

## **Biographical Sketch**

**DAVID A. CLEAVES**

**Climate Change Advisor to the Chief  
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**Dave serves the Chief, executive leadership, and the field by coordinating activities related to climate change adaptation, mitigation, and communication. He is the primary spokesperson for the Agency on the role of forests in climate change and leads the implementation of the Forest Service's nationwide strategy for weaving climate change response into policies, processes, and partnerships. Dave was formerly the Deputy Administrator for the Agency's \$300 million Science and Technology Program consisting of 75 labs and 3000 employees at five regional research stations, the national Forest Products Lab, the Institute of Tropical Forestry, and 83 Experimental Forests.**

**Previous to that, Dave was Director of the Rocky Mountain Research Station overseeing multidisciplinary Research and Development at 12 laboratories in 14 states in the Interior West. He has also been Staff Director for all national research programs in economics, forest products, social science, recreation and tourism, urban forestry, science education, and the Resources Planning Act (RPA) assessment.**

**In the Washington Office, Dave also lead the agency's research and development programs in fire behavior and prediction, fuels management, planning and economics, and human dimensions.**

**Dave's specialty is decision science and risk analysis, about which he has authored numerous papers and done extensive consultation. He was formerly the national decision science specialist in the Forest Service where he developed methods and tools for improving environmental analysis and decision processes. Dave served as Forest Service research project leader in fire economics and management in Riverside, California and a Professor of Forest Marketing and Economics at Oregon State University.**

**Dave has a B.S. and M.S. from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in economics from Texas A&M University.**