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### **Texas Named Association of Consulting Foresters' Large Chapter of the Year** *Sponsored by STIHL, the Award Recognizes California's Outstanding Achievements*

Williamsburg, VA – For exemplifying outstanding contributions to forestry, their local community and the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#), (ACF), ACF's Texas chapter has been awarded its Large Chapter of the Year Award. ACF is a national organization of forestry professionals that help landowners address their land-use and forestry challenges.

Sponsored by [STIHL](#)®, the large chapter of the year award honors one of ACF's 24 chapters with more than 20 members. As part of the honor, the Texas chapter will receive \$1,500 which recognizes the chapter's strength in membership and recruitment, continuing education, outreach to related organizations, outreach to landowners, and short-and long-term goals. This is the second year in a row that ACF's Texas Chapter has received this award.

"Despite COVID-19, our chapter continued to meet, conduct outreach to related organizations, increase connections to landowners, said Jason Raines, ACF, Vice President of Operations, [Acorn Forestry](#), Lufkin, TX; and ACF's Texas chapter chair. "We are honored to receive this award and thank STIHL for its sponsorship."

The award recognizes the activities of the Texas chapter from June 2020 to June 2021.

"The chapter received the award for improving the chapter's visibility and promoting its brand; increasing membership including outreach to recruit members under 40; and preparing to host ACF's 2022 national conference," said Justin Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF. The ACF 2020 conference was originally scheduled to be held in Austin, but was cancelled due to COVID-19.

ACF's Small Chapter of the Year award, was given to the ACF Florida chapter for meeting similar criteria. The Small Chapter award of \$500 honors an ACF chapter with less than 20 members.

"On behalf of ACF members, we want to congratulate the Texas chapter for capturing the Large Chapter of the Year Award," Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director of ACF. "We want to thank STIHL for sponsoring the two chapter of the year awards for the fourth year."

The consulting foresters that comprise ACF membership are located across the U.S. Through their work with landowners, they enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, protect wildlife habitat, and establish and protect a family's forest legacy. Because of their vital role in the supply chain, ACF members have been deemed essential workers during COVID-19.

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](http://www.acf-foresters.org).

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#### **About ACF**

Founded in 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters represents independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. 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 your family's forest legacy. As the gold standard of consulting foresters, ACF has 24 chapters across the U.S. offers its members professional development, publications, insurance, networking opportunities, and advocacy information on state and federal issues. For more information, log onto [www.acf-foresters.org](http://www.acf-foresters.org).