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Local Forester Recognized as Society of American Foresters Fellow

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. — John Twitchell, district forester for the Colorado State Forest Service Steamboat Springs District, was recently honored by the Society of American Foresters through designation as a SAF Fellow. Only select society members who have provided outstanding contributions to the forestry profession are recognized with the title.

“The title of Fellow is reserved for no more than five percent of the Society of American Foresters’ membership, and signifies impressive dedication and accomplishment in the field of forestry,” said Mike Lester, Colorado’s state forester and a past president of SAF.

Twitchell has been an SAF member since 1984, and has worked as the district forester for the CSFS Steamboat Springs District since 2005. In his more than 30 years as a forester, Twitchell has owned his own logging company, worked as a private forest industry consultant, and managed the 72,000-acre Colorado State Forest timber program, among many other endeavors and accomplishments.

“I hope that perhaps what best characterizes my forestry career is a commitment to promoting a healthy, viable forest products industry as a means to accomplish the goals that we as foresters hope to achieve on the landscape,” said Twitchell.

For more information on the Society of American Foresters Fellow designation, visit <http://www.safnet.org/about/fellows.cfm>.

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