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Mobile Businessman Named Gulf Regional Director for the Association of Consulting Foresters *Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Becomes ACF Gulf Regional Director July 1, 2020*

Williamsburg, VA – Mobile businessman, Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Vice President, Forest Management Services, [Larson & McGowin, LLC](#), has been named the Gulf 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.

“With more than 20 years of experience, Russell’s expertise in forestry management and his leadership skills are valuable to ACF and the Gulf Region,” said Justin M. Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF.

Autrey joined Larson & McGowin in 1996 initially serving as a branch and then regional manager, before becoming Vice President of Forest Management Services. In his current role, Autrey provides leadership and supervision for timberland management operations on all customer properties in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. He provides his expertise in timberland management operations and silviculture, large-scale timber transactions and negotiations, and strategic planning.

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

Formerly, Autrey was the chairman of ACF’s Alabama Chapter. He is a Registered Forester in Alabama (AL #1719), and an active member of the Alabama Forestry Association. A native of Greenville, Alabama, Autrey earned a B.S. in Forest Resources from Auburn University.

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

Autrey 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
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, President, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., Portland, OR.

Returning to ACF's 2020-21 Executive Committee are Thomas D. Amesbury, ACF, Forester's Co-Op, Grass Valley, CA, Western Regional Director; and Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, Rock Springs Forestry, Inc., Courtland, VA, Southern Regional Director.

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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