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### **Huntsville Business Owner Named President-Elect of the Association of Consulting Foresters *Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Becomes ACF President-Elect July 1, 2020***

Williamsburg, VA – Huntsville business owner, Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, [Lone Star Forestry, LLC](#), has been named president-elect of the national [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF). ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

“Wayne’s more than 25 years of experience meeting the needs of private non-industrial landowners in Southeast Texas will be very valuable to ACF,” said Justin M. Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF. “His leadership qualities and business acumen will help lead ACF into the future.”

Pfluger started Lone Star Forestry in 2003. The forestry management firm specializes in agricultural property tax filings, forest management plans, timber sales, timber inventory and appraisals, site preparation, tree planting and prescribed burning. Pfluger is a 1988 Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Forestry.

“I look forward to working alongside Justin and the other ACF directors and officers before I take the helm of ACF in 2022,” said Pfluger. “It will be an interesting time to lead the 72-year old organization into the future.”

A member of ACF since 2006, Pfluger served as the chair of the Texas State Chapter from 2011 to 2013. He also is a member of and has served in leadership roles with the Texas Forestry Association, the Prescribed Burn Managers of Texas, the Texas State Tree Farm Committee, and the Society of American Foresters.

Pfluger has been the Texas Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector in 2008, 2012, 2014 and 2019; the 2009 Southern Region Tree Farm Inspecting Forester of the Year; the Society of American Foresters Outstanding Forester in the State of Texas in 2001; and the United States Department of Agriculture’s State Forestry Conservationist of the Year in 2008. Additionally, he was honored with the Hornaday Gold Badge for Conservation (for adults) by the Boy Scouts of America in 2012.

“I’m delighted to continue to work with Wayne as he transitions into working with ACF’s top leaders,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “I look forward to partnering with him to further the association’s mission.”

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

- President, Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc., Pelkie, MI
- Past President: Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL
- 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, assist produce a more sustainable forest, 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](http://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](http://www.acf-foresters.org).