

### **New Fire Director for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Chris Wilcox has been named the new fire director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has served in the Headquarters Branch of Fire Management as the national fire operations program leader since 2009.

Wilcox began his natural resource career on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, where he worked as a seasonal wildland firefighter while earning a bachelor's degree in biology from Northern Arizona University.

He began his Service career in 2003. Over the years, he has served in key leadership positions in the Southwest, including as the Arizona assistant zone fire management officer and the New Mexico zone fire management officer before moving to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, ID, in 2009.