

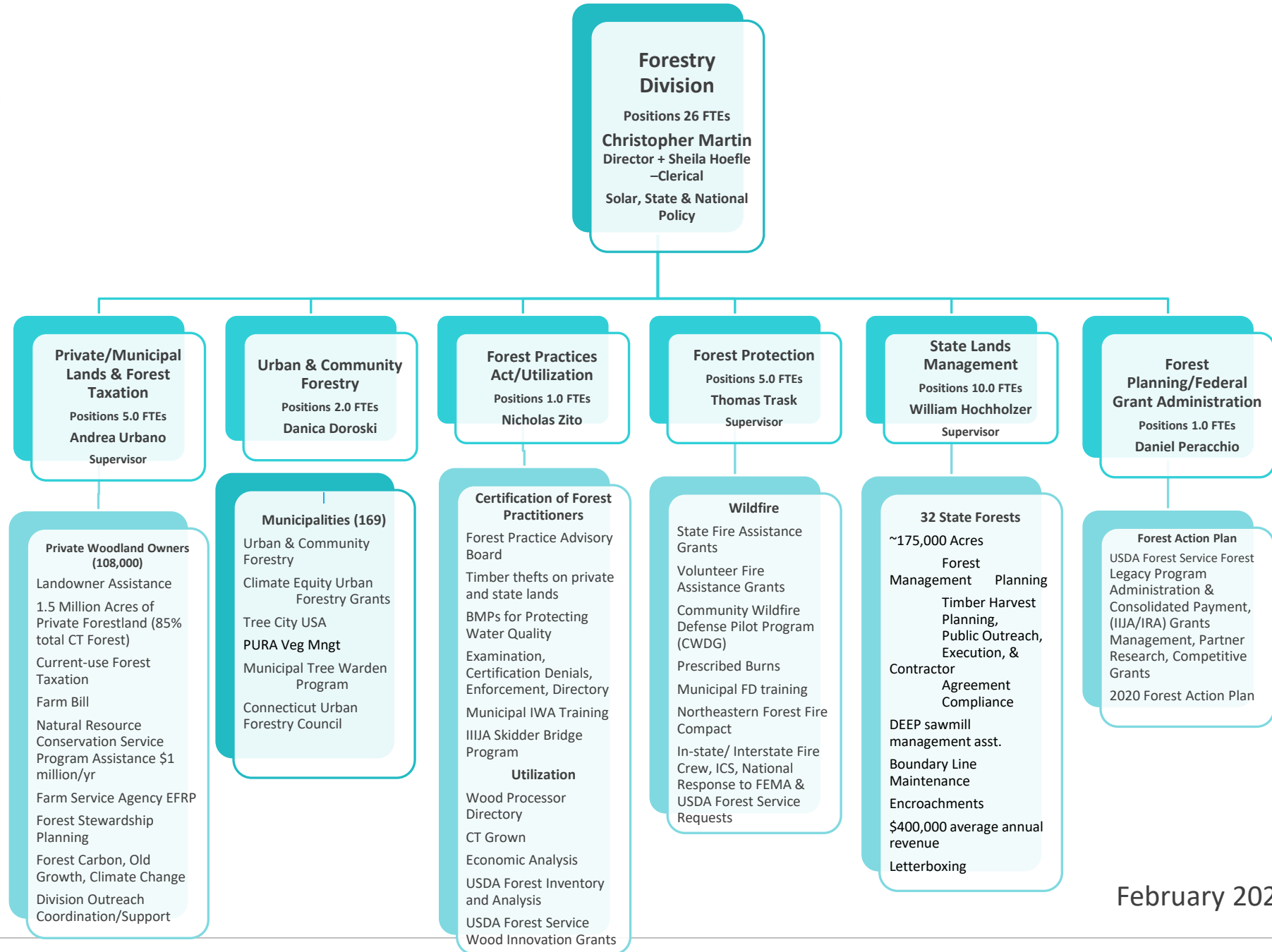


# CT FOREST HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

## MARCH 11, 2025

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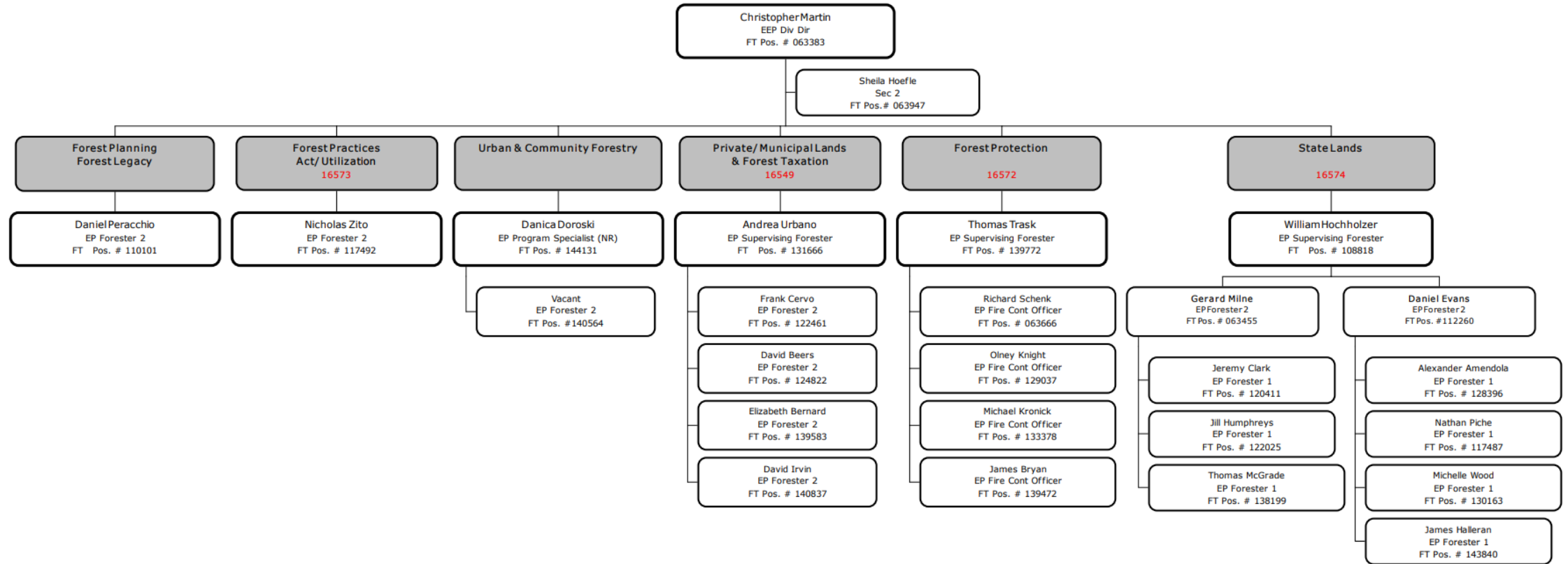




# Bureau of Natural Resources

## Division of Forestry

### DEP44100-16540



# KEY FORESTRY DIVISION PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

## 2025 Forest Action

- 5-year refresh between 10 year major update. 2020, 2025, 2030
- Due to USDA Forest Service January 2026
- Covers updates to all DOF Federally Supported Programs including Stewardship, Urban Forestry, Wildfire Protection and Suppression, State Lands, Forest Health (CAES!)

## Forest Practices Act

- Role out of a new Water Quality BMP App
- E- Licensing for Forest Practitioner Occupational Licensing

## Forest Product Utilization

USDA FS Grants (pending). Skidder Bridges & CT Wood Council



# KEY FORESTRY DIVISION PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

## Private and Municipal Lands

- **Significant IRA State Allocation & Competitive NOFO IRA Award**
- **Updating PA490 Forest Land Classification OPM Recommended Values**

## Urban and Community Forestry

**Several BIL and IIJA Grant Opportunities with a focus on increasing urban tree canopy cover 5% by 2040**

Urban and Community Forestry Planning Grant Program

Urban Forest Equity Grant Program

Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program

Urban Forested Natural Areas and Riparian Corridor Restoration Grant Program



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## State Lands

- **Significant Spongy moth induced oak mortality NW CT with CAES input/advisory**
- **Partnering with CAES on BLD research with 2025 LSR competitive application**
- **Continued focus on education and outreach both at Forest Management Plan and Operational Level**

## Forest Legacy

- **Last Green Valley - 821 acres in Union, Ashford, Mansfield, and Sprague**
- **Pending Administrative Grant to add capacity to Land Acquisition and Management**



# KEY FORESTRY DIVISION PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

## Forest Protection

2024 Statewide Wildfire Event – Oct/Nov

**Several After Action Reviews**

**Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG)**

**S.B. No. 1378 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT.**

**Statewide Wildfire Risk Assessment**

**Several measure to improve flexibility operational efficiency**

**Community Wildfire Defense Grants**

**2025 Prescribed Burns**



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Society of American Foresters  
2025 National Meeting  
Hartford, CT  
October 22 - 25

