

- Arthur "Butch" Blazer serves as USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. In 2003, Governor Bill Richardson appointed Butch as "State Forester" of New Mexico, the first Native American to hold that position. During his tenure as State Forester, Butch was also named as Chair of the Council of Western State Foresters and Co-Chair for the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition. A member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Butch has been intimately involved in Tribal issues throughout his life. He was also a co-founder of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, and has served on their Board of Directors and as the organization's National President. In 1998 Butch was elected, and served two consecutive terms, to the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council. An avid outdoors man when he can get to it, Blazer enjoys hunting, skiing and just "hiding-out" in the vast wilderness of his beautiful Mescalero Apache Reservation.
- Chris Deschene is the Director of the Office on Indian Energy at the US Department of Energy. Previously, Deschene practiced law with the Law Office of Schaff & Clark-Deschene, and served in the Arizona legislature and US Marine Corps.
- Estelle J. Bowman is a Navajo woman from Tohatchi, a small community on the Navajo Nation (NM). Her maternal clan is Naasht'ézhí (Zuni People), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the Water). Her maternal grandfather was Ta'neeshahnii (Tangle Water) and her paternal grandfather was Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People). She was born and raised on the Navajo reservation. Ms. Bowman has more than 25 years of experience working on American Indian/Alaska Native issues with tribal, state, and federal governments. Ms. Bowman currently serves as the Assistant Director of the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Office of Tribal Relations.
- Bryan Rice is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and was raised on a small farm in southern Wisconsin. He is a forester and currently serves as the Director of Forest Management for the USDA Forest Service in Washington, D.C., with nearly 20 years of federal experience in the US Departments of Agriculture and Interior. He also served as a community forestry volunteer in Peace Corps – Nepal.
- Caitlin Gregg is an Attorney in the Natural Resources and Environment Division of USDA's Office of General Counsel and she works primarily on Tribal Law issues and Environmental Justice. She attended Princeton University and the University of Virginia School of Law and has previously worked in EPA's Water Permits Division.