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### **Atlanta's Charles L. VanOver, ACF, Forest Investments Associates, Named Distinguished Forester by the Association of Consulting Foresters**

Williamsburg, VA –For his lifetime dedication to contributing to forestry and to the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](#) (ACF), Charles (Charlie) VanOver, ACF, Vice President, Director of Corporate Development, Forest Investments Associates (FIA), of Atlanta, GA, has been honored with the organization's national Distinguished Forester award. The award marks a forester's contributions to apply forestry on private lands, to advance the profession, to protect the private ownership of forestlands, and to participate in the national organization.

"Charlie deserves this award for his countless valuable contributions to the forestry industry," said Justin M. Miller, ACF, [Green Timber Consulting Forestry, Inc.](#), and president of ACF. "He served as president of ACF and has contributed not just to ACF but to many forestry organizations."

In 2006, Charlie was honored with ACF's President's Award. He served as the president of ACF from 2012 to 2014 and was ACF's finance committee chair, a member of ACF's two strategic planning task forces, and participated on ACF's nominations, practice monitoring, and executive director search committees.

"I am humbled to receive this honor," said Charlie. "I feel honored to have participated in the growth of ACF, the industry, and to help young professionals entering the industry."

Charlie joined FIA in 1994 as Vice President, Director of Real Estate Transactions, where he managed the acquisition and sale of forestland until January 2019. His current responsibilities as Vice President, Director of Corporate Development, include strategic planning, professional association representation, new product development and the firm's leadership, education and professional development program (LEAD FIA). As a member of the Real Estate Transactions Team, his 42 years of forestry experience continues to add value to the FIA's transaction activities.

Before he joined FIA, Charlie worked for The Travelers Insurance Company where he was responsible for Travelers' timber and forestland investments in the Eastern U.S. He also worked for Georgia Pacific Corporation in timber procurement management positions, with

responsibilities for timber valuation, contract negotiations, harvest planning/supervision and landowner relations.

“We congratulate Charlie for his contributions to ACF,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “This is the highest honor a consulting forester can achieve, and it couldn’t have gone to anyone more deserving.”

In addition to his activities with ACF, Charlie is a Certified Forester with Society of American Foresters and served as an SAF chapter chairperson. He also serves as a Board of Directors’ member for the Forest History Society and the Forest Landowners Association. Additionally, he’s active in community and civic organizations.

He graduated with a B.S. in Forest Resources Management from West Virginia University.

Foresters considered for this award are nominated and voted on by their ACF member peers across the country.

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 family 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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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).