

**Oregon Society of American Foresters Honors Steve Cafferata
With Lifetime Achievement Award**

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PORLAND— Steve Cafferata has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oregon Society of American Foresters (OSAF) in recognition for his lifetime contribution to the Society of American Foresters and the forestry profession. The award was presented during the OSAF virtual Annual Meeting on May 13, 2021.

“Steve is a can-do individual – taking on tasks and excelling at completing them. Throughout his work career and ongoing service to OSAF, he has done exemplary work and continues to do so. He is an amazing asset for forestry, small woodland owners, and the Society of American Foresters” said OSAF Awards Committee Co-Chair Tim Keith.

Steve worked as forester for Weyerhaeuser Company for over 30 years. When he moved into an administrative role, he was called upon to do various analytical, legal, and other such tasks that field foresters avoided, but Steve hunkered down and did these so well that he was called upon to do more.

Since retiring around 2010, Steve and his wife Wylda have bought four forested properties, and they are all certified Tree Farms under the standards of the American Tree Farm System. The couple also manages two Boy Scout properties and perform the needed vegetation control at no cost to the Boy Scouts.

Steve remains an active volunteer in the forestry community by serving as an advisory member of the Oregon Natural Resources Education Foundation for the Pleasant Hill sub-fund and represents small woodland owners on the Emergency Fire Cost Committee.

The many recognitions he has earned over the years include being named Forester of the Year in 1998 by OSAF, awarded the title of Presidential Field Forester in 2000, and becoming a SAF Fellow in 2003.

OSAF and its 15 local chapters represent all segments the forestry profession within the state. The society includes public and private practitioners, researchers, administrators, educators, and forestry students. Its mission is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethics of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

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