Biographical Sketch

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Rounsaville is currently the Managing Director of the bluejack company, a consulting firm specializing in leader and organizational development through effective communications. The company is engaged with a number of organizations providing diagnosis of leadership challenges, and the design and implementation of innovative solutions.

He previously served as the Wildland Fire Specialist to the Deputy Chief of the US Forest Service for Risk Management and Decision Improvement activities. His career has included assignments as Deputy Director Fire and Aviation Operations, Forest Supervisor and Regional Fire Director. In addition he has served as an Area Commander and Incident Commander on wildland fires, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, search and rescue and diverse non-emergency activities such as narrow band radio implementation and grant reporting for the Vice President’s Reporting and Transparency Board for the American Response and Recovery Act.

From 1997 until 2011 he played an active role in the leadership, oversight and management of US Forest Service aviation operations first at the regional level and for 5 years at headquarters. His vision and leadership delivered a number of innovative changes at the incident, regional and national level. Applying risk informed decision making, moving from call when needed to more economic exclusive use helicopter contracts and implementation of the continuing airworthiness program are some of his accomplishments.

In these roles he has served on accident investigation teams and management evaluation boards for fire, ground transportation and aviation accidents.

He has served as an advisor to the Chief of the Forest Service during Congressional hearings and has briefed the President, Governors and Members of Congress on aviation, emergency and fire issues.

Through all these roles and assignments Rounsaville has led people and organizations to successful outcomes. Many of the fire and emergency assignments required him to step in and assist when local leadership was having the worst experience of their career and collaboratively find an innovative solution. These high demand high stress times burnished his leadership skills to a high luster.

Marc has a B.S. in Forestry from Mississippi State University and has done post graduate studies in silviculture, fire science, aviation management and leadership at a variety of institutions including Harvard, MIT and the University of Idaho.

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