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**Newberry Forestry Consultant Begins Term as President of
the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.**

[Lynchburg, VA] — [The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF) is pleased to announce that Gerald H. “Jerry” Grossman, ACF, of Newberry, Michigan, began his two-year term as President on July 1, 2026. He will subsequently serve as Past President in accordance with ACF’s leadership succession process.

As President, Grossman serves as the chief elected officer of the Association and is responsible for providing leadership to the organization, guiding strategic priorities, representing ACF within the forestry community, and working closely with the Executive Committee and National Office staff to advance the interests of consulting foresters and the private landowners they serve.

“Jerry has dedicated his career to serving landowners, advancing sustainable forestry, and strengthening the consulting forestry profession,” said Immediate Past President Rick N. Barnes, ACF (Ret.). “His depth of experience, thoughtful leadership, and longstanding commitment to ACF make him exceptionally well suited to lead the Association as we continue building on our momentum and pursuing new opportunities for our members.”

Grossman began his consulting forestry career in 1990 and currently serves as Director of Operations in the Newberry office of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#) Throughout his career, he has worked with private landowners on all aspects of forest management and has become widely respected for his expertise in sustainable forestry, forest certification, and private lands stewardship.

A graduate of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, Grossman holds degrees in forestry and marketing and has served in numerous leadership roles throughout the forestry community. His professional service includes leadership positions with the Michigan Board of Foresters, the Michigan Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee, the American Tree Farm System, the Society of American Foresters, and the Michigan Timber Advisory Council. He previously served as ACF Northern Region Director and most recently completed a term as ACF President-Elect.

“ACF has been an important part of my professional life for many years,” said Grossman. “Our members represent the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and service to private landowners. I am honored to serve as President and look forward to working alongside our

members, chapters, Executive Committee, and staff as we continue to strengthen the profession and expand the value ACF provides to consulting foresters across the country.”

“Jerry brings an extraordinary combination of professional expertise, practical experience, and servant leadership to this role,” added Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. “He is deeply respected throughout the forestry community and has consistently demonstrated a commitment to helping both landowners and fellow foresters succeed. I look forward to working with him as we continue advancing ACF's mission and strategic priorities.”

Grossman will lead the 2026–2027 ACF Executive Committee, which includes:

- President-Elect: Christopher E. Adams, ACF, Vision Forestry, LLC, TX
- Past President: Rick N. Barnes, ACF (Ret.), OR
- Gulf Region Director: Billy Rye, ACF, Forest Management Specialists, Inc., AL
- Northern Region Director: Jennifer L. Boyle Warner, ACF, ArborTerra Consulting, Inc., IN
- Southern Region Director: Joseph A. Davison, ACF, Eastern Forest Management, NC
- Western Region Director: Christian Eggleton, ACF, TÜV SÜD America Inc., CA
- Treasurer: Thomas R. Clark, ACF, F&W Forestry Services, Inc., AL
- Secretary: Kenny J. Kane, ACF, Generations Forestry, Inc., PA

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 more 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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