



Regional Longleaf Awards 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.

- 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
- 2020 David Printiss, The Nature Conservancy
- 2022 Stephanie Hertz, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute

The Palustris Corporate Achievement Award:

Recognizes a corporation with long-standing commitment toward conservation of the longleaf ecosystem.

- 2014 Wayne Bell, International Forest Company
- 2016 F. Bennett Whitfield, Whitfield Farms & Nursery of Twin City, GA
- 2018 Roundstone Native Seed Company
- 2020 Resource Management Service, LLC
- 2022 Milliken Advisors, Inc.

The Gjerstad/Johnson Landowner of the Year Award:

Recognizes a private landowner for ensuring the future of the longleaf ecosystem on private land.

- 2014 L. Keville Larson of Jackson County, MS
- 2016 Reese Thompson of Vidalia, GA
- 2018 David Daigle of Alexandria, LA
- 2020 Richard, Charles, Dohn Jr. Broadwell and posthumously Dohn Broadwell, Sr. of White Oak, NC
- 2022 Herbert Hodges & the Willie Hodges Estate Family Farm of Swainsboro, GA

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.

- 2018 Jesse Wimberley, NC Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association
- 2020 Shan Cammack, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- 2022 Johnny Stowe, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

A True Longleaf Champion Award:

Recognizes a lifetime of dedication to the conservation and restoration of the South's iconic forest.

- 2014 Glen Gaines, US Forest Service
- 2016 Tim Beaty, DPW, Environmental Division, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Fort Stewart
Hervey McIver, The Nature Conservancy
- 2018 Vivian Beech of Grand Bay, AL
Luther Jones, Natural Resources Conservation Service (retired)
Clay Ware, US Fish and Wildlife Service (retired)
- 2020 Robert Abernethy, The Longleaf Alliance (retired)
Louis Bacon
Lynda Guerry Beam of Georgia
Stella Osborn, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Fort Stewart (posthumous honor)
William Pickens, North Carolina Forest Service (retired)
- 2022 Randy Browning, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Dr. Martin Cipollini, Berry College (retired)
Julie Moore, US Fish and Wildlife Service (retired)
Dr. Lytton J. Musselman, Old Dominion University (retired)

CONSERVATION PARTNER AWARDS

Natural Resources 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.

- 2016 NRCS Louisiana Team
- 2018 NRCS Chesterfield County Field Office
- 2020 NRCS Alabama Team
- 2022 Working Lands for Wildlife – Gopher Tortoise Initiative

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.

- 2016 Eglin Air Force Base, Natural Resource Team, Florida
- 2018 Georgia Sentinel Landscape Team
- 2020 Department of Defense Team at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida
- 2022 Department of Defense Team at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, North Carolina

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.

- 2016 Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
- 2018 North Carolina Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
- 2020 USFWS Team at Tyndall Air Force Base
- 2022 USFWS Team at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

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.

- 2016 Vernon Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana
- 2018 US Forest Service Longleaf Team
- 2020 Conecuh National Forest, Alabama
- 2022 DeSoto National Forest, Mississippi

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.

- 2018 The Nature Conservancy
- 2020 The Orianne Society
- 2022 Arbor Day Foundation