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**Salem Business Owner 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 Nathan S. Kachnavage, ACF, owner of Woodland Works in Salem, Indiana, has been named a 2025 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.

"Nathan leads with consistency, heart, and a quiet determination that has made a meaningful difference within ACF," said Barnes. "He's the kind of leader who steps in where he's needed - often without being asked - and always delivers."

As the long-serving Indiana Chapter Chair, Kachnavage has led with creativity and purpose, continuously pushing for new and innovative initiatives that strengthen his chapter's engagement and visibility. During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, he ensured that chapter activities continued uninterrupted by pioneering the use of Zoom for ACF Chapter meetings, helping his peers stay connected at a time when many organizations were struggling to adapt.

Kachnavage is also a valued member of ACF's Education Committee and has played a critical role in advancing ACF's Practice of Consulting Forestry (PCF) course by consistently stepping up as a course proctor. He recently completed an extended term as a Trustee including several years as Treasurer for the Practicing Foresters Institute, a charitable arm of ACF and was a member of ACF's former Strategic Efforts Task Force.

"ACF has always been about showing up—for your peers, for your chapter, and for the profession," said Kachnavage. "I'm grateful for this recognition, but I'm even more grateful for the people I've had the chance to work with and learn from along the way."

Kachnavage holds a B.S. in Forestry from Purdue University and has been practicing forestry for over 18 years. His company, Woodland Works, provides a variety of forest management services to landowners in southern Indiana.

“Nathan’s dependability and dedication exemplify the best of what ACF members stand for,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, ACF’s Executive Director. “He embodies the spirit of service and collaboration that strengthens our association from the inside out.”

The 2025 ACF President’s Awards were announced during the 2025 ACF National Conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Kachnavage was recognized alongside fellow 2025 President’s Award recipient Taylor Wilson of Lufkin, Texas, 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.

About Woodland Works:

Based in Salem, Indiana and serving landowners throughout southern Indiana, Woodland Works provides forest and wildland management services including but not limited to timber marking and marketing, timber stand improvement, invasive species control, and management plan development. Contact Nathan Kachnavage at nkachnav@gmail.com to learn more.

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