

Regional Longleaf Awards



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Bill Boyer Natural Resource Professional of the Year – *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
- 2024 Jon Scott, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Gjerstad/Johnson Landowner of the Year – *Recognizes a private landowner for ensuring the future of the longleaf ecosystem on private land.*

- 2014 L. Keville Larson of Jackson County, Mississippi
- 2016 Reese Thompson of Vidalia, Georgia
- 2018 David Daigle of Alexandria, Louisiana
- 2020 Richard, Charles, Dohn Jr. Broadwell and posthumously Dohn Broadwell, Sr. of White Oak, North Carolina
- 2022 Herbert Hodges & the Willie Hodges Estate Family Farm of Swainsboro, Georgia
- 2024 Doug & Teresa Moore, South Prong Plantation, Florida

Burner Bob® Prescribed Fire Champion – *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
- 2024 Bill Rivers, The Nature Conservancy, Louisiana

True Longleaf Champion – *Recognizes a lifetime of dedication to the conservation and restoration of the South's iconic forest.*

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| 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
Clay Ware, US Fish and Wildlife Service (retired) | Luther Jones, Natural Resources Conservation 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) |
| 2024 | Bruce Hagedorn, Eglin Air Force Base Natural Resources | Mike Oliver, NRCS State Forester (retired) Texas & Tennessee |

Emerging Leader – *Recognizes an individual who has demonstrated innovation, initiative, and leadership to develop a project that is making a difference for the future of longleaf conservation.*

- 2024 Lauren Pharr, North Carolina State University and Field Inclusive

PALUSTRIS CONSERVATION PARTNER AWARDS

Palustris Corporate Leader – 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, Georgia
- 2018 Roundstone Native Seed Company
- 2020 Resource Management Service, LLC
- 2022 Milliken Advisors, Inc.
- 2024 Forest Investments Associates

Palustris Team Achievement – Recognizes an agency team who has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in managing and restoring the longleaf ecosystem

- 2016 NRCS Louisiana Team; Eglin Air Force Base, Natural Resource Team, Florida; Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge; Vernon Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana
- 2018 NRCS Chesterfield County Field Office, South Carolina; Georgia Sentinel Landscape Team; North Carolina Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program; US Forest Service Longleaf Team
- 2020 NRCS Alabama Team; Department of Defense Team and USFWS Team at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida; Conecuh National Forest, Alabama
- 2022 Working Lands for Wildlife – Gopher Tortoise Initiative; Department of Defense Team at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, North Carolina; USFWS Team at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Florida; DeSoto National Forest, Mississippi
- 2024 Texas Plant Materials Center; Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Environmental and Natural Resources Division; Georgia Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program; Francis Marion National Forest and Santee Experimental Forest

Palustris Outstanding Nonprofit – 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
- 2024 Trust for Public Land, Florida