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**Lufkin Business Owner Elected Gulf Region Director
for the Association of Consulting Foresters**

[Williamsburg, VA]— [The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](https://www.acf-foresters.org/) (ACF) is pleased to announce the election of Chris Adams as Gulf Region Director. Adams will assume his role on July 1, 2023, and his term will run through June 30, 2026. ACF is a national organization committed to serving independent consulting foresters who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

As Gulf Region Director, Adams will be responsible for providing support to strengthen and serving as a spokesperson for members in ACF's Gulf region which includes eight states extending from Texas north to Missouri and east to Alabama. With his extensive experience and dedication to the forestry profession, Adams brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this position.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chris as Gulf Region Director," said Wayne Pfluger, President of ACF. "His proven leadership as well as passion for the association and consulting forester profession make him an excellent choice for this role. We are confident that under his guidance, the Gulf region will continue to thrive."

Adams has a distinguished career in forestry, with over 24 years of experience working with various stakeholders. He is the President & owner of [Vision Forestry, LLC](https://www.visionforestry.com/) in Lufkin, Texas, providing sound forest management advice to forest landowners in East Texas and Louisiana. Previously, Adams worked for Texas Farm Credit as a rural lender specializing in timberland acquisition lending, in the positions of staff forester then Operations Manager for Bird Forestry, and as a Forestry Extension Assistant at the Texas A&M Research Station in Overton. He holds a B.S. in Forestry from Texas A&M University.

Adams joined ACF as a Full Member in 2010 and has served as ACF's Education Committee Chair and Texas Chapter Chair. He currently serves as Chair of the Member Benefits Committee and received the association's President's Award in 2022. Adams is also an active member of the Texas Forestry Association and is a founding member of the Texas Accredited Foresters Council. Chris was born and raised in the heart of East Texas. He now lives in Lufkin with his wife and business partner, Susan, and daughter, Madeline.

"I am honored to be elected as ACF's Gulf Region Director," said Adams. "I am passionate about the responsible management of our forests and the vital role consulting foresters play in achieving this goal. I look forward to working with fellow professionals and stakeholders to advance the interests of our profession while addressing challenges and opportunities in the Gulf region."

"I'm delighted to work with Chris in his role as ACF's Gulf Region Director," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, ACF's Executive Director. "I look forward collaborating with him to further the association's mission."

Adams joins current members of ACF's 2023-2024 Executive Committee:

President: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF of Lone Star Forestry, LLC in Huntsville, TX

President-Elect: Rick N. Barnes, ACF (Ret.) of Mason, Bruce, & Girard, Inc. in Roseburg, OR

Past-President: Justin M. Miller, ACF of Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. in Pelkie, MI

Northern Region Director: Jeffrey E. Hutchinson, ACF of Summit Forestry Group, Inc. in Weston, WV

Southern Region Director: James P. Alfriend, ACF of James I. Alfriend Consulting Foresters in Thomson, GA

Western Region Director: Michael F. Wolcott, ACF of Inland Forest Management, Inc. in Sandpoint, ID

Treasurer: Thomas R. Clark, ACF of F&W Forestry Services, Inc. in LaFayette, AL

Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF of Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc. in Tomahawk, 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 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 Vision Forestry, LLC:

Founded in 2020, Vision Forestry, LLC, is a turn-key natural resource consulting firm dedicated to serving the land management needs of private forest landowners, timberland investment groups, conservation groups, financial institutions and many others. Vision has an extensive background in implementing forest resource assessments/valuations, appraisals, multi-resource planning strategies, forest product sales, reforestation, tax basis analyses, financial analyses for timberland acquisitions, and long-term wetland mitigation monitoring projects. Visit www.vision-forestry.com to learn more.

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