



Staff Highlights

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Jim is currently the **TNC Project Lead for LANDFIRE**, residing in Florida. Jim earned B.S and M.S. degrees in Forestry from the University of Georgia, and a Ph.D. in Forest Biometrics and Remote Sensing from Virginia Tech. Jim spent the next 13 years on the Forestry faculty at Virginia Tech, and also worked in the commercial sector as the Director of Forest Information Systems development for Champion International Paper Company and International Paper Company. Jim has published in peer-reviewed journals such as *Fire Ecology*, *Forest Science*, *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* and the *Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing*.

Jim has also received many professional awards, including the 2009 John Wesley Powell Award from the United States Geological Survey, Virginia Tech Certificate of Teaching Excellence, ESRI Special Achievement in GIS, and the John I. Davidson Award from the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. In 2011, the International Spatial Accuracy Research Association named their early career scientist award the "James L. Smith Medal."