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JOE YOUNG HONORED FOR ACTIVISM

Washington, DC – The **Forest Resources Association** conferred its 2016 National Outstanding Forestry Activist Award on Joe Young, President of Low Country Forest Products, based in Georgetown, South Carolina.

FRA Chairman Tom Reed presented the award at FRA's May 5th Annual Awards Dinner in



Colorado Springs, Colorado, congratulating Joe on his dedication to raising the public's and policymakers' awareness of the importance of timber harvesting and the forest industry.

Joe thanked Tom for the honor, commenting, "It has been a wonderful career. The Lord has allowed me to do things I'd never dreamed about. There's nobody can represent a logger like a logger, that truly understands what it's like to get up at 4:30 every morning, not because you have to but because you want to."

"I thank FRA, and I especially thank my friends in South Carolina who nominated me."

FRA Executive Committee member Joe Young has truly integrated outreach and pro-forestry activism into his long career as a logging entrepreneur.

In his community, in South Carolina, throughout the Southeast, and nationally, Joe Young has had a significant influence in shaping public perception and understanding of forestry and logging—whether hosting a teachers’ tour, visiting a high school to promote logging as a profession, leading development of an equipment operator training program, or through his direct contacts with state and federal policymakers on issues concerning forestry—notably leading the enactment of the South Carolina Intrastate Forest Products Trucking Regulations in late ‘90s.

Joe has served in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He has been a leader in the South Carolina Forestry Association, the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, and the South Carolina Trucking Association; and he served a term as the National Forestry Division Chairman of the American Trucking Associations’ Agriculture & Food Transporters Conference.

Joe is that rare individual who believes 100% in the importance of a life of service. He lives and breathes forestry and is proud to be a timber harvester. Being an activist, often at substantial personal sacrifice, comes naturally to him.

The **Forest Resources Association Inc.** is a nonprofit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.

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Caption for photo: “FRA Chairman Tom Reed (left) congratulates Joe Young, FRA’s 2016 National Forestry Activist.”