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The Alabama Forestry Foundation Announces the Appointment of Chris Erwin as Its Executive Vice President

Montgomery, AL – AFF President & CEO announced today that Chris Erwin has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President of the Alabama Forestry Foundation where he will lead the Foundation’s forest conservation, education, and outreach programs.

Erwin earned a Bachelors of Science in Biology from Troy University and a Masters of Forestry from the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment from Auburn University. Chris has more than twenty years of experience developing, implementing, and managing forest education, certification, and conservation programs. Most recently, he served as the Director of Improved Forest Management, Director of Biodiversity and Southern Conservation and the Director of the American Tree Farm System with the American Forest Foundation. Prior to that, Chris was the Director of Forestry Programs for the Alabama Forestry Association.

“We are incredibly excited to have Chris returning to lead the Alabama Forestry Foundation,” said Isaacson. “Our Foundation programs and their impact have grown tremendously over the last five years and we are poised for even greater growth. Chris is exactly the right person to continue to lead this effort and ensure that we’re fulfilling our mission to ensure Alabama’s forests remain healthy and sustainable.”

While Chris remained a member and could be seen regularly at the Association, he is excited to be back on staff. Erwin says, “I was fortunate to start my career in natural resources at the Alabama Forestry Association. My time there gave me a broad perspective of the forestry community and my relationships with members and staff have supported me over my career. I’m excited to lead the work of the Foundation in promoting the values of the Association and its membership.”

Erwin lives near Wetumpka with his wife, Melanee, first grade teacher at Redland Elementary, and their four children, Mollie, a junior at Troy University, Miller, a junior at Wetumpka High, Lillie, an 8th grader at Redland Middle, and Cullen, a 6th grader at Redland Middle.

Chris will begin his position on July 1st and can be reached at cerwin@alaforestry.org.

The Alabama Forestry Foundation (AFF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation founded to promote forestry and the forest industry, grow markets for wood products, and conduct conservation, education, and outreach programs to ensure Alabama’s forests are healthy and managed sustainably. AFF is affiliated with the Alabama Forestry Association which represents Alabama’s forestry community with membership that includes forest products manufacturers, landowners, loggers, wood dealers, foresters, consultants, and others involved in forestry. To learn more, visit: <https://www.alabamaforestryfoundation.org/>.