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Members of the Committee on Professional Recognition:

The Oregon Society of American Foresters is proud to nominate Mr. Wayne R. Geisy from Philomath, OR for recognition as an Honorary Member of the Society of American Foresters. We have attached for your review and evaluation the completed nomination form with supporting documentation for Mr. Geisy that demonstrates his commitment forestry for more than six decades. Today, at 93 years of age, Mr. Geisy continues his active involvement in the forest products industry, promoting sound forestry education and forest management practices.

Mr. Geisy graduated from high school in 1938. He was offered a basketball scholarship at Gonzaga University, but had to turn it down to help care for other younger family members during the depression years. In 1943 he enlisted in the US Army, where he attended Officer Candidate School, graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant Combat Engineer. He was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington and served until the end of the war.

After the war, Wayne bought an interest in the Monroe Feed Store, and ran the business for several years. During that time he became acquainted with Ralph Hull, of Hull-Oakes Lumber Company in Dawson, OR. This began a friendship and business relationship that continues today.

In the early 1950s Wayne became interested in politics, and served as a Member of the Oregon Legislature from 1955-57 as State Representative from Benton County, OR. He served with and became good friends with Mark Hatfield, who went on to be Oregon's Governor and then US Senator.

During his time in the Legislature, Wayne worked on two important issues related to the forestry profession: fire protection practices and management of state owned forest lands. He became acquainted with Bill Hagenstein, Executive Vice-President of the Industrial Forestry Association. This was the beginning of another long-term friendship and professional relationship that

continues today. Mr. Hagenstein, Past President of the Society of American Foresters, now 98 years old himself, meets for lunch with Wayne every other week to discuss forestry issues.

In the late 1970s Wayne established a gypo logging business, Midas, Inc. that specialized in Red alder logs. Then in 1983 Ralph Hull asked Wayne to become a log buyer for Hull-Oakes Lumber Company. He successfully guided that company's operations for more than a decade. During that time he also helped forge relationships with a number of local environmental and industrial organizations, including the Alsea Valley Alliance (AVA) and Western Oregon Timber Supporters (WOTS). He was also a very active participant in the Oregon Forest Industry Council (OFIC), the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC), and the Oregon Board of Forestry. Today, Wayne continues to actively participate in the activities of these organizations, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Forest Industry Council.

In 1996 Wayne was selected "Lumberman of the Year" by the Portland, Oregon Wholesaler's Club. Also in 1996, he helped place the Hull-Oakes sawmill on the National Registry of Historic Places. Later that year, he helped design and launch the Oregon Websites and Watersheds Project (ORWW) with forester Bob Zybach, who subsequently obtained his Masters degree and PhD in Environmental Sciences from Oregon State University. This project is dedicated to showing students how to use internet communications and scientific methodology to help manage Oregon's natural and cultural resources.

Through the years, Wayne has actively engaged with the Dean and faculty at the College of Forestry at Oregon State University. He has been a major supporter of OSU's Forest Management and Forest Engineering programs, and continues to regularly attend meetings and workshops at OSU. In the past several months, Wayne provided significant support for hiring the new Dean of the College of Forestry, Dr. Thomas Maness.

In 2003 Wayne was recognized by the Oregon Forest Industries Council with the Ted Young Stewardship Award, for excellence in conservation and wise use of forest resources.

Just last month, and prior to his 93rd birthday, Wayne was inducted into the Amity High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

In summary Mr. Wayne Geisy has had an exemplary career in the forest products industry, where he continues to serve as an active champion of sound forest practices, quality forest management and stewardship, and quality forestry education. He maintains amazing energy and passion for this profession given his age, and is well known and respected by his peers. We believe that Mr. Geisy is most deserving of recognition as an Honorary Member of the Society of American Foresters. In fact next month, to show our deep appreciation for Wayne's long-term contribution to forestry, the Oregon Society of American Foresters will confer Honorary Membership to Wayne at our Annual Meeting in Pendleton, Oregon.

We enthusiastically endorse for Honorary Membership at the national level. If you require additional information or clarification of materials in this nomination packet, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ron Boldenow

Ron Boldenow, PhD, CF, State Chair
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Attachments: Nomination Form
Biosketch
(3) Letters of Endorsement