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**Grass Valley Business Owner is the Western Regional Director for the
Association of Consulting Foresters of America
Thomas Amesbury, ACF, Will Serve as ACF Western Regional Director, July 1, 2020**

Williamsburg, VA – Grass Valley business owner, Thomas (Tom) Amesbury, RPF #2253, ACF, Principal Forester and Owner of FCO Foresters, Inc. and [Forester's Co-Op](#) located in Grass Valley, CA will return to serve as the Western 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 40 years of experience, Tom’s expertise in business, California regulations, forestry management and his leadership skills are valuable to ACF and the Western Region,” said Justin M. Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF.

Forester’s Co-op is a California Certified Small Business and USFS-IDIQ contractor. FCO provides public, utility and private landowners environmental permitting, and market driven sustainable solutions to complex forestry, wildfire prevention, utility ROW vegetation management permitting, forest carbon sequestration, renewable energy, and fire wise community development projects. Amesbury offers clients a natural resource management perspective derived from more than 40 years of practical working forest and vegetation management experience.

“ACF has provided me with the business educational opportunities and a nationwide connection with natural resource professionals to help grow our company,” said Amesbury. “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.”

Before starting his firm in 1999, Amesbury worked as a parts and service rep for Caterpillar Tractor, Mine Maintenance Foreman for Newmont Gold Company and other forestry consulting companies.

He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a B.S. in forestry where he was in the forestry club and a member of Phil Kappa Tau fraternity on campus.

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

Amesbury 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 Tom in returning to ACF’s 2020-21 Executive Committee is 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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