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**Thomson Business Owner Elected Southern Regional Director
for the Association of Consulting Foresters**
ACF Elects James (Jamie) Alfriend, ACF, Co-Owner, James I. Alfriend Consulting Foresters

Williamsburg, VA – Thomson businessman, James Alfriend, ACF, RF, Co-owner of [James I. Alfriend Consulting Foresters, LLC \(JAICF\)](#), Georgia, was elected Southern Regional Director of the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. \(ACF\)](#). ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

“I’ll be relying on Jamie’s leadership, experience and in-depth knowledge of the Southern region,” said Wayne Pfluger, ACF, president, [Lone Star Forestry](#), Huntsville, Texas, and president of ACF.

Jamie joined his father, Jim, at JAICF in 2001. He’s become an ACF candidate member in 2005, and full member in 2008. Jamie was ACF’s Georgia Chapter Chair from 2013-2014.

“I’ve grown up with a career goal of becoming a consulting forester like my dad,” said Alfriend. “I never considered any other career path. Joining the national leadership of ACF is a great opportunity for me to give back to a community that has contributed so much to me and my family.”

Jamie is a Registered Forester and Licensed Real Estate Salesperson in Georgia. He served on the Georgia Forestry Association Board of Directors from 2012-2018.

He served on the UGA Warnell School Alumni Steering Committee from 2012-2016 then as Chairman from 2015-2017. Jamie has also served as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Committee for UGA Warnell School.

A Leadership Georgia alum (Class of 2015), Jamie served as Program Chair in 2016 and was a member of the Leadership Georgia Board of Trustees from 2018-2021.

He has been serving as a member of the Georgia Department of Transportation, 10th District Citizens Review Panel, Transportation Investment Act since 2013. Currently, he serves as member of the Thomson McDuffie Development Authority.

“I’m delighted to work with Jamie as ACF’s new Southern Regional Director,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “I look forward to partnering with him to further the association’s mission.”

Alfriend joins current members of ACF’s 2021 Executive Committee:

- President: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, Huntsville, TX
- President-Elect: Rick S. Barnes, ACF, former President, Barnes & Associates, Inc., Roseburg, Oregon
- Past-President: Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc., Pelkie, MI
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL
- Northern Regional Director: Rene D. Noel, Jr., ACF, Southern Maine Forestry Service, Inc., Windham, ME
- Western Regional Director: Michael F. Wolcott, ACF, Inland Forest Management, Inc., Sandpoint, ID
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, Mason, Bruce, Girard, Inc., Portland, OR
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI

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 www.acf-foresters.org.

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About ACF

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About James I Alfriend Consulting Foresters, LLC

Established in 1983, James I Alfriend Consulting Foresters is a full service forestry consulting and natural resource management firm. IFM employs four graduate registered foresters, a forest technician, and office management staff. For more information, visit www.alfriendforesters.com.