



Regional Longleaf Award Recipients

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

The Bill Boyer Natural Resource Professional of the Year Award:

Recognizes a natural resource professional who has made outstanding contributions within the field of longleaf ecosystem conservation (initiated in 2014).

- 2014 Kevin McIntyre, The J.W. Jones Ecological Research Center at Ichauway
- 2016 Jerre Creighton, Virginia Department of Forestry
- 2018 Nathan Klaus, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

The Palustris Corporate Achievement Award:

Recognizes a corporation with long-standing commitment toward conservation of the longleaf ecosystem (initiated in 2014).

- 2014 Wayne Bell, International Forest Company
- 2016 F. Bennett Whitfield, Whitfield Farms & Nursery of Twin City, GA
- 2018 Roundstone Native Seed Company

The Gjerstad/Johnson Landowner of the Year Award:

Recognizes a private landowner for ensuring the future of the longleaf ecosystem on private land (initiated in 2014).

- 2014 L. Keville Larson of Jackson County, MS
- 2016 Reese Thompson of Vidalia, GA
- 2018 David Daigle of Alexandria, LA

The Burner Bob® Prescribed Fire Champion Award:

Recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding efforts in championing prescribed fire to ensure the future of the longleaf ecosystem on private land (initiated in 2018).

- 2018 Jesse Wimberley, NC Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association

A True Longleaf Champion Award:

Recognizes a lifetime of dedication to the conservation and restoration of the South's iconic forest (initiated in 2014).

- 2014 Glen Gaines, US Forest Service
- 2016 Tim Beaty, DPW, Environmental Division, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Fort Stewart
Hervey McIver, The Nature Conservancy
Vivian Beech of Grand Bay, AL
- 2018 Luther Jones, Natural Resources Conservation Service (retired)
Clay Ware, US Fish and Wildlife Service (retired)



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CONSERVATION PARTNER AWARDS

Natural Resource Conservation Service Team Achievement Award:

Recognizes an NRCS team who has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in delivering longleaf restoration for private landowners (initiated in 2016).

- 2016 NRCS Louisiana Team
- 2018 NRCS Chesterfield County Field Office

Department of Defense Team Achievement Award:

Recognizes a DOD team who has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in managing and restoring the longleaf ecosystem on Military Installations (initiated in 2016).

- 2016 Eglin Air Force Base, Natural Resource Team
- 2018 Georgia Sentinel Landscape Team

US Fish and Wildlife Service Team Achievement Award:

Recognizes a USFWS team who has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in managing and restoring the longleaf ecosystem for wildlife and the National Wildlife Refuge System (initiated in 2016).

- 2016 Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
- 2018 North Carolina Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

USDA Forest Service Team Achievement Award:

Recognizes a USDA FS team who has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in managing and restoring the longleaf ecosystem on and around the National Forest System (initiated in 2016).

- 2016 Vernon Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest
- 2018 US Forest Service Longleaf Team

Non-Profit Conservation Partner Award:

Recognizes a non-profit organization who has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in managing and restoring the longleaf ecosystem (initiated in 2018).

- 2018 The Nature Conservancy