



BIO – Mark Wishnie

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Mark received his B.S. in forestry from the University of Washington, and his Master of Forest Science from Yale University. His research has been published in journals such as the *Annual Review of Anthropology*, *Forest Ecology and Management*, and *Conservation Biology*. He was the 1997 Pack Forester, is a Senior Fellow of the Environmental Leadership Program, and is an Advisor to the Azuero Earth Project.