management of National Forest System lands. Instructors include Forest Supervisors, researchers, professors and representatives from the broader water user community.

## Target Audience

The course is focused on providing Forest Supervisors, District Rangers, Staff Officers, and Program Managers with foundations of law, philosophy and insight needed to strategically guide water resource and watershed management activities at the Forest level.

## Course Objectives

### Attendees will learn:

- How important water is in a global and national context.
- The role the Forest Service plays in water resource management.
- The shared responsibility the Forest Service has with other federal and state entities in water resource development, quality, protection and management.
- The complex nature of water allocation and management issues and the importance of values in water issues.
- The importance of leadership to effectively focus talent and resources in the complex multi-agency water management arena.
- How to position your Forest to deal effectively with current and emerging water issues.

## Cost

A non-refundable tuition charge of \$500 is required to cover costs of outside speakers and field trip transportation. The tuition may be transferred to another person on your unit in the event you are unable to attend.

## Nomination Process

All Forest Service applicants must fill out a SF 182 and register for this course in AgLearn. AgLearn keywords: wo 2500 watershed management.

Also send an e-mail to Cande Read (cread@fs.fed.us) by November 30, 2011 and provide the following information:

Name, Job Title, Staff, National Forest, and Region, Phone Number.

## Class size is limited

Participants will be selected by the training cadre and notified by December 15, 2011. Participant selection will strive for diversity and nation-wide distribution of management experiences.

## Pre-work

Participants will be asked to read publications on global water issues prior to the session. Publications will be mailed to you at the beginning of January 2012.

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