

Conservation Research Needs Assessment for the NC Sandhills

The Reserve Design Working Group, a subgroup of the North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership, is spearheading an effort to document the research needs of concerned groups interested in the conservation and management of lands in the Sandhills region of North Carolina. Specifically, we are looking to identify information gaps that need to be addressed in order to more effectively implement species and habitat restoration. These needs will be ascertained by surveying stakeholders in the Sandhills and then generating a list of ideas, contacts, and resources available. After completion of the surveys, a list will be collated, prioritized and then shared with research institutions in the surrounding areas to recruit local research leaders, professors and students. Having both a list of research needs/ideas and a list of contacts and resources available will hopefully encourage researchers to undertake projects.

Please answer the questions on the following page and return this questionnaire to Paul Rogow at progow@ncscp.org by May 12. Thank you for your considered responses and feel free to contact me with any related questions or concerns at mmoskwik@ncscp.org or (910) 695-3323.

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What information do you lack that would be most useful for improving the effectiveness of your work in the Sandhills? Please list the three most pressing research needs (be specific).

For each topic you identified above, list any existing research of which you are aware and/or suggest someone, if possible, who might be qualified to lead a research project on it.

If a researcher showed interest in one of your ideas, would you be willing to serve as a contact? Is so, for which ones?

What resources (e.g. staff/volunteer support time, money, housing, supplies/equipment) could you provide (be specific) to support suggested research projects?