



January 3, 2017

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Richard J. Koubek, Executive Vice President & Provost  
Office of Academic Affairs  
156 Thomas Boyd Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Dear Dr. Koubek:

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) appreciates Louisiana State University's dedication to excellence in professional forestry and natural resource education and its continued support of specialized accreditation review.

I am pleased to let you know that the SAF Committee on Accreditation has granted accreditation, under the Forestry standard, to the Forest Resource Management (FRM), Forest Enterprise (FENT), and Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Management (WHCM) areas of concentration and, under the Natural Resource and Ecosystem Management standard, to the Conservation Biology (CB), Ecological Restoration (ER), and Wetland Science (WS), areas of concentration all leading to the B.S. in Natural Resource Ecology and Management, as administered by the School of Renewable Natural Resources, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2026.

Details of the COA's findings and requested follow up actions are included in the enclosed Summary Findings and Action.

The Society's goal is to maintain a responsive accreditation process; therefore, I encourage you to make any suggestions that may help to keep accreditation an effective tool for assessing and improving the quality of professional forestry and natural resource education. Should you have any comments or questions, please direct them to Ms. Carol Redelsheimer, CF, Director, Science and Education. She may be reached at (301) 897-8720 extension 240 or by email at [redelsheimerc@safnet.org](mailto:redelsheimerc@safnet.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Menashes', is positioned above the printed name.

Matt Menashes  
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: D. Allen Rutherford, Director, School of Renewable Natural Resources

Enclosure: SAF Committee on Accreditation Summary Findings and Action