

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Four Corners Named Association of Consulting Foresters' Small Chapter of the Year Sponsored by STIHL®, the Award Recognizes the Chapter's Outstanding Achievements

Williamsburg, VA – For exemplifying outstanding contributions to forestry, their local community and the <u>Association of Consulting Foresters of America</u>, Inc. (ACF), ACF's Four Corner chapter has been awarded its Small 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 <u>STIHL</u>®, the small chapter of the year award honors one of ACF's 24 chapters with less than 20 members. As part of the honor, the Four Corners chapter will receive \$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 chapter's members should be very proud of this honor," said Bjorn Dahl, ACF, President and CEO, Dahl Environmental Services, LLC, Golden, Colorado, and ACF's Four Corners Chapter Chair. "We are grateful to STIHL® for their sponsorship."

The award recognizes the activities of the Four Corners chapter from July 2021 to June 2022. Four Corners represents Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

"The chapter received the honor because of their continuing educational offerings particularly in workforce development, outreach to landowners and related organizations, and their overall chapter goals," said Wayne Pfluger, ACF, president of <a href="Lone Star Forestry">Lone Star Forestry</a>, Huntsville, Texas, and president of ACF.

ACF's Large Chapter of the Year award, was given to the ACF Alabama chapter for meeting similar criteria. The Large Chapter award of \$1,500 honors an ACF chapter with 20+ members.

"On behalf of ACF members, I congratulate the Four Corners chapter on being selected the Small Chapter of the Year," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. "I also thank STIHL® for sponsoring both of our chapter of the year awards for the fifth 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.

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 <a href="https://www.acf-foresters.org">www.acf-foresters.org</a>.