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**New Hampshire Consulting Forester Honored with President's Award from
the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.**

[Lynchburg, VA] — [The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF) is pleased to announce that Dennis McKenney, ACF, of Bennington, New Hampshire, has been named a 2026 recipient of the ACF President's Award, one of the association's highest honors.

ACF is a national organization committed to serving independent consulting foresters who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. The President's Award is presented at the discretion of ACF's President to individuals whose exceptional contributions have significantly advanced the association's mission and values.

"Dennis embodies the spirit of service that makes ACF such a strong organization," said Immediate Past President Rick N. Barnes, ACF (Ret.), who selected McKenney for the award. "For more than four decades, he has generously given his time, expertise, and leadership to support both ACF and the Practicing Foresters Institute. Whether helping behind the scenes, serving in leadership roles, or stepping forward when the organization needed him most, Dennis has consistently put the mission first."

McKenney became a member of ACF in 1984 and has built a distinguished career serving private landowners and advancing professional forestry. An ISA Certified Arborist/TRAQ and NH Licensed Land Surveyor, he is also widely respected for his work as an expert witness and his commitment to professional excellence.

Since joining the Practicing Foresters Institute (PFI) Board of Trustees in 2021, McKenney has served as Trustee, Secretary, Vice President, and President. Throughout his tenure, he has been a steadfast advocate for PFI's mission and programs. He has also played a key role in the organization's annual silent auction, serving as chair and, alongside his wife Darlene, contributing countless hours to planning, preparation, and fundraising efforts that support PFI's work.

In 2025, after completing his initial one-year term as President of PFI, McKenney agreed to remain in the role for an additional year to provide continuity and leadership during a critical period for the organization. That decision proved especially important when PFI received news of a transformational gift from the Bradley-Murphy Trust. McKenney helped guide the organization's response, ensuring that trustees received timely information and that the process was handled thoughtfully and responsibly as PFI prepared for a new chapter in its history.

"I'm deeply honored by this recognition," said McKenney. "ACF and PFI have been important parts of my professional life for many years. The friendships, relationships, and opportunities to serve alongside so many dedicated forestry professionals have been incredibly rewarding, and I'm grateful for the chance to give back to organizations that mean so much to me."

"Dennis represents the very best of volunteer leadership," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. "He approaches every responsibility with professionalism, humility, and a genuine commitment to helping others succeed. His leadership, particularly during a pivotal time for PFI, has had a lasting impact on the organization and the profession."

The ACF President's Award was presented during the 2026 ACF National Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where McKenney was recognized alongside fellow 2026 President's Award recipients Matthew Lynch of Prince George, Virginia, and James McCabe of Huddleston, Virginia, during the Awards Banquet.

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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