

BIO / RESUME

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Position(s) Desired:

Senior Management/Chief of Party (COP)--monitoring, planning & evaluation; technical support specialist on climate change, global health, biodiversity, agriculture, desertification, NRM/ecosystem services; professor, trainer/educator; outreach coordinator; knowledge management specialist; GIS/RS/LULC project evaluation.

Key Qualifications and Experience:

- Strong experience in small-town/rural planning, politics, and management; served for over five years on the City of Rockville Utah, Planning Commission (one year as Chair). Also served on the Rockville/Springdale Fire/EMS Special District Board (2018).
- Strong ecosystem field research study experience in arid/semi-arid regions (i.e. Sahelian West Africa as well as western China/Central Asia and the US Southwest), as well as montane areas of Central/East Africa (DRC, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya) and lowland tropical coastal zone of Central America (Honduras, Belize, Haiti).
- Specialized technical skills in the use of GIS/RS/GPS, social media, web-based tools for knowledge management (KM), decision-making, surveillance, evaluation, planning and the assessment of the interconnections between biodiversity conservation and ecosystems services/natural resource management
- Well-developed skills in management, strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, writing, and informal/formal training for communications and outreach--including design of online education. Was Senior Content Specialist on Census Bureau special teaching module on using Demographic statistics in high and middle schools in the US (2015-17).
- Fluent in Spanish and French; born and raised in Central America to US expatriates (Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica); Fulbright Scholar, National University of Honduras (1998). Many years short and long-term field research and overseas consulting in Africa (Ghana, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mali, Niger, Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda) and Asia-Pacific (Marshall Islands, Pakistan, China).
- Many years collaboration with higher education in Central America/Africa for biodiversity, agriculture, public health, and LULC--Landuse/Land Cover Change (e.g. Zamorano, UNAH) via NASA/ESSE grant program with SERVIR-Mesoamerica based in Panama and as a professor at Loma Linda University School of Public doing health extension training in the region as well as capacity-building for governments and NGOs.
- Was first Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Extension Director in Rwanda at the AUCA (Adventist University of Central Africa)--1983-1987; later was Adviser to the Director, Center for Research on GIS and

Remote Sensing, National University of Rwanda (2009-2009).

- Led evaluation/assessment teams for USAID, ADRA International, World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, Frankfurt Zoological Society, AGEDI/UAE with GPCI, Inc., etc.

Select Evaluation/Assessment Project Experience:

- **June 2015 > Present (March 2016):** Senior Content / Subject Matter Specialist (reviewer) for US Census Bureau “core curriculum” Teaching Module Project with contractor: **Reingold, Inc.** 433 East Monroe Avenue Alexandria, VA 22301 Main: [202.333.0400](tel:202.333.0400) Direct: [571.982.8722](tel:571.982.8722) Fax: [703.299.2424](tel:703.299.2424) Project Coordinator Janay Sylvester: email: jsylvester@reingold.com. Review teaching modules developed by select high school geography teachers across the US and give feedback from a subject matter perspective.
- **April - November 2012** led contract team working for the *Frankfurt Zoological Society* (FZS) under the *EU-funded Upemba National Park Conservation Project* (with a colleague who is a senior scientist for The Nature Conservancy)--Steve Schill. We provided technical assistance in building GIS/Remote Sensing/GPS-based tools to support a new *General Management Plan* for rehabilitation of the two national parks in Katanga--Upemba and Kundelungu. We also did ecosystem assessment, built new GIS database systems and evaluated capacity of existing rangers and senior staff to implement plan, and provided training. See [BLOG](#).
- **February-October 2008** was a Senior Development Consultant with **GPCI (Geographic Planning Collaborative, Inc.)**. First evaluated then proposed a new “knowledge management system” with an associated training plan for the **AGEDI project (Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative)**; led team of experts (both insiders and outsiders) proposing how to reorganize the **Environment Agency** to increase effectiveness in use of of GIS-based Decision-Support-Systems. Also led team of outside experts from **CIESIN** to create new “drylands-focused” **EPI (Environmental Performance Index)** that would become basis for long-term evaluation/assessment for the UAE/Arabian Gulf.
- **August 1999 > October 2000:** Worked as team leader and special agricultural adviser to the Haiti USAID Mission Agriculture/Environment Officer to evaluate the Mission’s smallholder farmer, agribusiness, and agroforestry-oriented activities and income-generation portfolio (several TDI trips 2-3 weeks at a time over 15 months). Then led in the design of what became the new *Hillside Agriculture Program for Haiti (HAP Project, USAID/Haiti)*.
- **January-May 2010:** Led evaluation of the status of **DFGFI** programs in North Kivu/DRC-Congo, then assumed the temporary role of **Interim Program Director, Grauer’s Gorilla Landscape Conservation and Development Program** for [Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International](#) (DFGFI) Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Reorganized finances, management structure, redesigned partner structure and organization, opened new offices, designed new personnel system and hired/fired many, renegotiated partner relations with local NGOs and partner agencies CI and WWF, etc. The work focused on conservation, climate/carbon/REDD project management in the *Landscape 10 region* i.e. the Maiko-Tayna Kahuzi-Biega and UGADEC community preserves within the [CARPE project](#). He also collaborated with the [DFGFI, Karisoke Research Center](#) (Musanze, Rwanda) on ecosystem health/community development linkages and interactions with climate adaptation, biodiversity and forest conservation as well as other global environmental change topics.
- **July –September 2009:** organized a major conference on **eHealth and GIS with the IDRC/Acacia program (Canada)** whose goal was to assess/evaluate potential of integrating GIS-mapping systems into health/medical activities of various NGOs and government agencies. Led planning workshop on September 17, 2009 in South Africa in conjunction with the *OASIS--Open Architecture Standards and Information Systems (OASIS) II -*

Developing Capacity, Sharing Knowledge and Good Principles Across eHealth Projects in Africa (http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-116782-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html) project. A final report and many other resources are available via a GIS workshop wiki (<http://idrc-gisworkshop.pbworks.com/>)--see [INTEGRATING GIS INTO eHEALTH INITIATIVES IN AFRICA](#) project with associated wiki, presentations and [FINAL REPORT](#) with IDRC/Canada.

- **2004>2007 (1-2 months each summer).** Led team of outside experts and graduate students under two grants/contracts with **USAID/MIRA** (Honduras)--(cost reimbursement) to do biodiversity surveys and assessments of the status of manatees on the North Coast as well as distribution and status of herpetofauna on the Pacific Coast (Golfo de Fonseca) in select protected areas and led in training at National University of Honduras and its north coast branch in use of geospatial technologies.
- **October 20 - November 10, 1992:** Consultant to *Catholic Relief Services* under contract through IDA (Institute of Development Anthropology), 99 Collier Street, P.O. Box 2207, Binghamton, New York, NY 13902. Supervisor: Vera Beers-Tyler. Led team evaluating Institutional Support Grant of PL-480 program by USAID in Ghana and Burkina Faso.

ADRA/International Evaluations:

- April-May 1992: Lead consultant to ADRA/Peru and Bolivia, ADRA/International; evaluation of Institutional Support Grant activities (five-year review) in Peru and Bolivia and PL-480-related program activities.
- May 1991: Lead consultant to ADRA/Haiti ISG mid-term Evaluation (Institutional Support Grant) from USAID for Title II PL-480 food aid country program, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Evaluate and give technical input to strategic plan focusing on food-for-work as applied to natural resource (reforestation) and health development program interventions.
- March to June 1990: Team-Leader for an End-of-Project Enhancement Grant Evaluation for PL-480 Food-for-Peace/USAID grant to ADRA/I in Ghana and Rwanda. Evaluated a sample of projects funded under Enhancement Grant funds by ADRA/Ghana (+20 projects visited over entire country) and ADRA/Rwanda (over 35 projects). Supervisor/address/phone: Sharon Tobbing, Director of Evaluation, ADRA/International, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904 Tel. (301) 680-6374
- March 1990: Team-leader for PL-480 Food-for-Peace country assessment/food security status - Malawi. Interview government officials, NGOs, multilateral donors, business community, and community organizations and assess potential role of NGOs in PL-480. Supervisor/Address/Phone: William Jensen, Director, and Commodity-Supported Development: Contact: Mario Ochoa, Executive Vice-President, ADRA/International, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904 Tel. (301) 680-6362.

SUMMARY: Other Research, Management, and Teaching Contracts (Africa, Latin America, Asia)

- January 2019 > **Present:** Adjunct Professor, Institute for Continued Learning, *Dixie State University*, St George Utah. Teaching course entitled: *Globalization and Diversity: World Regional Geography*. Link: http://geobobford.com/ICL_FALL_2020_ver1.pdf
- January > March 2015: Adjunct Professor at Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA – taught intensive 3-credit course in *Environmental Policy* for upper-division students in political science, history, and environment.
- August > December 2014: Visiting Professor (one semester), Department of Geography and Global Studies, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA. Filled-in for professor on sabbatical and taught specialized

courses in Geographic Inquiry, **Global Food Systems and Sustainability, and World Regional Geography.**

- April > June 2014: Consultant, Reviewer and compiler/evaluation of Government of Gabon, Central Africa Freshwater Atlas and Decision-Support System Project, being implemented by Steve Schill of [The Nature Conservancy](#). Program officer: 10 days of effort at \$1000/day rate.
- November 1, 2008 > December 1, 2009 Dr. Robert Ford was *Adviser and Research Professor for the CGIS-NUR (Centre for GIS and Remote Sensing Training and Research)*, National University of Rwanda, PO Box 212, Huye, Rwanda. In that position he initiated activities focused on health information systems as well as designing new field programs focused ecosystems management and climate change in collaboration with [Trinity College/Dublin \(Ireland\)](#), and other local partners such as [Karisoke Research Center](#), [The Great Ape Trust \(Gishwati Preserve\)](#) and many others who belong to the [Albertine Rift Conservation Society \(ARCOS\)](#).
 - At NUR he was also involved in the implementation of the *NUR Strategic Plan* process as well as in the design and implementation of various efforts within the University to create new MSC degrees focused on *Conservation Science and Geoinformation Science for Sustainable Development*. These activities involved collaboration with partners such as the (IDRC) International Development Research Center (<http://www.idrc.ca/>) that work with the [MVP \(Millennium Village Project-Mayange Rwanda\)](#) and [Partners in Health \(PIH\)](#) and the [University of Redlands MSGIS Program](#) and others. See, for example the following project: [INTEGRATING GIS INTO eHEALTH INITIATIVES IN AFRICA](#) project with associated wiki, presentations and [FINAL REPORT](#) with IDRC/Canada.
- 2002-2003: Helped launch [MyCOE \(My Community, Our Earth - Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development\)](#) project with partners such as ESRI Inc, USADI, AAG, NASA, the National Geographic Society, FAO, CGIAR, NASA/NSF, etc. Started in 2002 as part of the *World Summit on Sustainable Development* and continues until today with the major focus being outreach to higher education in Africa, Middle East and Mesoamerica. These projects culminated in several public-private partnerships that continue to this day, e.g. CARPE/Congo Basin Forest Conservation Initiative, NASA/SERVIR-Mesoamerica and Africa.
- August 1999 - July 2003: Senior Natural Resource Policy Advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade ([EGAT](#)), Office of Natural Resources Management (NRM), Land Resource Management Team ([LRMT](#)).

Significant tasks at USAID included:

- Co-managed the *RAISE IQC (Rural and Agricultural Incomes with a Sustainable Environment, Indefinite Quantity Contract)*.
- Co-managed an Inter-Agency Working Group (IWG) entitled [GISD \(Geographic Information for Sustainable Development\)](#) which was launched at the *World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)* held in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 14 - September 7, 2002.
- August 1999-January 2001: Re-design of the Hillside Agriculture Program for Haiti.
- Served as a technical adviser to the desertification and climate change teams jointly run by USAID and the US State Department (2001-2003).
- Worked on several Special Initiatives such as ICT (Information and Communications Technology) focusing on Geospatial Information Systems (GIS).

- Launched a sustainable tree-crops program focused on coffee and cocoa; provided technical advice to key environmental conventions (COPS) for USAID/State Department such as the [UNCCD](#), [UNFCCC](#).

Dry Lands, Agriculture, Development, Conservation Research and Consulting Experience:

- Started career in 1975-1978 doing applied field research among the Fulani, Mossi, and Kurumba farmers and pastoralists of northern Burkina Faso/southern Mali under a *USAID/funded* project via University of California, Riverside and ICRISAT. Published farming systems study and one of first use of GIS/RS in studying Sahelian drylands issues > contributed to founding of FEWS & SAFGRAD & collaboration with AGRHYMET/CILSS.
- Worked closely as the social scientist in support of more technical agronomists/soil scientists from regional and global *CGIAR* and related research centers based in Africa (*IITA, ICRISAT, CILSS, ORSTOM*) who were trying to better understand adaptation to drought after the Sahelian (West African) droughts of 1973-1978.
- Worked four years in Rwanda (1983-1987) as a university administrator for the *Adventist University of Central Africa* (academic dean) but at same time served as director of field extension and continued research on to land management, agro-ecosystems, and population/agricultural change.
- Have lived for many years in the dry lands of Utah where I was a professor at three local universities (*Utah State University, Westminster College and BYU*). In those posts I worked a lot on drylands issues in Utah and globally and led several travel-study tours of students and teachers to Mexico and Central America.
- I currently live in southern Utah and I am active in conservation issues in the “red rock region” of Utah, Arizona and Nevada. I am also a member of the *Planning Commission of the Town of Rockville* and collaborating on conservation issues with The Nature Conservancy and Virgin River Land Preservation Trust.
- Helped plan, fund, and manage a major international conference entitled: **GASSIA** (*Geospatial Applications in Support of Sustainable International Agriculture*)--held May 19-31, 2002 at EROS Data Center (USGS) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Summer 1979 - Expedition member with *National Geographic Society* to arid lands of PROC (China) in association with the *Academia Sinica*. Part of first NGS expedition back to deserts of China and established associations with various arid land researchers in Asia studying pastoralism.
- Field research project (eighteen months) under contract with University of California on USAID/211-d grant project in Burkina Faso with ICRISAT, IITA, ORSTOM, CILSS; studied adaptation to drought by pastoralists and farmers during and after the Sahelian Drought and specifically looking at “agro-sylvo-pastoralism”.
- 1980-91 - participated in a health services inventory by Loma Linda University, School of Public Health for the DOE (Department of Energy) of the Marshall Islands prior to its getting more independent status.

Select Publications:

- [ESSE21 - LULC Module](#) - *Cases of Coastal Zone Change from Mesoamerica*. Online Learning Module done with the ESSE21 Project of NASA.
- Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske, Leon D. Olivera-Gomez, **Robert E. Ford**. [Detection of free-ranging West Indian manatees *Trichechus manatus* using side-scan sonar](#). *ENDANGERED SPECIES RESEARCH*. Vol. 8: 249–257,

2009. [The following supplement accompanies the article above - FIGURES.](#)

- Lovich, R.E., T.S. Akre, M. J. Ryan, N.J. Scott, and **R.E. Ford**. 2006. [Herpetofaunal survey of Cerro Guanacaure, Montaña La Botija and Isla Del Tigre protected areas in southern Honduras](#). Report prepared for the *United States Agency for International Development*. 33pp.
- [Distribution, Habitat Usage and Relative Abundance of Antillean Manatee \(TRICHECHUS MANATUS MANATUS\) on the North Coast of Honduras](#). This publication was produced for review by the *United States Agency for International Development*. Was prepared by the technical team Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske, Saul R. Flores Rivera, Cynthia Taylor, and Robert E. Ford, International Resources Group.
- **Ford, Robert E. 1998.** *Settlement Structure and Landscape Ecology in the Sahel: the Case of Northern Yatenga, Burkina Faso*. In *Rural Settlement Structure and African Development*. Edited by Marilyn Silberfein. Boulder: Westview Press. Pp. 129-165.
- **Ford, Robert E. 1995.** The Population-Environment Nexus and Vulnerability Assessment in Africa. *GeoJournal*. 35(2): 207-216.
- **Ford, Robert E. 1993.** *Marginal coping in extreme land pressures: Ruhengeri, Rwanda*. In *Population Growth and Agricultural Change in Africa*. Edited by B.L. Turner II, Robert Kates, and Goran Hyden. Center for African Studies, University Press of Florida. Gainesville, Florida.
- **Ford, Robert E. 1992.** Humans and the Sahelian environment: Human-Environment Interaction in Sahelian North Yatenga, Burkina Faso. *Research and Exploration*. National Geographic Society. 8 (4):460-475.
- **Ford, Robert E. 1982.** *Subsistence Farming Systems in the Semi-arid Northern Yatenga (Upper Volta)*. University of California, Riverside. Doctoral Dissertation funded via USAID.

Geographic Experience (Africa, Latin America, Asia):

- *Long term living abroad:* Belize, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua (20+ years); Democratic Republic of the Congo (8 months); Burkina Faso/Mali (2 ½ years); Japan (one year); France/Switzerland (9 months); Rwanda (5 years); UAE/Abu Dhabi (8 months).
- *Short term work:* Haiti, Peru, Bolivia, Uganda, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Eritrea, Malawi, South Africa, China, Australia, Mexico, Guatemala, Marshall Islands, and Thailand.

Education:

- Ph.D. Geography/Earth Science, University of California, 1982 Riverside, CA
- M.P.H. Health Education, Loma Linda University, 1973 Loma Linda, CA
- M.A. Social Anthropology, Loma Linda University, 1971 Loma Linda, CA
- B.A. History and Religion, Pacific Union College, 1968 Angwin, CA

Recent Teaching Experience:

- *Dixie State University*, Adjunct Professor, Institute for Continued Learning, St George Utah. Teaching course entitled: *Globalization and Diversity: World Regional Geography*. Link: http://geobobford.com/ICL_FALL_2020_ver1.pdf
- *Pacific Union College*, Angwin, CA (January > March 2015) Adjunct Professor – taught intensive 3-credit course in Environmental Policy for upper-division students in political science, history, and environmental studies.
- *Sonoma State University*, CA (August > December 2014) Visiting Professor (one semester), Department of Geography and Global Studies, , Rohnert Park, CA. Filled-in for professor on sabbatical and taught specialized courses in Geographic Inquiry, Global Food Systems and Sustainability, and World Regional Geography.
- *Loma Linda University* CA (1973-83 and 2003-08): *School of Public Health* and the *School of Science/Technology*: Remote Sensing, Field Research Methods, Biodiversity and Conservation, Cultural Ecology, Integrated Rural Development, Comparative Health Systems, Population Dynamics, etc.
- *Brigham Young University*, Provo, Utah (1988 - 1992): African and Latin American Regional Studies, East Asia (Pacific Rim), Regional Geography, Economic Geography, International Relations, Human and Physical geography, Natural Resource Management, Political Geography, Cultural Ecology.
- *Utah State University*, Logan Utah (1987-88 and 1992-94): Human and Physical Geography, Human Dimensions of Global Change, African & Latin American Development Studies, Research Methods, Cultural Ecology, Environment, Resources & Development Policy.
- *Westminster College of Salt Lake City* (1994 - 1999): Environmental Studies, Honors Studies, Earth System Science, International Relations, Travel-Study Tours, Modeling/Visualizing Global Change.

References List: Robert E. Ford Jr. (revised February 9, 2015)

1. **Steven R. Schill**, Ph.D. Conservation Scientist. Caribbean Program Office: The Nature Conservancy, 5089 Highway A1A, Suite 200 Vero Beach, FL 32963 Office [772\) 231-6876 Ext. 209](tel:7722316876) Fax [772\) 231-5534](tel:7722315534) - Utah Home Office: 571 E. 3050 N. Provo, UT 84604 Mobile [435\) 881-7838](tel:4358817838) Email sschill@tnc.org Skype steveschill. Relationship: he has been my partner on various GIS/LULC/RS training and consultancy projects I led in Africa--he also works in the Caribbean and Central America. We worked together in Congo/DRC, Rwanda, Gabon). He was a student many years ago at Utah State University; he was my last consultancy project team leader (the 2014 project work for Gabon Freshwater Atlas Project).

2. **Tim Foresman**, PhD. Now a Professor at Australian National University, Canberra. Formerly, Chief Environmental Scientist for the United Nations (UNEP). Tel. [443-622-9464](tel:4436229464) Email: foresman@earthparty.org Web: www.earthparty.org International Center for Remote Sensing Education. Relationship: he and I have worked together for many years going back to our co-chairing a major Inter-Agency Geospatial Project for WSSD (World Summit on Sustainable Development, 2002 in Johannesburg, along with "The Geographer of the US State Department"--2001-2001. He also came to work with me in Honduras while I was providing capacity-building services to the Government of Honduras, USAID Environment Project, and the National University of Honduras.

3. **Alan Deverell**. Former Project Leader, Upemba Parks Conservation Program, Frankfurt Zoological Society. Contact: alandeverell@aol.com Lubumbashi | Democratic Republic of Congo DRC [+243-99-492-3133](tel:+243-99-492-3133) | [+243-81-057-2120](tel:+243-81-057-2120) Rwanda [+250-78-494-3187](tel:+250-78-494-3187) | www.fzs.org. Alan just completed an assignment in Zambia with a USAID/REDD+ project and is back at his home in Iceland.
4. **Fernando R. Echavarría**, PhD. Office of Space and Advanced Technology, OES/SAT, SA-23. 1990 K Street NW, Suite #410, Washington DC 20006-1103. Tel. [202-663-2395](tel:202-663-2395). Email: echavarrifr@state.gov. Relationship: he and I co-managed several GIS-related projects jointly between USAID and US State Department. We have known each other for many years.
5. **Carmelle J. Terborgh, Ph.D., International Relations/Federal Programs Manager, ESRI, Inc.** 8620 Westwood Center Drive, Vienna, VA 22182 USA Tel. [703-506-9515](tel:703-506-9515) ext. 8013 Fax. [703-506-9514](tel:703-506-9514) Email cterborgh@esri.com Web www.esri.com. Relationship: we have collaborated on various GIS-related projects over many years and she was our USAID > ESRI contact in DC.
6. **Michael McBride**, Emeritus Board Member Smithsonian and The Nature Conservancy; founder of the Alaskan Center for Coastal Studies and [Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge](#), co-founder Bateleurs International with LightHawk International. See [BIO](#): Contact: **Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge**, China Poot Bay, Box 956, Homer, Alaska 99603 Phone [907-235-8910](tel:907-235-8910) Email: michael@alaskawildernesslodge.com. (Utah - Tel. [435-773-2291](tel:435-773-2291)). Relationship: he is a neighbor down the road from me in Utah in winter months. He joined my team in 2012 for the consulting we did for the Frankfurt Zoological Society in DRC-Congo--Upemba Conservation Program.
7. **Glenn Bush**, formerly. [Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International](#), [Karisoke Research Center](#), Ruhengeri (Musanze), Rwanda. Tel. [+250-788307526](tel:+250-788307526) **Currently** - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution): email: glenn_bush@yahoo.com. Glenn is husband to Katie Fawcett, former Director of DFGFI/Karisoke Research - REDD+ specialist. Was a close colleague and friend while we worked in Rwanda and DRC-Congo (I filled in for a six-month period as the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International Program leader in DRC-Congo (January - June 2010.)). The period before that (Nov. 2008 > December 2009) I worked with the Karisoke Center as one of our partners, while I served as the Adviser to the Director of the Center for GIS and Remote Sensing, National University of Rwanda.
8. **Felipe P. Manteiga, Foreign Service Officer**, USAID (retired). Contact: fmanteiga@gmail.com 4403 W Lambright Tampa, FL 33614. Postal Address in the DR EPS X-24351 P.O. Box 025650 Miami, FL 33102-5650 VOIP [7274665647](tel:7274665647) cell [18296471021](tel:18296471021) Skype [fmanteiga](https://www.skype.com/user/fmanteiga) Relationship: Felipe was my former Division Chief, before his retirement, at USAID/Agriculture and Environment Bureau, Land Resources Team. We have remained in contact over the years. I was a key technical officer on GIS/RS as well as support for climate negotiating team and desertification as well as GISD (Geographic Information for Sustainable Development) Inter-Agency Project team.
9. **Jose Herrero, (previous) North Coast Director, USAID/MIRA Project** (*Manejo Integrado de Recursos Ambientales*). Email: pepenordico@yahoo.com Tel. [\(504\) 442-0178](tel:504-442-0178): Colonia El Naranjal, Calle La Ceiba, No. 172, La Ceiba, Atlántida, Honduras--currently advising other donors from Scandinavia on projects in Honduras. Relationship: "Pepe" has been a friend for years and was program officer for a contract I did in Honduras studying biodiversity for USAID (manatees and herpetofauna) and we worked together on various capacity-building projects for Honduras.
10. **Pam Leach, Mayor, Town of Rockville**, Utah 84763. Website: <https://rockvilleutah.org/> Telephone: 435-772-2444. Pam is a close neighbor who I've known for over ten years (has nearly adjoining ranch on Grafton Road in Rockville Utah just downriver on the Virgin River from my small farm). She and I have served together on local municipal boards and commissions (appointed positions) e.g. water board, planning commission, Fire/EMS, 5-county disaster management, etc.