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Texas Named Association of Consulting Foresters' Large Chapter of the Year *Sponsored by STIHL, the Award Recognizes California's Outstanding Achievements*

Williamsburg, VA – For exemplifying outstanding contributions to forest, their local community and the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#), (ACF), ACF's Texas chapter has been awarded its Large Chapter of the Year Award. ACF is a national organization of forestry professionals that help landowners address their land-use and forestry challenges.

Sponsored by [STIHL](#)®, the large chapter of the year award honors one of 24 ACF's chapters with more than 20 members. As part of the honor, the Texas chapter will receive \$1,500 which recognizes the chapter's strength in membership and recruitment, continuing education, outreach to related organizations, outreach to landowners, and short-and long-term goals.

"Every one of our 22 members should be very proud of this honor because they all contributed to our chapter success," said Cliff Sunda, Vice President of Operations, Wildwood Environmental Credit Company, LLC, Tyler, TX; and ACF's Texas chapter chair. "We are honored to receive this award and thank STIHL for sponsoring it."

The award recognizes the activities of the Texas chapter from June 2019 to June 2020. Part of the chapter's activities centered around ACF's annual meeting that was scheduled in Austin for June 2020 and was canceled due to COVID-19.

"The chapter received the award for organizing quarterly chapter meetings, reaching out to organizations such as the Texas Accredited Forester Program, Texas Forestry Association and others, involvement with landowners including ads and activity with the Forest Landowner Council, outreach to students through scholarships and continuing education, and short and long term chapter goals including helping with the rescheduled annual conference to be held in Austin in 2022," said Justin Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF.

ACF's Small Chapter of the Year award, was given to the ACF California chapter for meeting similar criteria. The Small Chapter award of \$500 honors an ACF chapter with less than 20 members.

“On behalf of ACF members, we want to congratulate the Texas chapter for capturing the Large Chapter of the Year Award,” Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. “We want to thank STIHL for sponsoring the two chapter of the year awards for the third year.”

The consulting foresters that comprise ACF membership are located across the U.S. Through their work with landowners, they enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, protect 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

Founded in 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters represents independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. 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 your family’s forest legacy. As the gold standard of consulting foresters, ACF has 24 chapters across the U.S. offers its members professional development, publications, insurance, networking opportunities, and advocacy information on state and federal issues. For more information, log onto www.acf-foresters.org.