

ROBERT F. BONNIE

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Experienced Leader • Strong Executive and Communication Skills •
 Recognized Expert on Natural Climate Solutions, Wildfire, Conservation of Working Farms,
 Ranches and Forests • Pioneer of Conservation Incentives and Markets • Politically Astute

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC **Jul 2020 – present**
Director, Farm and Forests Carbon Solutions Initiative

Directed new initiative aimed at building bipartisan agenda on natural climate solutions

- Established new initiative to develop policies that mobilize and partner with US agriculture and forestry to fight climate change and that can win bipartisan and rural support.

Duke University, Durham, NC **Apr 2017 - present**
Executive in Residence, Rubenstein Fellow

Taught and mentored students; undertook conservation research and policy development

- Published studies on attitudes of rural Americans on the environmental and climate change.
- Taught graduate, undergraduate environmental, climate change, forest and wildlife policy.

US Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC **Aug 2013 - Jan 2017**
Undersecretary, Natural Resources and Environment

Oversaw US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA climate policy

- Executive Experience. Led combined staff of 40,000 employees, oversaw \$10 billion budget.
 - Represented USDA as Chair, Gulf Coast Restore Council; revised Comprehensive Plan.
- Climate Change. Coordinated USDA's contribution to Pres. Obama's Climate Action Plan.
 - Played key role in Administration's response to wildfire. Testified in Congress on fire budget challenges. Interviewed on *60 Minutes*, *The Diane Rehm Show*, *NBC News*.
 - Worked with Secretary to launch Climate Hubs, invest in climate smart agriculture.
- Diversity and Inclusion. With Forest Service Chief, oversaw agency response to sexual harassment. Realigned civil rights staff, invested in training, improved complaints process.
 - Oversaw effort to address African-American land loss in the South.
- Working Lands Conservation. Built partnerships with farmers, ranchers and forest owners.
 - Expanded forest restoration on National Forests; increased acres treated by 25%.
 - Implemented 2014 Farm Bill conservation programs with NRCS and Forest Service.
 - Developed innovative wildlife conservation programs, including 5 million-acre Sage Grouse Initiative, Working Lands for Wildlife, and Tongass Forest Transition Plan.

Senior Advisor to Secretary Vilsack for Climate and Environment Apr 2009 - Jul 2013*Served as Secretary's chief aide on climate change, forestry, conservation and environment*

- Worked with Forest Service and USDA staff to rewrite 2012 Forest Planning Rule governing management of the 193 million-acre National Forest and Grasslands System.
- Negotiated 4.2 million-acre Colorado Roadless Rule with Governor John Hickenlooper.
- Established Office of Ecosystem Markets, developed \$17.5 million carbon offsets initiative.
- Developed 1 million-acre Conservation Reserve Program initiative to conserve rare habitats.

Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, DC 1995 - 2009**Vice President, Land Conservation and Wildlife** 2008 – 2009**Managing Director, Center for Conservation Incentives** 2003 – 2008**Environmental Economist** 1995 – 2002

- Led program of 35+ people, oversaw team on endangered species conservation & Farm Bill.
- Pioneered ecosystem service markets, including forest/agriculture carbon offsets policy, and conservation banking for endangered species. Published on forest carbon policy in *Science*.
- Worked with team to develop first Safe Harbor program for voluntary conservation of endangered species; partnered with McDonald's & Bank of America on sustainable forestry.

EDUCATION

Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment 1994
 Master's in Forestry, Master's in Environmental Management

Harvard College 1989
 AB, *cum laude*, American History

- Harvard men's soccer team. NCAA Final Four 1986 & 1987; Captain 1988; All-Ivy 1988.

AWARDS

 Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Achievement Award 2016
 National Association of State Foresters Outstanding Service in Forest Policy Award 2016
 Nicholas School of the Environment Rising Star Award 2007
BOARDS

 The Conservation Fund, Washington, DC 2018-present
 Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership 2018-present
PERSONAL

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