

Additional information:

- Partners for this initiative include: American Forest Foundation (AFF), Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), The Longleaf Alliance and the South Carolina Forestry Commission.
- This initiative is part of a larger effort focused on working with private landowners in the southeast. Complimentary collaborations/work currently underway.
- Currently there is no maximum amount of funding per landowner.
- There is no Annual Gross Income (AGI) limitations.
- Anyone is eligible to participate in this initiative if they meet the American Tree Farm Standard Eligibility requirements for Certification (up to 20,000 ac); therefore, no publicly traded Timber Investment Management Organizations.
- Longleaf on the property is not required to receive funding; however, it will be the only species of pine eligible for funding through this initiative.
- One of the project partners may conduct focal species monitoring on the participants property, once a landowner agreement is signed. The Service will conduct habitat quality surveys/monitoring and develop a Biological Opinion/Conference Opinion
- Focal species surveys shall be completed on a participant's property, as agreed upon by both parties. Surveys will only be *required* on those funded properties.
- This funding should not support habitat improvement activities funded by other programs.
- Predictability will be given to each landowner (when completed) who participates in this initiative that relieves them of any take liability while under a landowner agreement.
- Initial landowner participation, including information of the property and a location map will be circulated to the project partners for review and concurrence. Final funding decisions need approval from both AFF and the Service, as signatory agencies of the Cooperative Agreement funding the habitat improvement on private lands. Note: future landowner selections may require a ranking system with written criteria to justify properties selected for participation.

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