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Ken Desmarais is the Assistant District Ranger for Timber on the Pemigewasset Ranger District on the White Mountain National Forest. His duties include overseeing all timber management on the district and serving in a leadership role in the administration of the district.

Ken is recently retired from the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands where he served as the Administrator of the Forest Management Bureau for 12 years. He started with the division in 1984 and served in various forestry positions involving field forestry, applied forest management research and administration.

Prior to working at the division Ken was an Assistant Forester with the New England Forestry Foundation based in Littleton and Whitefield, NH; A Forest Technician with Tree Growers Inc. and a seasonal forest technician with the USDA Forest Service.

Ken is currently an Adjunct Faculty at the University of New Hampshire – Thompson School of Applied Science where he teaches FORT 573 Forest Operations and Analysis. He has also taught ESS 568 Wildlife and Forest Management as an adjunct faculty member at Antioch University - New England and taught a course in applied forest management one semester at New England College.

He has presented or instructed many applied forestry workshops including general timber cruising, statistical sampling, using cruise processors, growth models, silviculture for Eastern white pine and/or Northern red oak, forest soils, biodiversity, old growth ecology and forest economics. Ken has written about 30 articles or papers on various topics in applied forest management.

Ken is the co-creator of FoxDen Analytical Tools which includes the timber cruising and analysis application “DS Cruiser” which is in use across the northeastern United States.

He was honored as the Granite State Division of the Society of American Foresters’ “Forester of the Year” in 2005.

Ken earned a Bachelor’s degree in Forestry with a major in Forest Science and a minor in Soil Science in 1997 (magna cum laude) and an Associate’s degree in Forest Technology in 1978. He is a Presidential Scholar and was inducted into Xi Sigma Pi.

Ken’s interests are quantitative silviculture, sampling and statistics, forest stand dynamics and forest soils. He enjoys reading, applying and testing theory, teaching, mathematics and applied forest research activities.