



Mike Dunphy is a Partners for Fish and Wildlife Biologist for the Service who helps private landowners improve habitat for wildlife on their land. Mike has been working in the conservation and restoration field for over fifteen years and over that time has worked for county government, state government and for non-governmental organizations on both the east and west coast. The perspectives he has gained working in each of these sectors has greatly enhanced his ability to work with a diverse group of partners. Mike started out his career in the federal civil service as a Natural Resource Manager for the Department of the Army had been working for the Service for four years.

Born in New York City, he moved to New Jersey at an early age and spent much of his early childhood playing in the woods and observing wildlife. After high school, he served in the Army and when he was discharged earned a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management from Rutgers University and later a master's degree in Natural Resources Management from the University of Idaho.

For his first full-time job after college, Mike moved to Florida because he wanted to be a herpetologist but got involved in prescribed burning and spent a good part of the early years of his career mostly lighting and sometimes fighting fires. While working in rural Northern Florida, Mike learned to overcome much of his New York accent and can still often trick people into thinking that he is from somewhere else. In addition to the states previously mentioned, Mike has also lived and worked in Georgia and Massachusetts.

Mike's currently resides in Northern California with his wife Jill, two cats and a few turtles. In addition to partaking in the majority of hobbies that most biologists typically enjoy, he is an avid motorcyclist and tries to ride everywhere instead of driving.