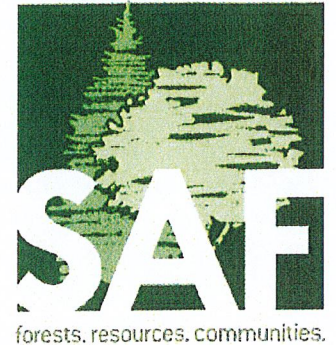


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Dear Dr. Zomchick:

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) appreciates the University of Tennessee's dedication to educational excellence and continued support of specialized accreditation review.

I am pleased to let you know that The SAF Committee on Accreditation grants accreditation, under the Natural Resources and Ecosystem Management Standard, to the Wildlife and Fisheries Management concentration degree program within the Wildlife & Fisheries Science major leading to the B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, as administered by the Department of Forests, Wildlife and Fisheries, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, University of Tennessee Knoxville, effective from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2027.

The Committee also grants accreditation, under the Forestry standard, to the *Forest Resources Management*, the *Restoration and Conservation Science*, and the *Urban Forestry* concentration degree programs leading to the B.S. in Forestry, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2027.

The Committee extends the current accreditation of the *Wildland Recreation* concentration degree program leading to the B.S. in Forestry through June 30, 2018 so that students approaching graduation may complete the program under this accreditation. The Committee denies continued accreditation beyond this time. The reason for the denial is that the degree program curriculum, as presented, shows deficiencies that touch upon three of the four areas of professional education and represent a significant departure from the expectations provided in the standards. (The SAF Accreditation Handbook describes the process for appeals of adverse decisions, beginning on page 21.)

Please see the enclosed Summary Findings and Action Reports for detail and requests for follow up.

SAF'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 forestry education. Should you have any comments or questions, please direct them to Ms. Carol Redelsheimer, Director, Science and Education. She may be reached at (301) 897-8720 extension 240 or by email at redelsheimerc@safnet.org.

Sincerely,

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