

DECLARATION STATEMENT
by
The Partnership for Southern Forestland Conservation

MISSION

The purpose of the Partnership is to develop innovative approaches to ensure the permanent conservation of forest cover in large forested blocks in the Southeast to achieve a variety of societal, economic and environmental benefits.

The Partnership operates as a broad coalition of collaborators bringing together the strengths of each to focus energy and efforts to increase the retention of working forest landscapes across the southeastern United States. The goal of the Partnership is to coordinate actions to result in the protection of up to 20 million additional acres by 2020.

INTERESTS

The Partnership leads and participates in a variety of initiatives that support our partner's goals of protecting working forests in the south. Retention and reestablishment of longleaf ecosystems is a high priority for many of the Partners so it is a high priority for the Partnership.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

We intended to participate in the partnership in the following ways:

The Partnership regularly convenes stakeholders and funders to foster communication amongst various government agencies, non-profits, and landowners to further conservation of large forested blocks in the Southeast. Many of these agencies and organizations are actively involved in longleaf conservation and their restoration efforts will directly benefit as a result of such convening. Longleaf pine is an important part of the southern forest landscape and will continue to be featured at Partnership for Southern Forestland Conservation meetings.

SIGNATORY



Peter Stangel Chairman

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Date