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**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
NOMINATION FORM**

Please use a separate sheet for each nominee. Additional sheets are available upon request. Mail, FAX or Email as follows: MAIL: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, PFEC Nomination, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460. FAX: (916) 653-0989. EMAIL: [dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov](mailto:dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov)

1. Name of Nominee: James D. Wilson

2. Nominee Address [Redacted]

3. Nominee Telephone: Work: [Redacted] Home: [Redacted]

4. Category of Membership: (Public) Public or Government

5. Brief resume of the nominee's background and qualifications which qualify him/her for the Committee. (Attach additional sheets if needed) RPF #2061, Retired Forest Practice Officer For CAL FIRE.

Former Review Team Chairman for the Northern Forest Practice District. See Resume attached.

6. Why do you think the nominee should be selected for the PFEC? \_\_\_\_\_

I have been involved in Forest Practice oversight and regulation for nearly forty years.

Although dated, my experience would be valuable to the PFEC.

7. PRINT name of Nominator: James D. Wilson

SIGNATURE of nominator: James D. Wilson

8. Address of Nominator: [Redacted]

9. Telephone Number of Nominator: Work ( [Redacted] ) cell Home: ( [Redacted] )

10. Group you represent, if any: None

**Nominations must be received no later than January 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

# James D. Wilson



RPF #2061

## Resume

### **Work Experience**

1. From April 1, 2009 to present: Retired from CAL Fire

Intermittently conducted background investigations for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection candidates for peace officers as a retired annuitant. This required the confidential collection of information on individuals nominated in the Northern Region to become peace officers as per California Penal Code Section 830.2(g).

2. From September, 2006 to April 1, 2009: Division Chief, Northern Region CAL Fire

Job Requirements: Act as agency representative with companies found to have equipment that violates California state law to either correct the violation or correct the problem with the equipment. Coordinate the work of Fire Prevention Specialists at the Unit level and provide programmatic support as requested. Serve as Planning Section Chief during special operations investigating arson fires throughout the state.

Accomplishments: Developed reports that resulted in six felony convictions for serial arson. Coordinated the rewording of the job descriptions for the Fire Prevention Specialist I and II in order to clarify their responsibilities on the Units and to potentially clarify their level within the CAL FIRE ranks.

3. From March, 2003 to September, 2006: Deputy Chief for Forest Practice Enforcement, Sacramento Headquarters

Job Description: Direct the enforcement of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act and the Forest Practice Act by the Department. Reported to the Staff Chief for Forest Practices. Develop and prosecute civil penalty program of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Provide enforcement support and programmatic support for foresters in the Region offices and the Units. Served as lead instructor for Forest Practice Enforcement Training held annually.

Accomplishments: Successfully prosecuted 25 civil penalty cases and began collection proceeding for the penalties levied by the Board. Conducted audit inspections of THP's throughout the state in coordination with the Region Forest Practice personnel. Provided instruction to the Administrative Law Judges with the Office of Administrative Hearings in Oakland and Sacramento with the assistance of the Senior Counsel for the Department of

Forestry and Fire Protection. Provided security to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection during their meeting at the Resource Building in Sacramento, California.

4. From September, 1993 to March, 2003: Burney Area Forester

Supervisor: Duane Shintaku , Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, CDF

Job Requirements: Supervise two Forester I's in Forest Practice Enforcement. Maintain a workload of approximately 65 THP's and 100-150 exemptions within my area of responsibility for inspections and enforcement. Act as Unit litigation coordinator for reviewing law enforcement case reports and working with inspectors for improving prosecution success. Served as Acting Unit Forester during the absence of my supervisor from December 1995 to June 1996.

Accomplishments: Participated in the development of the Forest Practice Computer Program ver. 3.0. Participated as a cadre member of the Forest Practice Law Enforcement Course. Developed a revised Completion and Stocking form (RM-71) for use statewide. Participated as member of the steering committee for the "Silviculture for CDF Foresters" training implemented 1998. Developed proposed rule language, and Exemption form for "Thinning Plantations and Wild Stands for Biomass Harvest" and submitted them to Sacramento Headquarters for Board review. Obtained Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate while at the Unit. Participated as panel member during examination for Forestry Tech, Forestry Asst. I, and II. Interviewed and Hired two Forester I's as a result of vacancies resulting from promotions and transfers of subordinates. I was deeply involved with the review, implementation, and then inspection for compliance with the first Programmatic Timberland Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR) and the review, approval, and inspections of operations under the ensuing Programmatic Timber Harvest Plans, along with the requests from the proponents to amend the PTEIR subsequent to approval. I have been called upon to develop Vegetation Management Environmental Checklists for the Mazzotta burn, the Meyers Burn, and the Shindel Burn on the Shasta-Trinity Unit, working in conjunction with the Division Chief responsible for implementation of the plans. I have been called upon to develop California Forest Improvement Program contracts on the unit when the Forestry Assistance Forester position was lost (circa 1996). This required that I also inspect the completed work for compliance with the agreements and to approve payment.

5. From March 1991 to September 1993: Region II Forest Practice Litigation Coord.

Supervisor: Dave McNamara, Cascade Area Office, CDF

Job Requirements: Provided assistance to six Ranger Units for prosecution of criminal Forest Practice violations, upon request. Processed completion and stocking reports as received from Registered Professional Foresters (RPF's) and units. Conducted Category I and II audits of Forest Practice Inspectors Region wide to ensure consistent enforcement of

the Forest Practice Act and rules and regulations of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Assisted with Review of Timber Harvesting Plans (THP's) as needed in absence of Review Team Chairperson.

Accomplishments: Participated in Department development of training mission for Resource Management. Developed working relationship with Butte, Placer, Modoc, Plumas, and Shasta County District Attorney's offices. Assisted in successful prosecutions in each of the counties listed above. Offered input for changes in Forest Practice regulation to Sacramento staff, for forwarding to the Board for consideration and action. Acted as Deputy Planning Section Chief on the Fountain Fire in August of 1992. In this role I was responsible for assigning over 3000 fire suppression personnel, engines, and other resources to the line during the fire. I was also responsible for the generation of the Incident Action Plan daily, which required the supervision of a staff of 35 personnel.

#### 6. From March 1987 to March 1991: Region II Review Team Chairman

Supervisor: Dave McNamara (Retired), Region II Headquarters, CDF

Job Requirements: Reviewed THP's upon submission by Registered Professional Foresters for completeness and conformance with the Forest Practice Rules and Regulations of the Board and the Forest Practice Act. Drafted letters of response to significant concerns from the public regarding THP's under review. Supervised an associate wildlife biologist employed for THP review. Reviewed Minor amendments and substantial deviations to THP's for compliance and concerns. Chaired Review Team for development of concerns for THP's submitted in the Northern Forest District. Coordinated attendance of review agencies on preharvest inspections, as requested during review.

Accomplishments: Authored response to concern from Sharon Duggan which the Nevada County Superior Court considered when dismissing the suit against Erickson Air Crane for the THP near Nevada City. From December 1989 to March 1991 filled both the Review Team Chair position and the Litigation Coordinator's position upon the retirement of Gene Erickson. Maintained the Forest Practice Computer Database for the Region, and upon request, forwarded copies of this database to Sacramento for development of the annual report. In 1990 traveled to Sacramento to instruct Sacramento Staff in extraction of the data from the Rbase program for the report. Participated as member of the Resource Unit Leader Care for California (ICS-347).

#### 7. From September 1982 to March 1987: Forest Practice Inspector

Supervisor: Gary Harlow (retired), Shasta Trinity Ranger Unit, CDF

Job Requirements: Inspected THP's within my area of responsibility for development of mitigation measures and compliance with the Forest Practice Act and rules and Regulations of the Board. Pursued prosecution of violations of the Forest Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board through the courts. Initiated civil action under PRC 4602 to

correct violations on THP's. Conducted preharvest inspections and coordinate attendance by other agencies to develop mitigations for environmental concerns.

Accomplishments: Completed P.O.S.T. Basic at Ione Academy January, 1983; Completed Basic Fire Control at Ione Academy, November 1983; Successfully completed work on Notice of Intent to Take Corrective Action requiring the supervision of inmate crews to accomplish the work, and the dozer work required to mitigate operations conducted in violation of the Timber Harvesting Permit (THP), and collected costs from violator. Tested initial Forest Practice Computer program during its development, and communicated testing results and input to Sacramento IT staff.

8. From October 1979 to September 1982: Resource Forester (GS-460-9) USFS

Supervisor: Ben T. Harbour, Mt. Pinos Ranger District, Los Padres NF

Job Requirements: Developed Compartments for Management on the Mt. Pinos Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest. Conducted compartment exam and analyzed data for development into prescriptions for treatment. Supervised two seasonal aides. Planned and developed environmental documents for fuels treatment. Administered small timber sales on District. Reforest areas burned in wildfires within the timber type. Collected seed for reforestation projects for storage at Placerville Nursery. Wrote prescriptions for stand treatment, developed contracts, and administered the implementation of these contracts as they are awarded.

Accomplishments: Attended Silvicultural Certification Training in September of 1981, Received Registered Professional Forester License in March 1982; Received Division/Group Supervisor Red Card Rating in ICS system. Wrote two Environmental Assessments for proposed prescribed burns in roadless areas for the Forest Supervisor's signature. Developed compartment prescriptions for four compartments within the District.

9. July, 1977 to October, 1979: Fire Prevention Technician (GS-462-6) US Forest Service

Supervisor: Wayne Crowder, Greenville Ranger District, Plumas NF

Job Requirements: Developed Environmental Education Program for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for Indian Valley Schools. Enforced Forest and Fire Laws within the urban interface around the communities of Greenville, CA and Taylorsville, CA. Coordinated and plan the fair exhibit at the Plumas County Fair for the Plumas National Forest. Responded to wildfires for suppression and investigation, as required by the Forest Dispatch Plan. Serve as Harvest Inspector for sanitation/salvage sales within the Greenville Ranger District.

Accomplishments: Served as member of cadre for Level II Law Enforcement Training for Forest. Received Merit Award for implementation of Environmental Education Program. Obtained "Sector Boss" Red Card Fire certification.

10. August, 1976 to July, 1977: Fire Prevention Technician (GS-462-5) US Forest Service

Supervisor: Don Shepherd, Santa Lucia Ranger District, Los Padres NF

Job Responsibilities: I was responsible for the patrol of a large off-highway vehicle area for enforcement of Ranger District's transportation policy, and Code of Federal Regulation Requirements. Maintained four campgrounds within the unit. Served as La Panza Fire Prevention Technician during the fire season, with responsibility to respond to wildfires for suppression and investigation. Also inspected homes within the unit for compliance with California Public Resource Code Requirements (PRC 4291).

Accomplishments: Covered the La Panza, Cerro Alto, and Pozo Prevention Units during the winter of 1976, when my supervisor transferred, and the adjacent FPT left unexpectedly.

11. July, 1973 to August 1976: Fire Prevention Technician (GS-462-5) US Forest Service

Supervisor: Mike Peart, Placerville Ranger District, Eldorado NF

Job Responsibilities: Patrolled the Grizzly Flat Prevention Unit to enforce Code of Federal Regulations, and State Forest and Fire Laws. Responded to fires for suppression and investigation. As required, served as relief engine operator for E-621 out of Grizzly Flat Station. Maintained prevention signs in unit, campgrounds within unit, and conducted inspection of residences for compliance with PRC 4291.

Accomplishments: Initial attack crew member on Pilliken Fire (10,800 acres – 1973 ENF), Off Fire (KNF – 1973) relief engine crew, Park Fire (840 acres – 1973 ENF).

12. July, 1970 to July, 1972: Relief Fireman Yuba City Fire Department

Supervisor: Chief William Burke (Retired)

Job Responsibilities: Respond to fires as a paid call fire fighter when not on active duty. Respond to fires with initial attack equipment when on-duty. Served as vacation relief for personnel on vacation or extended sick leave.

Accomplishments: Obtained American First Aid Instructor's Certificate. Served as dispatcher during two major residential fires in 1971 (Richland Housing Fire, Park Ave. Apartment Fires). Required the notification of the City Manager and mutual aid with Marysville City Fire Department.

### **Training and Education**

Graduated from Porterville Union High School, June 1970, Porterville, CA

Received AA from Yuba College, September 1972, Marysville, CA

Received BS in Forestry from Humboldt State University, September 1975, Arcata, CA

Complete 17 Units Extension Credit from UC Berkeley, September 1983, in Silviculture

Completed P.O.S.T. Basic, Ione Academy, April 1983, Ione, CA

Completed Basic Fire Control, Ione Academy, November 1983, Ione, CA

Completed Planning Section Chief Training, September 1989, Ione, CA

Completed Command and General Staff Training (I-420), March 1992, Redding, CA

Completed Archeological Training , October 1998, Sonora CA

Completed Serial Arson Analysis and Planning, March 2000, Redding, CA

Completed Management Development II, March 2001, Ione, CA