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ODNR Forester Named Ohio Tree Farm Inspector of the Year

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John Jolliff, an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) service forester in north central Ohio, recently received the Ohio Tree Farm Committee's Inspector of the Year award.

This award annually recognizes a tree farm inspector who has done an outstanding job of interacting with landowners through inspections, certifications and public outreach.

"I am proud of John for his hard work and attention to details throughout the year inspecting many certified Tree Farms in addition to other private woodlands, creating management plans for sustainable woodlands, his dedication to the division's Call-Before-You-Cut program, and conducting educational events for landowners," said Mark Wilthew, service forestry coordinator for north central and north eastern Ohio.

"John is an outstanding service forester and I am pleased that the Ohio Tree Farm Committee has recognized him in this way," said Robert Boyles, chief of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

The ODNR Division of Forestry and the Ohio Forestry Association jointly sponsor the Ohio Tree Farm Committee, which is a state committee of the American Forest Foundation's American Tree Farm System (ATFS).

Throughout his career, John has been active in the Ohio Tree Farm Program, serving as the Area 1 Chair of the Ohio Tree Farm Committee in 2003-2006. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1992.

John works out of the ODNR Division of Forestry office in the Mohican-Memorial State Forest, and has been a service forester to landowners in north central Ohio for fourteen years.

Side Bar:

Each fall the area chairs of the Ohio Tree Farm Committee are asked for nominations for the Inspector of the Year award. These nominations are presented to the full Ohio Tree Farm Committee. The award is presented at the Tree Farm Luncheon at the Ohio Forestry Association Annual Meeting in the spring. The inspector will then be considered for nomination for the ATFS Regional Inspector of the Year. Ohio is in the North Central Region that includes eleven states. Four regional winners are then candidates for the National Outstanding Inspecting Forester of the Year.

Past Inspectors of the Year include:

2000 Randy Clum, ('01Regional)
2001 Jim Elze, ('02 Regional)
2002 Harold Bower
2003 Jerry Williams
2004 Jeremy Scherf ('05 Regional)
2005 Dean Berry
2006 Bill Serbonich
2007 Joe Puperi
2008 Jerry Williams
2009 Cody Hacker
2010 Dean Berry ('10 Regional)