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State Geologist and Director

Casey is the State Geologist and Director of the Washington Geological Survey. An Olympia native, Casey's first job at DNR was as a receptionist in Executive Management in 1998. Since then he has worked for DNR as a science technician, geologist, silviculture forester, Licensed Engineering Geologist, and program manager. Casey joined the Washington Geological Survey in 2019.

Job Responsibilities

Management of the Washington Geological Survey, Washington Oil and Gas Supervisor, member of the Washington Geologist Licensing Board, the Washington Emergency Management Council, the Washington Seismic Safety Committee, and the American Association of State Geologists (AASG).

Professional Interests

Washington geology, landslides, engineering geology, geologic hazards, education and outreach, public safety, resilient communities, leadership development.

Skills

Leadership and management, communicating scientific information to all audiences, team building, evaluating landslides and potentially unstable slopes.

Professional Experience

- Earth Sciences Program Manager, DNR Forest Resources Division, Olympia, WA
- State Lands Geologist, DNR Olympic Region, Port Angeles, WA
- Forester, DNR Olympic Region, Port Angeles, WA
- Geologist, DNR Land Management Division, Olympia, WA

Education

- M.S. Geology, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
- B.S. Geology, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

Personal Interests

Hiking, running, parenting, pickling.