

Mike Dombeck

Bio-sketch

Mike Dombeck, spent a career managing public lands. His leadership in the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service impacted nearly 500 million acres. He is the only person ever to lead both of the largest public land management agencies in the U.S. His legacy is one of steadfast stewardship for the land, and he is most noted for significant efforts toward watershed health and restoration, sustainable forest ecosystem management, and roadless area protection. As the capstone to his career in public service, he was granted the highest award in federal service, the Presidential Rank: Distinguished Executive Award.

During his high school and college years Mike spent 11 summers working as a fishing guide in Sawyer County where he grew up. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the University of Minnesota and Iowa State University where he earned a PhD in aquatic ecology and fisheries. He has authored, co-authored, and edited over 250 popular and scholarly publications, including the books *Watershed Restoration: Principles and Practices*, *From Conquest to Conservation: Our Public Lands Legacy*, *The Business of the Conservation Nonprofit*, and most recently *My Healthy Stream; A Handbook for Streamside Owners*. After retiring from the Forest Service, Mike served as a UW System Fellow and Professor of Global Conservation at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. He currently serves as Executive Director of the David Smith Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Conservation Science. He serves on the board of the Johnson Foundation, and has served on the boards of several local and national non-profit conservation groups. Mike and his wife Pat enjoy traveling and spending time in the woods or on the water. They live along the Wisconsin River near Stevens Point.