**Project Manager: Forrest Fleischman**

Assistant professor of environmental and natural resource policy, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, 55108.

**Professional Appointments and Preparation**

* Assistant professor, Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, 2017-Present
* Assistant professor, Ecosystem Science & Management, Texas A&M University, 2013-2016
* Postdoctoral Research Associate, Environmental Studies, Dartmouth College, 2012-2013
* Ph.D. Public Policy, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2012
* MS & BS, Earth Systems Science, Stanford University, 2003

**Areas of Expertise**

Forest policy, policy processes, environmental governance, public participation, the use of science in policy-making. My research examines how forest managers make decisions about land use, and how their decisions are influenced by science, law, and public participation. I have worked on forest policy in several regions of the US, as well as overseas. In addition, my interdisciplinary background, spanning the social and natural sciences, enables me to work effectively with partners across a range of professional backgrounds.

**Selected Publications**

* **Fleischman, F**. (2017). Questioning Kaufman: How Cross-Level Political Coalitions Interact with Organizational Structure. *Public Administration Review*, 77(5), 743-751. doi:10.1111/puar.12753
* Cox, M., Villamayor-Tomas, S., Epstein, G., Evans, L., Ban, N. C., **Fleischman, F**., Nenadovic, M., & Garcia-Lopez, G. (2016). Synthesizing theories of natural resource management and governance. *Global Environmental Change*, 39, 45-56. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2016.04.011>
* **Fleischman, F**., & Briske, D. D. 2016. Professional ecological knowledge: an unrecognized knowledge domain within natural resource management. *Ecology and Societ*y, 21(1). <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol21/iss1/art32/>

**Project Management Experience and Responsibilities for this Project**

I have extensive experience coordinating interdisciplinary teams of researchers and working with partners to transform research findings into educational programming. Currently I am the Principal Investigator of 3 federally funded projects (from NASA, NSF, and the USFS), with a total of 16 collaborators from several disciplines. I have previously teams of researchers studying community forest management in Indiana and the management of large-scale social-ecological systems.

I will bring this project management and educational design experience with me to this project, where I will be responsible for overall project coordination, as well as for insuring the integrity of the social research (surveys and interviews) which will undermine our research and outreach strategy.

**Organization Description**

For over 100 years, the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota has been the leader in producing high quality research regarding natural resource management issues across the state of Minnesota.