

# Terry Jones



Terry Jones was born in Charleston, but moved to the New Jersey area, where he graduated from high school in 1972. He returned to attend WVU, where he earned a B.S. in Forest Research Management in 1976.

He has held a variety of positions throughout his career, starting with New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry in 1976, followed by short stints with the WV Division of Forestry in Braxton and Clay counties, and another move to New Jersey as a State Lands Forester.

He returned to West Virginia for good in 1979, taking a position as the Lewis County as a Service Forester with the state Division of Forestry, then in the Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR). From 1985-88, he worked as a Water Resources Inspector for WVDNR. He transferred to the WV Division of Forestry in Randolph County as the Service Forester there. He became a State Lands Forester in 2002. In 2005, he was named the Wildlife Staff Forester and National Forest Coordinator with the WVDNR Wildlife Resources Section. Following his retirement from WVDNR in 2015, he worked as a Silviculturist / Client Adviser for Lanmark Forestry in Horner, and started his own consulting firm, Rich Mountain Forestry LLC, the year after that.

He has served on numerous committees involving best management practices and urban forestry. He has conducted several landowner tours and educational sessions. He assisted for several years with the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, the “National Championship of 4-H Forestry,” held annually at Jackson’s Mill.

An avid outdoorsman, he coordinated and developed a statewide timber sale program that emphasized wildlife habitat creation and contracted wildlife management areas. He is a member of the Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock Society, a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and a member of Ducks Unlimited.

He is a Registered Professional Forester in West Virginia, a member of the WV Forestry Association Board of Directors and a member of the Society of American Foresters. He was the Area 3 Chairman of the West Virginia Tree Farm Committee, and Past President of the Rich Mountain Battlefield Association.

He was named the WV Division of Forestry District Three Employee of the Year in 1994, and received the WV Wildlife Federation Achievement Award in 2006. The Society of American Foresters presented him with its 2013 Presidential Field Forester Award, Allegheny Section. The West Virginia Forestry Association named him Forester of the Year in 2009.