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**Maine Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters
Named 2023 Small Chapter of the Year**

[Williamsburg, VA] — [The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF) is pleased to announce that the Maine Chapter has been named its 2023 Small Chapter of the Year. ACF is a national organization committed to serving independent consulting foresters who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. The association annually recognizes a Large and Small Chapter of the Year for their exceptional accomplishments.

Sponsored by STIHL, Inc., the small chapter of the year award honors one of ACF's chapters with less than 20 members for exemplary contributions to forestry, the local community, and the association. The Maine Chapter will receive \$500 as part of this esteemed award.

"We are thrilled to recognize the Maine Chapter as the Small Chapter of the Year," said Wayne Pfluger, President of ACF. "This award is a testament to the chapter's continuous commitment and exceptional contributions to the association and profession."

The Maine Chapter consistently promotes the role of private foresters in meetings with the public and government agencies and meets annually with college students to promote the consulting forester profession. Additionally, Maine Chapter members Rene D. Noel and David G. Schaible have worked diligently with the state licensing board over the past two years resulting in greater consideration of complaints to the board and a revision of ethical standards decreasing potential conflicts of interest in the purchase of timber.

Erik Grove, Maine Chapter Chair expressed their gratitude, saying, "We are very honored to receive this recognition of the hard work and dedication of our members, who continuously strive to promote the profession and serve forest landowners."

ACF's Large Chapter of the Year Award similarly honors a chapter with 20 or more members and the 2023 award was presented to the Alabama Chapter.

"I congratulate the Maine chapter on being selected as the Small Chapter of the Year and appreciate all the chapter has done to further the association's mission," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, ACF's Executive Director. "I also thank STIHL for sponsoring both of our chapter of the year awards for the sixth year."

The Large and Small Chapters of the Year were announced during the Awards Banquet at the recent 2023 ACF National Conference in Eugene, Oregon. Chapter members present during the event accepted the awards on behalf of the respective winning chapters.

ACF provides professional development, networking opportunities, exclusive communications, tools, and resources to consulting foresters. ACF members are the gold standard of forestry consultants because they meet rigorous educational, experience, and reference requirements as well as adhere to a Code of Ethics ensuring loyalty to landowners and their land.

For additional information about ACF, visit www.acf-foresters.org.

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About the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. (ACF):

Founded in 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. (ACF) is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the practice of professional consulting forestry and promoting the highest standards of professionalism and ethics among its members. ACF members can benefit forest landowners by enhancing property value, optimizing timber growth through sustainable harvests, maximizing the value of timber, enhancing wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities, and protecting family forest legacy. Visit www.acf-foresters.org to learn more.

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