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## RMS Receives Three Prestigious Forestry Awards for 2020

*Society of American Foresters, Longleaf Alliance  
and Forest Landowners Association Offer Recognition*

*Birmingham, Alabama – December 15, 2020:* Resource Management Service, LLC (RMS), one of the world's leading managers of forest investments for institutional investors, has been recognized with three prestigious awards for 2020 by prominent forestry-based organizations with which the firm has partnered for many years.

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) awarded the company its "Employer Leadership Award;" The Longleaf Alliance, which seeks to protect and restore longleaf pine habitat in the U.S. Southeast, recognized RMS with its "Palustris Corporate Achievement Award;" and, the Forest Landowners Association (FLA) recognized RMS with its "Corporate Partner of the Year Award."

"We are extremely proud to have been recognized this year by three of our most valued partners for being a top employer within the forest management sector, for our work on longleaf pine restoration, and for providing important corporate support to the private forest landowner community," said Craig Blair, President and CEO of RMS.

Commenting further on the honors, Blair said, "As a company, we tend to keep a low profile. We prefer to allow our actions as practitioners of responsible and sustainable forestry, and as a partner to other organizations that share our passion for it, to speak for us. However, it is very gratifying to be recognized by these three organizations because we have great respect for their people, their missions and their values. Being honored by them in these ways, and all in the same year, means a great deal to our company, to our people and to our investors."

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RMS is led by investment-trained professional foresters. Its founders believed in the importance of employee ownership and that principle is still fundamental to how the business operates today. According to Blair, the firm's culture is anchored by a dynamic and entrepreneurial spirit, which he believes promotes commitment and enables the firm to recruit and retain a talented and increasingly diverse workforce, which currently numbers 165 on a global basis.

"All of the working forests we manage for our investors in the U.S. and abroad are third-party certified to the world's leading forest management standards, including the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®)," said Jimmy Bullock, Senior Vice President of Forest Sustainability at RMS. "We also are signatories to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI®) and these affiliations, combined with our forestry heritage, strongly influence our approach to forest sustainability as well as our commitment to raising societal awareness about both the importance of forests and the rewards of pursuing a career in forestry," he continued.

In accepting the awards on behalf of RMS, Craig Blair said, "To be recognized by your peers is an honor of the highest magnitude. RMS' belief that we must give back to our profession is reflected in our Vision statement: 'To advance the practice of forestry and appreciation for the societal importance of privately-owned forests.' Among other things, we believe these awards reflect our efforts to recruit the best and brightest people from all sectors of society to the forestry profession by mentoring young foresters and resource professionals – many who have diverse backgrounds and cultural origins – through our scholarship and internship programs."

RMS is one of the world's leading providers of forest investment services for institutional and high-net-worth investors. Such investors own forests to preserve capital, enhance portfolio diversification, hedge inflation and benefit from returns that are comprised of both near-term income and long-term asset appreciation.

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