

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
 Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Tom Boggus

2. Your Title: State Forester and Director of the Texas A&M Forest Service

3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: National Association of State Foresters

4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
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5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.

National Association of State Foresters
 Listing of Federal grants and/or contracts received since January 1, 2015

Source	Grant Number	2015	2016	2017	2018
USDA Forest Service	17-DG-11132543-045	-	-	198,000	198,000
USDA Forest Service	17-DG-11132543-046	-	-	153,600	75,510
USDA Forest Service	17-CA-11132543-026	-	-	148,800	148,800
USDA Forest Service	17-DG-11132543-031			262,000	150,000
USDA Forest Service	16-DG-11132543-059	-	80,500	80,500	19,456
USDA Forest Service	16-DG-11132543-060		185,504	185,504	181,216
USDA Forest Service	15-DG-11132543-052	139,750	139,750	139,750	139,750
USDA Forest Service	14-DG-11132543-085	87,290	116,477	116,477	116,477
USDA Forest Service	14-DG-11132543-084	79,283	65,000	79,283	57,610
USDA Forest Service	14-DG-11132543-083	168,665	173,980	173,980	98,296
		<u>474,988</u>	<u>761,211</u>	<u>1,537,894</u>	<u>1,185,115</u>

6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.

Signature: 

Date: September 10, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TRUTH-IN-TESTIMONY DISCLOSURE FORM

In General. The attached form is intended to assist witnesses appearing before the Committee on Energy and Commerce in complying with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, which provides:

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. (C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government. (D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

Please complete the form in accordance with these directions.

1. ***Name, Title, Entity(ies) (Items 1-3 on the form).*** Please provide the name and title of the witness and the entity(ies) on whose behalf the witness is testifying.
2. ***Governmental Entity (Item 4).*** Please check the box indicating whether or not the witness is testifying on behalf of a government entity, such as a Federal department or agency, or a State or local department, agency, or jurisdiction. Trade or professional associations of public officials are not considered to be governmental organizations.
Grants and Contracts (Item 5). Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. For each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing, please include the amount and source of each. For each payment or contract originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing, please include the amount and country of origin of each. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.
3. ***Curriculum Vitae (Item 6).*** Please attach your CV to your completed disclosure form.
4. ***Submission.*** Please sign and date the form in the appropriate place. Please submit this form with your written testimony. Please note that under the Committee's rules, copies of a written statement of your proposed testimony must be submitted before the commencement of the

hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, please also provide a copy in electronic format according to the Electronic Format Guidelines that accompany these instructions.

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OBJECTIVE

To make a difference! Make a difference in the lives of those who own, work, or protect the forest resources of our state and nation; and a difference in the lives of the rest of the world who use these resources everyday.

EDUCATION

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Masters of Science - Forestry - 1980

Wildlife management emphasis; Thesis topic: Effects of soil/cover on American Woodcock habitat

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Bachelor of Science - Forestry - 1978

General forestry degree

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, WACO, TEXAS

No degree earned but received excellent liberal arts undergraduate background - 1974-76

EXPERIENCE

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, COLLEGE STATION

State Forester and Agency Director – February, 2010 - Present

Provide leadership and direction to the agency along with the TFS Executive Team. Serve as the State Forester for Texas and represent the state in state, regional, and national levels such as the Texas Forestry Association, the Southern Group of State Foresters, the National Association of State Foresters, and Society of American Foresters. Serve on Vice Chancellor of Agriculture's Executive Committee along with CEO's of the other AgriLife agencies. Lead the legislative initiatives of the agency during the Texas Legislative Sessions and Interim Studies.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, COLLEGE STATION

Interim Director – June, 2008 – February, 2010

(Same duties as above)

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, COLLEGE STATION

Associate Director, Forest Resource Development and Sustainable Forestry – 2005 to June, 2008

Provide direction and oversight to the "forest management / conservation" programs of the agency while serving on the Executive Team. Provide leadership to programs that include Forest Stewardship, Forest Pest Management, Urban Forestry, Forest Inventory and Analysis, and Best Management Practices. Serve on statewide and regional committees within the professional societies and associations. Serve as the Forest Management Chief for Texas and TFS as required.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, COLLEGE STATION

Associate Director, Administration – 1996 – 2005

Provide leadership and direction to the administrative functions of the agency and employee development that include finance, human resources, communications, and information technology. Also provide direct support to the Agency Director in preparing TAMU System and Texas Legislative briefings and reports such as budgets, strategic plans, and Legislative Appropriations Requests.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, COLLEGE STATION

Staff Forester III - 1987 to 1996

Assist the Head, Forest Resource Development Department deliver a variety of programs to the citizens of Texas such as the reforestation cost-share programs, certified vendor program, urban forestry program, and Forest Stewardship program ; Liaison to USDA -Forest Service State and Private Regional Staff in Atlanta, Georgia; Coordinate and arrange the statewide Arbor Day Celebration and Texas Urban Forestry Conference; Recruit and fill vacant professional forester positions within the agency.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, LUFKIN

County Forester - 1982 to 1987

Assist with nonindustrial private forest landowners (NIPF) with the management of their forest resources; Wildfire and insect/disease infestation suppression activities; Train, supervise, and develop 6 employees; Conduct numerous tours, workshops, and training for various groups and visitors to our East Texas "agency sub-headquarters" in Lufkin.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE, LINDEN

Forester I - 1980 to 1982

Training slot with the agency; Assist NIPF owners with reforestation and other forest resource management needs; and suppress wildfires as required.

AWARDS / HONORS

Chair-Elect, Southern Group of State Foresters – 2016

Treasurer, Southern Group of State Foresters - 2015

Chair, Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Committee – 2015 - present

Chair, NASF Communications Committee – 2012 - 2015

Stephen F. Austin State University Distinguished Alumnus Award - 2013

Texas Chapter, Society of American Foresters Distinguished Service Award - 2008

Regents fellow Service Award – 2007

President, Texas Forestry Association – 2006

Vice-President, Texas Forestry Association – 2005

Chairman, Southern Wildland Urban Interface Council (Southern Region) – 2005 to 2009

Chairman, Southern Group of State Foresters Management Committee – 2004 to 2006

Fellow (elected), Society of American Foresters – 2002

AgriLife Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence – 1994

Texas Chapter, Society of American Foresters Young Forester's Award – 1991

Texas Forest Service Director's Award for Technical Forestry (first ever given) – 1985

PERSONAL

Married to Charlene Jones Boggus (January 1980)

One son, Christopher Thomas – Eagle Scout, Baylor Magnum Cum Laude Graduate; Masters of Divinity, Southwestern Theological Seminary; married to Becky and have three daughters – Avery, Lydia, and Haddie.

Music Director at local churches for 28 years

Sunday school teacher for 31 years

Cub and Boy Scout leader for 15 years.