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Dana graduated with honors from Paul Smith's College in 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Ecological Forest Management, a business minor and a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certificate. After graduation, Dana started work with Redstart as an invasive plant intern. Later, he was hired as a full-time forester.

Dana has been helping landowners manage against non-native invasive plants for the last 5 years, and has experience in controlling over 20 different species of invasives. He has been involved in monitoring, assessing, planning, and implementing invasive plant control work on both private and public lands. A large number of these invasive plant projects have been funded through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). These NRCS contracts often include other projects including: timber stand improvement, oak tree release, apple tree release, tree plantings, ect; all of which Dana has helped to plan and implement. Dana has overseen and implemented a variety of invasive plant control methods including: hand pulling, foliar herbicide application, and cut surface herbicide application. In addition, Dana has worked with local conservation commissions to slow the spread of invasive plants using non-chemical based techniques (ie. mowing roadside patches of chervil before it goes to seed).

In addition to his work at Redstart, Dana has spent time logging and implementing timber stand improvements, and has completed the Game of Logging safety training. A true outdoors enthusiast, he is passionate about hunting, fishing, running, and biking. Dana is the eighth generation to live on his family owned farm in Hartford, VT.