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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Longleaf Pine Growth and Yield Model Site Request

F&W Forestry Services, in cooperation with the University of Georgia's Plantation Management Research Cooperative (PMRC), is currently identifying properties where permanent inventory plots can be established for developing new longleaf pine growth and yield models for the Southeast US. The project is supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and results will be publicly available from the study.

We are seeking permission to establish 300 research plots on properties in the Coastal Plain region of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The identification of sites for plot establishment must meet the following criteria:

(1) Cutover sites
(2) Site prepared
(3) Planted containerized planted longleaf (*Pinus palustris*) 1-0 seedlings
(4) No following year interplanting
(5) Unthinned stands
(6) At least 5 years old (preferably at least 7-8 years old) at time of tree tagging/numbering
(7) No planned harvests for at least 5 years
(8) Ideally a candidate property will have multiple longleaf stands with variable age classes and site characteristics

In addition to these requirements, ideal additional information will include:

(1) Site preparation methods and chemical rates (if applicable)
(2) Seedling source
(3) Month and year planted
(4) If pine straw has been raked
(5) Plantation spacing
(6) First and second year herbaceous control and rates (if applicable)
(7) Previous stand origin (planted or natural)

We are grateful for your time and consideration as we undertake this endeavor with UGA and NFWF. If interesting in contributing sites to the study please contact John Bell at 229.883.0505 or jbell@fwforestry.com for more information.

Kindly yours,

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