



North Carolina Longleaf Coalition

The NC Longleaf Coalition is a group of representatives from government agencies, nonprofits, consulting foresters, landowners and educators working to restore longleaf pine. More information is available at nclongleaf.org.



NORTH CAROLINA
**LONGLEAF
HONOR ROLL**



Longleaf pine forests are valuable – providing wildlife habitat and recreation as well as serving as an economic and cultural pillar of North Carolina. Most longleaf pine is owned by private landowners; it is important to recognize those people who are doing a good job

managing their longleaf pine and thank them for a job well done, but also to encourage their neighbors and friends to undertake similar activities. That's why the North Carolina Longleaf Coalition created the Honor Roll to recognize those landowners who are working to improve stands and balance all the values of a longleaf forest – wildlife habitat, aesthetics, and recreation as well as wood products. Honor Roll members will receive a recognition sign to display on their property.

Any natural resource professional can nominate someone to the Honor Roll, so this is a great opportunity for private landowners to touch base with a forester or other natural resource professional who has helped them with longleaf management. This is also a valuable opportunity for natural resource professionals to thank private landowners for their work. Natural resource professionals can nominate landowners for the Longleaf Honor Roll at nclongleaf.org.



Clockwise from top: Conducting regular prescribed fires is a requirement for Honor Roll recipients. © JEFF MARCUS/TNC; A well-managed longleaf pine forest is home to many beautiful plants such as this lily. © JODIE LAPOINT; Fox squirrels benefit from prescribed fire and good forest management. © BRADY BECK

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Every longleaf stand matters, so no forest is too small or too young to qualify if it meets eligibility requirements.

LANDOWNERS MUST:

1. Have a current forest management plan
2. Actively manage their longleaf with prescribed fire:
For **longleaf < 5 years old**, must complete at least one non-site-prep prescribed burn
OR for **longleaf > 5 years old**, must complete at least two prescribed burns in the last ten years
3. Reduce negative impacts from pine straw production, if harvesting straw, by raking on rotation with periods of rest and burning

WHAT ARE SOME LONGLEAF MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE RECOGNITION?

- Prescribed Fire
- Planting longleaf seedlings
- Planting or maintaining native ground cover
- Appropriate herbicide use
- Proper thinning
- Removing invasive plants
- Leaving mature longleaf pine for seed trees to ensure natural regeneration
- Natural regeneration by creating small group openings