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**Sandpoint Business Owner Elected Western Regional Director
for the Association of Consulting Foresters**
Mike Wolcott, ACF, CF, Co-Founder/Owner, Inland Forest Management, Inc.

Williamsburg, VA – Sandpoint business co-founder and current owner, Mike Wolcott, ACF, CF, [Inland Forest Management Inc.](#) (IFM), was elected Western Regional Director of the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF). ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

“I know I’ll be relying on Mike’s leadership and in-depth knowledge of the Western region,” said Justin M. Miller, ACF, [Green Timber Consulting Forestry, Inc.](#), and president of ACF.

A member of ACF since 1994, Mike helped create ACF’s Inland Empire Chapter in 2001, and has periodically served as its chapter chair. He was chairperson of the 2001 ACF National Meeting in Spokane. Currently, he serves on the ACF’s magazine, *The Consultant*, Editorial Committee.

“Working as a consulting forester is my dream job,” said Wolcott. “The mission and core values of ACF walk lock-step with my beliefs. I welcome the opportunity to further serve ACF, while promoting our organization’s principles and our members’ best interests.”

In addition to his ACF volunteering, Mike is the chair of the Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council and represents family forest owners on the Idaho State Tax Commission Forestland Tax Committee. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, a certified forester, a certified Tree Farm Inspector, and a Natural Resource Conservation Service Technical Service Provider (the first private forester to acquire that credential west of the Mississippi River).

Growing up in the Inland Northwest on his family’s north Idaho tree farm, Mike developed a love of the outdoors. After earning a B.S. degree in forest management from Washington State University, he began his career in southern Oregon working for the Oregon Department of Forestry. In 1984, he and Dick Bradetich co-founded IFM.

“I’m delighted to continue to work with Mike as the new Western Regional Director,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “I look forward to partnering with him to further the association’s mission.”

Wolcott joins current members of ACF’s 2021 Executive Committee:

- President, Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Forestry, Inc., Pelkie, MI
- President-Elect: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, Huntsville, TX
- Past-President: Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL
- Northern Regional Director: Rene D. Noel, Jr., ACF, Southern Maine Forestry Service, Inc., Windham, ME
- Southern Regional Director: Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, Rock Springs Forestry, Inc., Courtland, VA
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, Mason, Bruce, Girard, Inc., Portland, OR
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI

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 a family’s forest legacy. Because of their vital role in the supply chain, ACF members were 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.

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About ACF

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About Inland Forest Management, Inc.

Founded in 1984, IFM offers a wide range of forest management assistance to private landowners, as well as providing wildland fire suppression resources (eight wildland engines) to various governmental agencies. Services include management plans, timber sales, cruise and appraisals, baseline studies, planting and thinning administration, and hazardous fuel mitigation (federal grant administration and prescribed burning). IFM employs five full-time foresters and nine seasonal foresters, as well as numerous wildfire specialists. For more information, log onto www.inlandforest.com.