



The Longleaf Alliance: Clarifying the Role of Forest Management in Promoting Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration

Project Overview

The Longleaf Alliance will receive \$12,300 from the SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant program in 2014 to produce a document clarifying the role of sustainable forestry and commercial markets in contributing to the restoration of the longleaf pine ecosystem. Produced in concert with a diverse group of foresters, biologists and researchers, the document will help promote longleaf conservation, sustain markets, and provide communications tools to SFI Program Participants and the conservation community who are already firmly in support of restoration efforts.

Though vastly diminished from its original range, longleaf restoration is an emerging success story, and a rallying point for a tremendous array of partners from across the conservation and forestry communities. The 2013 Rangewide Accomplishment Report for Longleaf Pine cited 1.38 million acres of restoration in 2013. This project brings together diverse partners from the Non-profit community and SFI Program Participant ranks to develop information to be used to help respond to concerns from European buyers over the use of Longleaf material in certified products, and to clarify the role of healthy markets in motivating restoration. This project directly addresses the intersection between SFI-managed forests and restoration of a highly-visible and vastly diminished ecosystem, and speaks to the SFI program standard in the areas of community involvement and conservation of biological diversity.

Project Partners

The Longleaf Alliance is itself an organization representing a broad range of support and partnership, and will also partner with Resource Management Service, LLC, Forest Investment Associates, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI), and International Paper.