News Release

From Marc Walley, Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Longleaf Alliance

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It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Carol Denhof has accepted the position of President of The Longleaf Alliance. Carol will officially become the President on November 1, 2019. The current President, Robert Abernethy, will step down, but will work with Carol over the next few months to ensure a seamless transition of leadership for The Alliance.

Carol has been with The Alliance since 2011, beginning as Understory Coordinator, and has steadily assumed more responsibility with great success. She has led major outreach initiatives such as growing our newsletter to the current 40 to 60-page full color magazine, ***The Longleaf Leader,*** and leading the management of the organization’s online media platforms. Since 2013, Carol has been responsible for planning and coordinating the Biennial Longleaf Conferences and has set attendance records along the way. She has led the refresh of The Alliance brand and has helped to reframe and focus our organization’s strategic priorities. Carol is an excellent communicator, skilled facilitator, and science educator. She shares her knowledge and passion by teaching others, especially in our Longleaf Academies, on topics including identification, management, and restoration of healthy understory within longleaf ecosystems.  Furthermore, her knowledge of the longleaf resource, her excellent relationship with the staff and our partners, and her dedication and passion to our cause inspires others to care even more deeply for the longleaf forest.

Carol was born and raised in southwest Georgia and received both her BS and MS in Biology from Georgia Southern University. During her 23-year career, this accomplished botanist has concentrated on the study and restoration of the unique and diverse habitats that are part of the longleaf ecosystem. Her experience has taken her from the restored wetlands of The Nature Conservancy’s Disney Wilderness Preserve in Florida, to the longleaf habitats of the Jones Center at Ichauway, and finally to rare pitcher plant habitats across the southeast with The Atlanta Botanical Garden, before joining The Longleaf Alliance in 2011.

The Longleaf Alliance is a 501-C-3 non-profit conservation organization dedicated to guiding the restoration, stewardship, and conservation of the longleaf ecosystem, and is the only organization solely focused on restoring longleaf, the South’s great forest. For more information on the longleaf ecosystem and The Longleaf Alliance, please visit our website at www.longleafalliance.org.