

Reto Niklaus

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Summary of qualifications

- Incident Commander Type 4, Burn Crew Supervisor & Burn Boss Trainee, Firing Boss, Engine & Squad Boss, Timber Faller
- 30 years experience in Forestry operations in Europe and across the Midwest, Southwest and the Rocky Mountain Region.
- Trained as Wildland Firefighter with experience in wildfire suppression and prescribed burns.
- 10 years experience in Wildland firefighting and controlled burning.
- Inspection of land for forest fire hazards and fuel reduction for private, state and federal agencies. Reporting forest fires and weather conditions.

Certifications

RXB2-T

FIRB

RXI (1 & 2)

ICT4

ENGB

FALB/C

FFTI

Education

Bachelors Degree in Forestry, 1984

Liestal, Switzerland

Employment History

Burn Crew Supervisor / Firing Boss / Engine Boss / Squad Boss / Burn Boss Trainee **2010**

The Nature Conservancy, Georgia & Alabama

- Stationed out of the TNC Moody State Forest office in Georgia in conjunction with the Alabama chapter.
- Firefighter for controlled burns and fire suppression, but not limited to burn unit preparations, chain saw work, fire line rehab, instructing and maintenance of machinery and apparatus.

Contact: Erick Brown, Land Stewart Supervisor TNC, 404 -253-7219

Keith Tassin, Alabama chapter supervisor, 205-613-2901

Burn Boss Trainee / Firing Boss / Engine Boss / Squad Boss **2009-present**

Primus Forestry Management

- St. Johns River Water Management District, NE Florida. Firefighter for Wildland fire suppression and prescribed burns. Responsibilities included; fire line rehab and building, trail maintenance, boundary marking and chain saw work.

Contact: Brian Emanuel, Land Management Program Manager, SJRWMD 386-329-4377

- Logging operations in the Rocky Mountain region of Colorado. Responsibilities included managing of logging crews, consulting, marking timber, fuel reduction, thinning, creating of defensible space around structures (fire wise) and running of heavy equipment.

Pro Temps

- Firing & Engine Boss on prescribed burns on Tribal Lands in Mississippi.

Contact: George Rogers, Manager Pro Temps, Inc. 706-835-5985

Wildland Firefighter **2006-2008**

Task Force One

- St. Johns River Water Management District, NE Florida. Responsibilities included fire line rehab and building, trail maintenance, boundary marking and chain saw work.

Contact: Steven R. Miller, Director of Land Management, SJRWMD 386-329-4399

Engine Boss**2007-2008**

National Fire Contracting, Inc. & Pro Temps of Georgia, Inc.

- Engine boss on Type 5 and Type 6 engines. Firing Boss on prescribed burns on Tribal Lands in Mississippi.

Contact: NFC – David Knowles 352- 427-1708

PT – George Rogers 334-667-6902

Urban Forester**2005-2006**

Fire Ready, Boulder Colorado.

- Responsibilities included fire mitigation, tree thinning and marking trees in urban areas.

Contact – Darren Stepanik 303-250-6063

Logger / Consultant**2000-2004**

- Contract logging in Wisconsin and Minnesota, felling, bucking and operating heavy machinery.

Timber Manager**1991-1995**

- Subcontractor for large landowner in East Troy, Wisconsin, managing large timber tracts. Responsibilities included cruising timber and logging timber.
- During the same period, worked with other land owners in Wisconsin and Michigan in the same capacity.

Timber management**1993-1994**

Blue Ox, Forestry Consultant, Wisconsin

Other business activities: 1981-present

- Currently own and run Laundromat in Colorado.
- Operate forestry management business in Florida and Colorado.
- Oversee trucking (semi and dump trucks) and operation of large logging equipment in Europe.
- Previous owner of motel and Laundromat in Montana.