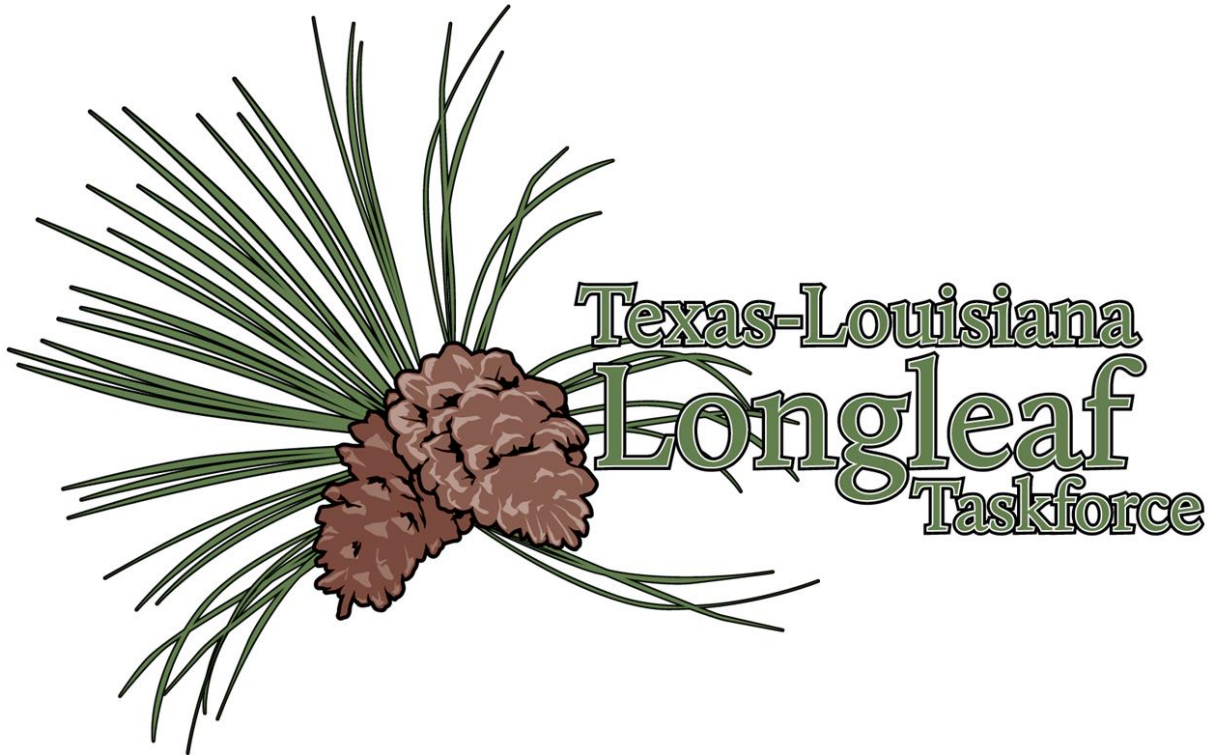
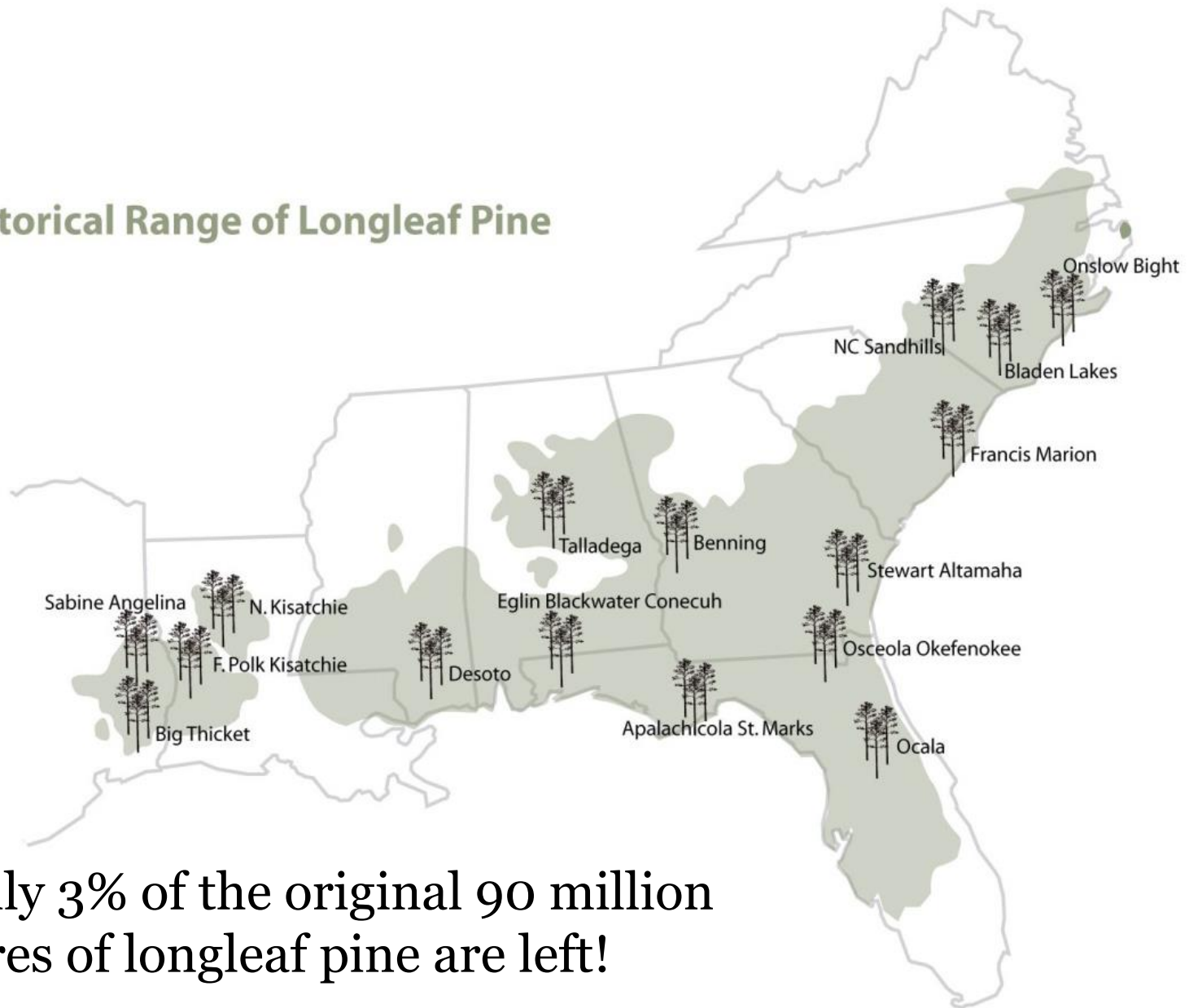


Longleaf Pine Restoration: It Takes a Partnership!

Kathleen Ward, Natural Resources Staff Officer
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Historical Range of Longleaf Pine

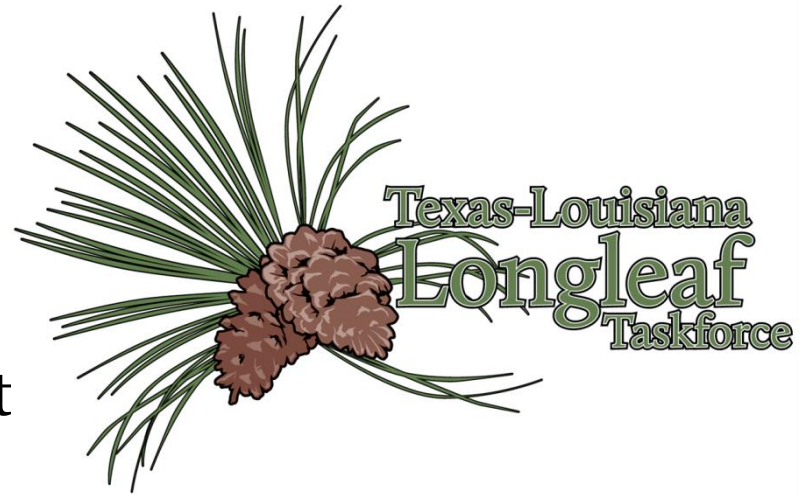


Only 3% of the original 90 million acres of longleaf pine are left!

Partners



Background:



- Partnership from 2010 to present
- Texas Forest Service and USFS-National Forests and Grasslands in Texas.
- Multiagency effort to support longleaf pine restoration in Texas and Louisiana.
- Industry partners: Campbell, Southern Power, Temple-Inland.

Mission:

- Promote maintenance and restoration of the longleaf pine ecosystem on private and public lands in Texas and Louisiana.
- Consider cultural and economic values.
- Use collaborative network of diverse stakeholders and working groups.

Specific Deliverables:

- Provide technical assistance to private landowners.
- Increase educational opportunities for professionals and landowners.
- Improve collaboration and partnerships.



Role of Partners:

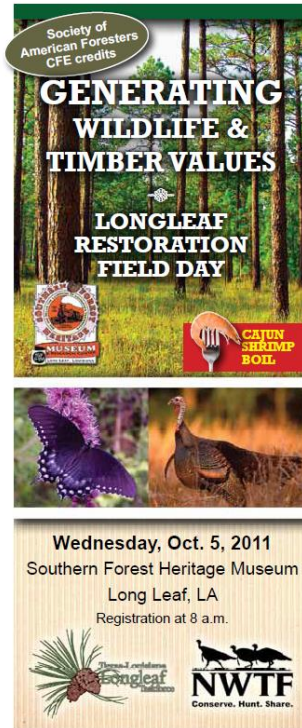
Work together to use incentive and cost-share programs, private land owner matches, and grants to:

- Convert lands; maintain and improve existing longleaf.
- Increase frequency of prescribed fire treatments.
- Increase restoration of native understory plants.
- Treat high priority non-native, invasive plant species.
- Hold landowner workshops, give technical assistance.

Field Workshops for Landowners and Professionals

Typical Agenda Topics

- Longleaf Ecosystem
- Understory Management
- Benefits for Wildlife
- Landowner's Perspective
- Prescribed Fire
- Regeneration techniques



Texas Longleaf Pine Field Day and Workshop

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Coffee & Donuts Old Texas Parks & Wildlife Fish Hatchery
289 CR 098 (Fish Hatchery Rd.) Jasper, TX 75951

Refreshments Registration and Introduction Starts 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Provided! Provided Transportation leaves at 9:00 a.m.

Please **RSVP** by Tuesday May 14th by calling: Texas A&M Forest Service, Lufkin Office, (936) 539-8280

You may bring a field chair!

Vendors

All FREE Thanks to our sponsors!

Topics Include:

- Longleaf Ecosystem
- Understory Management for Longleaf stands
- Benefits of Longleaf habitat for wildlife
- Prescribed fire and the role of burning Longleaf
- Longleaf regeneration techniques
- Longleaf management from a landowner perspective

Location

From Jasper at Hwy 190 take Hwy 63 North approximately 3 miles.
 • Turn South (left) on FM 1747 & go approximately 1 mile.
 • Turn West (right) on CR 98 & go approximately 1/2 mile.
 • Stay straight (turns into CR 98, right into our gate).

Map: Shows the route from Jasper to the field day location, with stops for registration, lunch, and the field day site.



Who Benefits from Partnership:

- 1) Agency partners meet restoration goals for resources (e.g., longleaf, wildlife, water).
- 2) Landowner partners receive financial support and technical assistance.

The Agency and the Resources Benefit by:

- Coordination among agencies and specific programs to provide technical and financial resources in a focused fashion.
- Through partnership, duplication of effort could be reduced and capacities merged to improve efficiency and promote synergy.
- Private landowner treatments adjacent to public lands promote sustainable and secure native ecosystems that offer enduring ecological, social, and economic benefits.

Agreements Guiding the Partnership



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June 17, 2010

Cost-share
agreements
were essential!

Funding Available for Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Conservation

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 17, 2010 – The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering financial assistance to landowners to implement conservation practices that will maintain, improve, and restore the longleaf pine ecosystem in east Texas.

Offered through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), NRCS will pay landowners for most of the cost of installing conservation practices to improve the health and extent of the longleaf pine ecosystem.

“Research tells us that the longleaf pine ecosystem is one of the most diverse ecosystems outside the tropics and is in a state of decline in both ecosystem area and health,” said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. “With only 3 percent of the original 90 million acres remaining in the longleaf pine ecosystem, it is home to 29 species that are Federally listed as threatened and/or endangered.”

Highest priority will be given to land suitable for tree production in the following counties: Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Liberty, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler and Walker. Land outside these counties that is determined to be suitable for longleaf pine production will also be considered.

Agreements Guiding the Partnership

- NWTF/NRCS Longleaf Pine Contribution Agreement
- Memorandums of Understanding
- NFWF grant agreements - funding provided to projects that sustain, restore, and enhance our nation's fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats.



How Success is Gauged:

- Taskforce Business Meeting attendance
- Workgroup accomplishments
- Landowner and Professionals Field Day participation
- Grants awarded (e.g., \$250K for projects or demos beyond normal programs)
- Acres restored, improved, or maintained



Professional Field Day, Scrappin Valley, LA Seventy in Attendance



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Come to Texas and see longleaf on the western edge of its range. These guys have their act together and have lots to showcase! We'll catch you up on what's new in the longleaf world, what's going on with our partners, and new leadership for the Alliance. As always, we'll all have a chance to renew acquaintances and enjoy old and new friends.



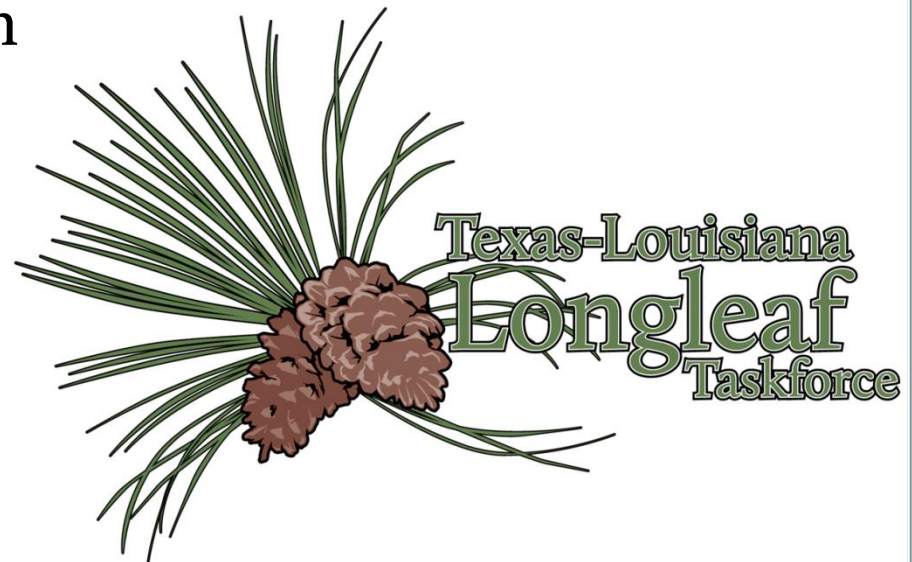
What Conference

When Oct 23, 2012 08:00 AM to Oct 26, 2012 05:00 PM



Best Practices in Managing Partnerships

- Adopt a Shared Vision
- Utilize Strengths of Each Partner
- Ensure Good Communication
- Celebrate Successes





Recognition given to private landowner by Forest Supervisor for successfully restoring 1,000 acres adjacent to Sabine NF.



Lessons Learned

- **Communication works**
- **ICT-like structure for field tours works**
- **Delegate responsibilities**
- **Spread the work out**
- **Grow the partnership**
- **Tell the story**



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