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ABOUT JENNIFER MAHONEY

Jennifer is a Colorado native and has long been passionate about the weather. Early in her career, she worked at a regional airport providing observations for incoming aircraft. One night a dense fog bank rolled into the airport and a regional jet needed to land because of low fuel. Jennifer was instrumental in providing weather guidance to the pilot to ensure a safe landing.

Because of the event, Jennifer spent much of her mid-career working on aviation weather issues and developing decision support tools that could be used to guide decisions during dangerous weather events. She also has research expertise in the areas of winter weather, impact-based verification and assessment, and decision support strategies for forecast systems.

Jennifer holds a Master's degree in Atmospheric Science from Colorado State University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Meteorology from the University of Northern Colorado. Jennifer now serves as the Director of the NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory/Global Systems Division.

In 2017 and 2003, NOAA'S Oceanic and Atmospheric Research selected Jennifer as the NOAA Research Employee of the Year for Leadership. She is an avid runner and gardener and enjoys quiet weekends at her cabin in the mountains with her family.