



Jessica Leahy

President of the Maine Woodland Owners Board of Directors

Jessica Leahy has been a forestry professor in the School of Forest Resources, University of Maine, since 2005. She conducts applied social science research that benefits Maine landowners, foresters, land trusts and other conservation organizations, rural community leaders, and legislators. Leahy teaches forestry students about the American conservation movement, public participation, environmental communication, and environmental education with the goal of playing a part in developing “society-ready foresters.”

Leahy said she was eager to serve as president for many reasons. “Maine Woodland Owners is a solid organization that fulfills a critical information and outreach role for its members and other woodland owners,” she said. “The board members care deeply about the organization, bring together diverse perspectives, and are civil to one another. We have the ability to work together to constructively enhance the organization.”

Leahy was invited to join the board in 2010 for her expertise in family forests. Past professional service includes the Maine Society of American Foresters Executive Committee, Forest Society of Maine Board of Directors, and the Northeast Master Logger Advisory Board. In her spare time, Leahy enjoys spending time with her fiancé and dog on their “amazing woodlots” in Mariaville, Bucksport, Sebec and Seboeis. She reports that her weekends are often “a day at the beech.”

