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Forest Policy Expert Joins NAFO's Staff

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) is pleased to announce that Chip Murray will be joining NAFO's staff as the Vice President for Policy and General Counsel.

David P. Tenny, President and CEO of NAFO, said, "Chip brings a depth of experience with the land that is unrivaled in the forest policy world. His knowledge combined with his proven track record for working with partners to seek common sense solutions will help America's private forest owners lead the way in building a strong future for forest owners and their contributions to renewable energy, climate change mitigation, conservation and traditional markets."

Chip will be responsible for policy development and working with partners, federal agencies and others to advance NAFO's priorities. Additionally, he will serve as internal legal counsel to NAFO on policy, advocacy, and administrative matters. Chip joins NAFO on May 10, 2010.

Chip currently serves as Deputy General Counsel and Executive Director of forestry issues for the American Forest & Paper Association, where he has worked since 1989. During the past 20 years, Chip has managed key forestry programs related to species habitat, clean water and sustainable forest management. He also established the legal support program for both private and federal forestland. Prior to that, he held the position of Assistant Solicitor in the U.S. Department of the Interior, preceded by service as a staff attorney in the Interior Office of the Solicitor and Interior Board of Land Appeals. He is a past chair of the American Bar Association's Forest Resources Committee. He earned both his legal and undergraduate degrees from Georgetown University.

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NAFO is an organization of private forest owners committed to advancing federal policies that promote the economic and environmental values of privately-owned forests at the national level. NAFO membership encompasses more than 75 million acres of private forestland in 47 states. To see the economic impact of America's working forests, visit www.nafoalliance.org/economic-impact-report.