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**SAF CEO Terry Baker Honored with Outstanding Partner Award by
the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.**

[Lynchburg, VA] — [The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF) is honored to name Terry Baker, CEO of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), as the inaugural recipient of the ACF Outstanding Partner Award. ACF is a national organization committed to serving independent consulting foresters who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. This newly established award celebrates individuals or organizations outside of ACF membership who have advanced ACF's mission through collaborative efforts and shared leadership.

"Terry's impact on ACF - and on the entire forestry community - has been tremendous," said ACF President Rick Barnes. "He has helped build stronger bridges between our organizations and has shown unwavering support for consulting foresters across the country."

Since assuming leadership at SAF in 2018, Baker has shown a consistent commitment to collaboration, innovation, and mentorship. His presence and partnership have significantly enhanced the relationship between ACF and SAF, ensuring it's one mutual respect and alignment.

One of Baker's most visible contributions was his support of the second edition of *Introduction to Consulting Forestry*, a publication jointly developed by ACF and SAF. The book is now being used in university forestry programs to help prepare future professionals and foster understanding of the consulting forestry profession.

"This recognition means a great deal to me," said Baker. "Collaboration between professional forestry organizations strengthens our collective impact, and I'm proud to support ACF and the important work of consulting foresters nationwide."

"Terry has played a key role in fostering a stronger, more collaborative forestry community," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. "He's been a thoughtful ally, a visible supporter, and a true partner in elevating the consulting forestry profession."

The Outstanding Partner Award was created by ACF to recognize individuals, organizations, or companies outside of ACF membership that have made a lasting, positive impact through partnership, mission alignment, and tangible contributions to the field of forestry.

Baker was honored at the 2025 ACF National Conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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. The Outstanding Partner Award was created by ACF to recognize individuals, organizations, or companies outside of ACF membership that have made a lasting, positive impact through partnership, mission alignment, and tangible contributions to the field of forestry.

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.

About the Society of American Foresters (SAF):

Founded in 1900 by Gifford Pinchot, SAF promotes science-based, sustainable management and stewardship of the nation's public and private forests. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, SAF members include forestry and natural resources professionals in public and private settings, researchers, CEOs, administrators, NGOs, consulting foresters, educators, and students. Visit www.eforesters.org to learn more.

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