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Lufkin Business Owner Honored with National President's Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.

Williamsburg, VA –, Chris Adams, founder and president, <u>Vision Forestry</u>, Lufkin, Texas, was honored with the 2022 President's Award from the <u>Association of Consulting Foresters of</u> <u>America, Inc.</u> (ACF) during the national association's Annual Awards Luncheon during the 2022 National Conference in Austin, Texas, June 6, 2022. ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

"I'm pleased to honor Chris' experience, accomplishments and commitment to the consulting forestry profession with the President's Award," said Justin Miller, ACF, president, <u>Green Timber</u> <u>Consulting Foresters, Inc.</u>, Pelkie, Michigan, and ACF past president.

With more than 20 years of experience managing forests within the Southeastern U.S., Adams became a full member of ACF in 2010. He served as Texas ACF (TXACF) Chapter Chair from 2013 to 2017 after serving as chapter vice chair from 2010 to 2013.

On the national front, he was the 2022 ACF National Conference Sponsorship Committee Chair. Adams was ACF's Education Committee Chair from 2016 to 2018, and a member of ACF's Education Committee from 2013 to the present. He also serves as ACF's Member Benefits Committee Chair (2018-present).

"I am proud to be a consulting forester and land manager and grateful to have been able to contribute to the forestry community," said Adams. "I'm humbled by this award."

Along with fellow TXACF members, Chris is a topic instructor for TXACF "Consulting Forestry Course" at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Adams graduated from Texas A&M University in 1999 with a Bachelor's of Science in Forest Management. After graduation, he found the world of consulting forestry working as a forester for a firm in southeast Texas and later as the managing forester of a firm working with landowners throughout Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Adams has been directly involved in the management of more than 200,000 acres of forestland, maintains an in-depth understanding of forest markets, and is unique to the forest industry due to his background in both rural lending and timberland appraisals. He is currently in the process of obtaining his general appraiser license.

In addition to his leadership with ACF, he is involved in the Texas Forestry Association, and the American Tree System, and is a founding council member of the Texas Accredited Foresters Council having served as Chairman.

"Chris has dedicated so much of his professional life to forestry, consulting foresters and ACF and it is an honor to work with him," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. "This is a well-deserved award."

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 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 <u>www.acf-foresters.org</u>.

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About ACF

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