

KIM M. BERNS

Ms. Berns is a federal executive that has devoted her career as a leader in Land Conservation. Kim has over 30 years of experience spanning five federal agencies as well as the private sector. Ms. Berns has worked in all aspects of land conservation from fire management, real estate, wildlife management and taking measures to protect the nation's forests, parks and open spaces. Ms. Berns spent much of her career in the western states but currently serves as the Director of Easement Programs at the National Headquarters for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. In her free time, Ms. Berns devoted many years and served in leadership positions with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, an organization dedicated to finding a cure for juvenile, Type 1 Diabetes.



Ms. Berns has held leadership positions in 5 federal agencies. Kim started her career with the USDA - Forest Service and worked throughout four regions with the US Forest Service on 7 National Forests in Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Washington and New Mexico. Kim also worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Minnesota as well as the National Park Service in Minnesota and Wisconsin managing land activities on 2 National Parks. Kim transferred to Washington DC in 2006 and accepted a leadership position in the US Forest Service national headquarters. In 2010 Kim moved on as the Division Chief with the Bureau of Land Management within the Department of the Interior overseeing management of land and real estate activities encompassing 270 million acres of public land. In 2014 Kim was selected to lead the Easement Programs Division for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) where she currently leads implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill as the Director of Easement Programs. Kim has worked in the private sector leading the Federal Land Acquisition programs for the Trust for Public Land and has worked as a volunteer board member with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) for the Minnesota Chapter where she led a delegation of young advocates to participate in the 2005 JDRF Children's Congress. Kim has also held volunteer positions with the Society of American Foresters as well as Lutheran Ministries in Minnesota.

Ms. Berns holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Wisconsin. In addition she has pursued advance studies at the University of Minnesota and attended the University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. Kim spent her Forestry Field studies in the Black Forest of Germany and at the **Jagiellonian University in Krakow Poland.**