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Guest Lecture in Natural Resource Policy

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Enhancing Ecosystem Resilience to Large-Scale Environmental Change

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Dr. Chris Topik is Director of the Restoring America's Forests program at the Nature Conservancy, which focuses on restoring forest health and improving the ecological management of America's federal forests. Chris is responsible for directing and coordinating efforts of the Conservancy's chapters, leading a set of large-scale collaborative restoration projects around the Nation, and integrating TNC's Fire Learning Network and Forest Health Protection programs into this integrated effort. Chris served previously on the staff of the US House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations, as the Democratic staff director for Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee. His responsibilities including drafting appropriations law and providing oversight of several federal land management, science, and cultural agencies, including the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Geological Survey, the Smithsonian Institution, the Minerals Management Service and its successors, the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities. Prior to this, Chris served in several positions with the US Forest Service, including being the national plant ecologist for the range management staff, the national botany program director, and an area ecologist on National Forests in Oregon and Washington. Chris received his Ph.D. in forest ecology from the University of Oregon and a BS in marine biology from the University of California, San Diego.