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14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Longleaf Conference  
*Rekindling Our Connections*  
Wilmington, North Carolina – October 25-28, 2022

**Proposal Deadline: May 23, 2022**

The Longleaf Alliance invites you to join the 14th Biennial Longleaf Conference in Wilmington, North Carolina from October 25-28, 2022.

The Conference theme is ***Rekindling Our Connections*** and the four conference tracts will support the event's exchange of expertise and ideas while providing the opportunity to meet face-to-face once again, build relationships, and further ignite our passion for longleaf pine conservation.

14th Biennial Longleaf Conference – Rekindling Our Connections	
Conference Tracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ <b>Branching Out</b> – Exchanging strategies and resources to reach new audiences.</li><li>+ <b>Strong Roots That Bind</b> – Work addressing groundcover &amp; natural communities</li><li>+ <b>Pyrodiversity Enkindles Biodiversity™</b> – Intersection of fire &amp; ecosystem diversity, including research, implementation, &amp; social considerations</li><li>+ <b>Tomorrow's Forest</b> – Innovative solutions, management opportunities, &amp; economic considerations to conserve working forests while supporting climate resiliency</li></ul>

We invite you to submit proposals for prospective contributions on the conference themes listed above as well as pertinent topics of management, fire, ecological services, understory restoration, economics, conservation, education, or policy. Proposals that are selected will be published in the Conference materials.

### PROPOSAL TYPES

***Presentations*** – Contributed presentations will be scheduled within Concurrent Sessions on October 25th and October 28th. In 2022, we are offering two types of oral presentations:

- ***Oral presentations*** will be 30 minutes, which includes 25 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions.

- *Fire Whirls* are debuting at the 2022 Conference and are SHORT presentations (10 minutes) intended for emerging research ideas and results or case studies, which are noteworthy, but may not rise to the level of a full presentation.

**Posters** – Posters can be submitted in any category pertaining to longleaf; cultural and historic aspects are especially invited. We also encourage Student Research in Progress Posters. These abstracts can include research that is in progress, a proposed project (with a focus on study design); or results from completed undergraduate research projects. An award for best student poster will be presented during the Friday Morning Plenary Session on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Poster display details are in development with the possibility of a virtual poster session.

**Organized Session** – Lead coordinators of organized sessions may organize multiple oral presentations (3) or fire whirls (up to 9). Organized sessions are 90 minutes and scheduled within Concurrent Sessions on October 25th and October 28th.

**Panel Discussion** – Sessions include a panel of speakers addressing questions posed by the moderator or audience on the proposed topic. Panels are 90 minutes and scheduled within Concurrent Sessions on October 25th and October 28th.

**Media Content** – Media types may include videos, social media reels, activities, online resources, etc. One minute maximum. We encourage contributors to share an abbreviated "teaser" of longer products to accommodate time restrictions. Media submissions that are selected will be incorporated into the Conference program and displayed in various locations.

**Workshops, Working Groups, & Meetings** – The Longleaf Conference traditionally serves as a rallying spot for other organizations and agencies, like the Longleaf Leadership Council of America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative. In 2022, our Call for Proposals includes an opportunity for our partners to offer additional workshops, working groups, and meetings in conjunction with the conference programming. Proposed offerings may be incorporated into the conference as pre-conference events, half-day options on Thursday, October 27th, or the afternoon of October 27th as a post-conference session.

**Sponsored Social Activities** – To emphasize our conference theme of *Rekindling Our Connections*, we are expanding our social offerings for the 2022 Conference. We welcome creative events from our partners including receptions, meet-ups, organized hikes, etc. Proposed offerings may be incorporated into the conference as pre-conference events, half-day options on Thursday, October 27th, or the afternoon of October 27th as a post-conference session.

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

[The online Call for Proposals is open](#). The deadline for proposal submission is May 23, 2022.

All information is required to complete [online submission](#), including:

- Contributor information
- Contributor biography (150 words or 50 words per coauthor)
- Proposal Abstract or Description
  - 300 word maximum
  - Include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, and outcomes.
  - Do not include title or author information in the 300-word limit of the proposal.
- Event details, if applicable

Proposal abstract/descriptions and contributor biographies will be included in conference materials.

Individuals may submit more than one proposal for consideration, but must complete separate submissions for each contribution.

There is no option to save partial work, but revisions are accepted until the submission deadline of May 23, 2022.

A copy of your submission will be sent to the email address provided. Your confirmation email will also contain a link to edit your proposal if needed.

### **PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

Contributed proposals will be evaluated based on technical merit, contribution to our knowledge of longleaf restoration, relevance to subject categories, and scheduling accommodations. Proposal will be reviewed by our Session Planning team. Due to time/space limitations we will not be able to accept all proposals submitted. Notice of decision will be issued in June 2022 via email.

### **CONFERENCE DETAILS & REGISTRATION**

The 14th Biennial Longleaf Conference will be held October 25-28, 2022 at the Hotel Ballast in Wilmington, North Carolina. The Hotel Ballast is a Hilton Tapestry Collection hotel and sits on the Cape Fear River in downtown Wilmington.

The conference website is continuing to be developed and registration will open in June. All presenters register for the Conference, with discounted rates available for students and supporters of The Longleaf Alliance. Scholarships will also be available. Details coming soon.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Questions about the conference program may be directed to Program Committee Chair, Ad Platt at [ad@longleafalliance.org](mailto:ad@longleafalliance.org). For all other conference questions, please email Sarah Crate, Conference Coordinator, at [sarah@longleafalliance.org](mailto:sarah@longleafalliance.org).