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Ahoskie Business Owner Elected Southern Region Director for the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.

[Lynchburg, VA] — <u>The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.</u> (ACF) is pleased to announce the election of Joseph A. "Joe" Davison, ACF, of Ahoskie, North Carolina, as Southern Region Director. Davison began his three-year term on July 1, 2025, and will serve through June 30, 2028.

As Southern Region Director, Davison will act as a liaison between ACF's national leadership and the chapters in the Southern region, working to strengthen chapter engagement and represent the interests of members across the region. ACF is a national organization committed to serving independent consulting foresters who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

"Joe's energy, entrepreneurial spirit, and passion for the profession make him an ideal fit for this leadership role," said ACF President Rick Barnes. "His perspective and leadership will be a tremendous asset to the Executive Committee and to our members in the Southern region."

Davison is President of Eastern Forest Management, where he provides consulting forestry services to clients ranging from small family landowners to national investment firms. His career in forestry has included experience in procurement, production management, and consulting, and he brings a strong business acumen and practical field experience to his role.

He has served ACF in multiple capacities, including as Chair of the Education Committee, and is active in the North Carolina Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters, and the North Carolina ProLogger program. Davison is a North Carolina Registered Forester, Certified Burner, and FAA-licensed Drone Pilot.

"Serving as Southern Region Director is an exciting opportunity to give back to a community that's given me so much," said Davison. "ACF has been instrumental in shaping my professional journey, and I'm honored to help support and grow the organization in this new role."

"Joe brings both authenticity and vision to the Executive Committee," added Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. "His deep respect for the profession, combined with his real-world leadership experience, make him a valuable voice at the national level."

Davison joins the 2025–2026 ACF Executive Committee alongside:

- President: Rick N. Barnes, ACF (Ret.), Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., OR
- President-Elect: Gerald H. Grossman, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc., MI
- Past President: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, TX
- Gulf Region Director: Christopher E. Adams, ACF, Vision Forestry, LLC, TX
- Northern Region Director: Jeffrey Hutchinson, ACF, Summit Forestry Group, WV
- Western Region Director: Christian Eggleton, TÜV SÜD America Inc.
- Treasurer: Thomas R. Clark, ACF, F&W Forestry Services, Inc., AL
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., WI

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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