

Laura Daniel Davis



EXPERIENCE

National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

Washington, D.C.

Chief of Policy and Advocacy (*February 2018 – present*)

Advance national priority work to recover America's wildlife, address climate change, ensure clean water, and conserve and protect public and private lands. Develop and oversee policy and programs and direct advocacy strategies for energy, infrastructure, water development, and conservation legislation and administrative action. Ground NWF's policy and advocacy in equity and justice principles and in partnership with state affiliates, impacted communities, and other core allies. Manage and integrate coordinated and strategic efforts of government affairs, communications, field and advocacy teams nationwide.

Heritage Outdoors Project of the Resources Legacy Fund

Washington, D.C.

Executive Director (*October 2014 – January 2018*)

Developed strategies and managed work plans of grantees with a focus on supporting the conservation and protection of America's public lands and public lands laws. Directed strategic communications and activities that highlighted the economic, cultural, recreational, and heritage values of public lands. Managed fundraising, strategy, budget and staff for the Project.

U.S. Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

Chief of Staff (*February 2011 – May 2014*)

Deputy Chief of Staff (*November 2010 – February 2011*)

Associate Deputy Secretary (*January 2009 – November 2010*)

Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary (*April 1999 – January 2001*)

Congressional Affairs associate director (*March 1998 – April 1999*)

Director of Scheduling and Advance (*February 1994 – January 1997*)

Deputy Director of Scheduling (*June 1993 – February 1994*)

Worked with the Secretary and senior management team to implement Administration priorities including protection and conservation of public lands and wildlife, ensuring responsible development of public lands energy resources, strengthening the government to government relationship with American Indian tribes, and increasing water conservation opportunities and programs in the arid West. Managed senior political and career staff; prioritized and directed legislative initiatives, communications strategy, outreach to stakeholders, and internal operations. Coordinated Departmental activities in numerous areas including analysis of potential national monument designations, efforts relating to the permanent reauthorization and funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other key conservation programs, and large-scale ecosystem restoration.

Led team transitioning from Secretary Salazar to Secretary Jewell in 2013 including confirmation preparation, coordination with White House confirmation team, and all Departmental briefings.

Representative Mark Udall

Washington, D.C.

Deputy Chief of Staff (*April 2007 – January 2009*)

Managed Washington, D.C. office, directing legislative, press and political activities and staff of eight. Provided strategic guidance on full range of domestic, national security and international issues. Areas of focus included oversight and implementation of policy and initiatives on energy and climate change, public lands protection, Farm Bill conservation programs and online safety for children. Served as D.C. liaison for Udall for Colorado Senate campaign, DSCC and national media team.

Latham & Watkins, LLP

Washington, D.C.

Policy Specialist & Business Development Manager (*March 2001 – March 2007*)

Provided guidance to business and non-governmental organizations concerning federal land and conservation programs and policies, energy and climate change policy, and the federal budget and appropriations process. Organized and directed efforts of the firm's Global Climate change initiative and business development activities of the Global Environment, Land and Resources Department.

America's Conservation Political Action Committee (ACPAC)

Washington, D.C.

Board Member, Interim Executive Director (*February 2015 – January 2017*)

Developed and directed fundraising and work plan in concert with Board and Secretary Ken Salazar. With the Board and Selection Committee, identified and endorsed Congressional candidates who support protecting public lands, wildlife and cultural resources.

Democratic Governors' Association

Washington, D.C.

Deputy Executive Director (*January 1997 – March 1998*)

Assessed political landscape in key states and advised DGA Chair Governor Howard Dean and Executive Director. Planned and directed gubernatorial candidate recruiting program of the DGA Chair; traveled with the Chair. Served as liaison with White House and Congress.

Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC)

Washington, D.C.

Staff Assistant (*November 1992 – June 1993*)

North Carolina Alliance for Conservation Action

Charlotte, NC

Canvasser (*January 1991 – May 1991*)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (b) (6), *cum laude*

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC