

DECLARATION STATEMENT

by

North Carolina State University College of Natural Resources

In Support of the Partnership to Implement the Range-Wide Conservation Plan for Longleaf Pine

MISSION

The NC State University College of Natural Resources (CNR) seeks to improve the sustainability of the world's natural resources and in turn the economic and social condition of its people through education, innovation, and the discovery of new knowledge. Our programs strengthen natural resource management, enhance environmental quality and conservation values, and increase the sustainable yield of forest and natural land goods and services.

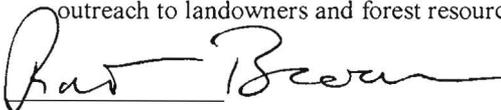
INTERESTS

CNR's interest in participating in the Partnership to implement the Range-Wide Conservation Plan for Longleaf Pine is to promote the conservation, restoration and sustainability of longleaf pine in its natural range in North Carolina and beyond. Longleaf conservation on private lands contributes to the social, economic and ecological sustainability of our forests, landowners and communities.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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

1. Local implementation Team Support: CNR will support the North Carolina Longleaf Coalition, an affiliated group assisting in the South-wide implementation team of the *Range-wide Conservation Plan for Longleaf Pine*. Support may include, but is not limited to, committee participation, meeting and workshop logistical support, economic analysis, contribution of research results to a common database, mapping and educational and research collaboration with other NC Longleaf Coalition agencies and organizations.
2. CNR can contribute to the discussions and help implement recommendations from each of the Longleaf Coalition ad-hoc committees on Communications/Education; GIS Mapping and Data Management; Economics/Growth and Yield; Private Lands; and Public Lands. CNR can assist in workshops and publicity as part of the education efforts; contribute information on their extent and management of longleaf pine on state and foundation college forest lands; review and provide estimates regarding the economics of longleaf pine investments; provide research-based information regarding policy alternatives to motivate more private forest land longleaf establishment and management; and review opportunities for longleaf pine management regimes on public lands.
3. CNR will seek other relevant opportunities to contribute through professional education, research, or outreach to landowners and forest resource managers.



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