

## **David Christenson, MA**

Since 2002, as the **Assistant Center Manager of the U.S. Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center**, David has focused on promoting organizational learning, implementing high reliability organizing, and creating a widely used knowledge management system for the nation's wildland fire community. He coaches incident management teams on practical HRO implementation and is a co-chair of the French/USA HRO in IMTs Project. He has given presentations in Spain, Greece and France in addition to the U.S. on these subjects.

David earned a Masters of Applied Geography with honors from New Mexico State University in 2000 after a career in the US Air Force developing teams working with jet fighter aircraft. He began working with HRO while assigned as the NCOIC of the Quick Reaction Alert Interceptor Force at Soesterberg AB, Holland in 1980.

While working full time on his masters, he was also a full-time conservationist specializing in remote sensing and GIS analysis. That position was co-sponsored by both the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the research division of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Before working in wildland fire with the US Forest Service, he was a national program manager for a private sector spatial decision support systems development firm.

### **Current Business and Academic Affiliations**

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