

North Carolina Longleaf Pine Summit

A joint meeting of the NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership, Onslow Bight Conservation Forum, Cape Fear Arch Conservation Collaborative, Greater Uwharries Conservation Partnership, and the NC Longleaf Coalition, with guest participants from SC's Sandhills Longleaf Pine Conservation Partnership and the Virginia Longleaf Pine Cooperators Group

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Registration is required: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fd6e9b12-7f71-4942-a140-78f958c23006@79be6dc1-d78e-4bbb-b22b-d994c0a417a7>

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Meeting Agenda:

9:30 – 10:00am	Welcome and introductions
9:30am	Meeting overview (<i>Jeff Marcus, TNC</i>)
9:40am	Breakout room ice breakers and introductions (two 10-minute sessions) <u>Icebreaker 1:</u> Share one thing you are proud of from the last year or that you are looking forward to in the coming year. <u>Icebreaker 2:</u> What is one thing you'd like to learn more about in the longleaf pine ecosystem?
10:00 – 10:20am	Wiregrass research (<i>Jen Fill, University of Florida</i>)
10:20 – 10:35am	Invasive ants (<i>Kaitlin Campbell, UNC Pembroke</i>)
10:35 – 10:45am	Break
10:45 – 11:00am	Southern hognose snake (<i>Jeff Hall, NCWRC</i>)
11:00 – 11:20am	NC Biodiversity Project Sandhills Surveys (<i>David George, NCBP</i>)
11:20 – 11:35am	NC/SC Landscape Connectivity Analysis (<i>Lydie Costes, TNC/USFWS</i>)
11:35am – 12:05pm	Changing forestry markets The future of timber markets (<i>Bryan Hulka, NCFS</i>) Using fuel chip markets to support longleaf pine restoration (<i>Dave Halley, True North Forest Management Services</i>)
12:05 – 12:45pm	Lunch break
12:45 – 1:20pm	NFWF Business Plan (<i>Zack Bernstein and Jon Scott, NFWF</i>)
1:20 – 1:40pm	Waccamaw Siouan Longleaf Projects (<i>Danielle Perez, Hooheh Reforestation & Cultural Burn Program</i>)
1:40 – 1:50pm	Break
1:50 – 3:10pm	Partnership updates – A representative from each group will summarize major accomplishments, challenges, opportunities, etc. specific to their group
1:50pm	Cape Fear Arch Conservation Collaborative (<i>Chesley Ward, NCWRC</i>)

2:00pm	Onslow Bight Conservation Forum (<i>Marty Korenek, Camp Lejeune;</i> <i>Casey Phillips, NCWRC</i>)
2:10pm	NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership (<i>Jeff Marcus, TNC</i>)
2:20pm	Sandhills Longleaf Pine Conservation Partnership (<i>Charles Babb,</i> <i>Chesterfield SWCD</i>)
2:30pm	NC Longleaf Coalition (<i>Susan Miller, USFS</i>)
2:40pm	Joint Chiefs (<i>Jake Comer, Quail Forever</i>)
2:50pm	Eastern NC Sentinel Landscapes (<i>Chris Baillie, Sentinel Landscapes</i>)
3:00pm	Virginia Longleaf Pine Cooperators Group (<i>Brian van Eerden, TNC</i>)
3:10 – 3:30pm	Open forum for major updates not already covered