



## North Carolina Sandhills Safe Harbor Program

# Safe Harbor News

### USFWS announces NEW Private Stewardship Grants Program

#### News from the Conservation Center of the Sandhills

Please help us in welcoming Terry Severson and Richard Perritt to the Conservation Center.

Terry Severson is the North Carolina Sandhills Land Steward for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and is in charge of all land management on 13 TNC properties including 8 Carolina Bays. Terry can be reached at (910) 246-0300.

Richard Perritt is the new executive director for the Sandhills Area Land Trust (SALT). His goal is to attract more members and volunteers by increasing interest in conservation and hopes to increase fund raising to support SALT's activities. You can reach Richard at (910) 695-4323.

Often the costs associated with implementing conservation actions for imperiled species are greater than a private landowner can undertake without assistance. Through the Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP), the Service provides financial assistance to individuals and groups to support voluntary conservation efforts on private lands for the benefit of imperiled species. In 2002, the Service will award approximately \$10 million nationwide under this program to landowners and their partners to protect and restore imperiled species and their habitats. To apply for a PSGP grant an individual or group prepares a proposal that describes their

*Half of the species listed as endangered or threatened have 80 percent or more of their habitat on private lands.*

*—1993 study by the Association for Biodiversity Information and The Nature Conservancy*



project and its benefits for the target species. Proposals then compete at a regional level for funding. For more information contact your local USFWS office.

**Safe Harbor  
Agreements  
62 Landowners  
32,038 acres**

### NCDFR Has a New Southern Pine Beetle Incentive Program for Landowners

The Southern Pine Beetle is the most destructive and costly insect enemy of pines in North Carolina and is active in more than 40 counties this year. The N.C. Division of Forest Resources (NCDFR) has developed a landowner incentive program to help minimize the cost of control to the landowner and encourage their involvement in stopping the spread of Southern Pine Beetle. The landowner incentive program for cut-and-leave will offer reimbursable treatment costs of no more than \$1.00 per tree, limited to \$500 (or a maximum of 500 trees) per active Southern Pine Beetle spot of sapling size or larger, including a "buffer zone" of adjacent uninfested trees. Only those trees currently infested with Southern Pine Beetle and adjacent "buffer zones" around such trees are eligible. Inactive or vacated dead trees, trees less than 1 inch diameter or trees infested by pests other than Southern Pine Beetle are not eligible. In order to receive assistance, the treatment must be on privately-owned non-industrial forestland and be approved through an inspection by the county forest ranger with the completion of an application/agreement form prior to conducting the treatment. Southern Pine Beetle infestations can be identified in several ways. The most obvious symptom is the change in the needles of the tree crown from green to yellowish to reddish brown. Once underway, outbreaks can spread rapidly, killing trees over hundreds of acres, and move into managed stands. Practicing proper forest management can reduce the risk of Southern Pine Beetle infestations. To find out more information regarding the North Carolina Southern Pine Beetle Landowner Incentive Program or various control tactics contact your local county forest ranger.

**As a reminder:** Be sure to coordinate with the US Fish and Wildlife Service before harvesting timber in baseline red-cockaded woodpecker clusters.

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## Announcing Longleaf Alliance Regional Conference

**What:** Fourth Annual Longleaf Alliance Regional Conference  
**Who:** Organized and hosted by The Longleaf Alliance, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service  
**When:** November 17-20, 2002  
**Where:** Southern Pines, North Carolina; Pine Needles and Mid-Pines Resort

The Longleaf Alliance is a partnership of private landowners, forest industries, state and federal agencies, conservation groups, university researchers and outreach personnel and others interested in promoting a region-wide recovery of longleaf pine forests for their ecological and economic benefits. The Longleaf Alliance serves as a clearinghouse for a broad range of information on the regeneration, restoration and management of longleaf pine. A major focus is providing economically viable and voluntary options for recovery of longleaf on private lands, where most of the losses are occurring.

Through the Alliance, landowners and managers are connected regionally with peers or other public and private organizations who have successfully addressed similar problems or with researchers with similar interests and questions. The Alliance helps facilitate communication among research institutions and between researchers and managers, and builds networks between landowners, managers, consultants, industries, researchers, and longleaf proponents.

The general sessions and tour will focus on needs, successes, and opportunities in longleaf pine management for private and public sectors. The poster sessions and associated socials will be open to a wide range of topics will be used to foster partnerships between individuals and organizations in the public and private sectors. Emphasis will be placed on addressing silvicultural, ecological, social/political and economic issues challenging landowners and resource managers interested in the management and restoration of longleaf pine ecosystems. This meeting is open to individuals and organizations with interest in longleaf pine associated plant and animal communities; including private landowners, managers, consultants, conservation groups, university researchers and outreach personnel, forest industry, and agency personnel.

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