John L. Gray
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John Gray served as the third Director of the School of Forest Resources and Conservation for 14 years. His leadership kept the School in step with the University’s movement toward becoming a major research institution, while maintaining high quality programs for educating professionals to serve society’s natural resource needs. John Gray initiated efforts to develop strong programs in wildlife and range sciences, fisheries, outdoor recreational resource management and cooperative research with the USDA Forest Service, as well as the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. Dr. Gray, a graduate of Penn State, Yale and Duke, served professionally at North Carolina State University, the University of Florida and the USDA Forest Service. He continued to be in the forefront of the profession as evidenced by the 1993 Award of Appreciation from the Arkansas Society of American Foresters and the 1994 Communicator of the Year Award from the Arkansas Forestry Association. Dr. Gray was inducted as a charter member of the Arkansas Foresters Hall of Fame in 1995. He was named a SAF Fellow in 1983 and became a Golden Member in 1993. In 2003, he was inducted as an inaugural member into the Florida SAF Hall of Fame. For his many excellent services and outstanding leadership, John’s friends and associates have established The John Gray Fund for Excellence in Forest Resources and Conservation to focus on issues pertaining to forests and other natural resources.

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