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**Capron Business Co-Owner is the Southern Regional Director for the
Association of Consulting Foresters
Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, Will Serve as ACF Southern Regional Director, July 1, 2020**

Williamsburg, VA – Capron business co-owner, Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, [Rock Springs Forestry, Inc.](#), will return to serve as the Southern Regional Director for the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF). ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

“I welcome Matthew into ACF’s leadership,” said Justin M. Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and President of ACF. “I look forward to his perspective on how we can successfully move ACF into the future.”

As a second generation forester, Gillette began working at Rock Springs Forestry after graduating from Virginia Tech with a B.S in Forestry in 2006. He participates in all aspects of the business, from cruising timber and handling timber sales, to supervising planting, spraying, and pre-commercial thinning crews, conducting prescribed burns, etc. He works with his father and brother at Rock Springs Forestry.

“I look forward to continuing to contribute to ACF and working in collaboration with Justin and my colleagues who are serving as national ACF directors and officers,” said Gillette.

Gillette served as the Chair of the Virginia Chapter from 2016 to 2018, and as the chapter’s vice chair from 2014 to 2016. He is a member of the Virginia Forestry Association, and registered as a consulting forester with the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters.

He has a commercial pesticide applicator license in Virginia and North Carolina, and is a Virginia Prescribed Burn Manager. Gillette is a Technical Service Provider with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and a Certified Inspector for the American Forest Foundation’s Tree Farm Program.

“I’m delighted to continue to work with Matthew on ACF’s Executive Committee,” said Shannon M. McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “I look forward to partnering with Matthew and the rest of the EC to further the association’s mission.”

Gillette joins ACF’s 2020-21 new Executive Committee members:

- President, Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc., Pelkie, MI

- President-Elect, Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, Huntsville, TX
- Past President: Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC
- Northern Regional Director: Rene D. Noel, Jr., ACF, Southern Maine Forestry Service, Inc., Windham, ME
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Vice President, Forest Management Services, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, President, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., Portland, OR.

Also joining Gillette in returning to ACF's 2020-21 Executive Committee is Thomas (Tom) Amesbury, ACF, Forester's Co-Op, Grass Valley, CA.

ACF members help landowners enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, enhance wildlife habitat, and establish and protect a family's forest legacy. Because of their vital role in the supply chain, ACF members have been deemed essential workers during COVID-19.

As a condition of membership, every consulting forester must have minimum education and experience levels, complete the Practice of Consulting Forestry course, and most importantly, agree to adhere to the organization's stringent Code of Ethics.

For more information about ACF, log onto www.acf-foresters.org.

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About ACF

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