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Marty Lanier inducted to the N.C. Longleaf Honor Roll

On an overcast day in March, the N.C. Forest Service joined others from the N.C. Longleaf Coalition to recognize Marty Lanier for his recent induction to the N.C. Longleaf Honor Roll. This prestigious award was presented to Mr. Lanier, the owner and founder of Rock Creek Land Company, for his efforts managing longleaf pine on his 58-acre property in Brunswick County.

Mr. Lanier was joined by his son and daughter for the recognition ceremony. John Carpenter, a wildlife biologist for the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, nominated Mr. Lanier to be recognized as an example of a landowner with a dedication to managing a quality longleaf ecosystem. One of the most critical pieces of longleaf management is the use of regular prescribed fire. Mr. Lanier conducts his burns himself and had just completed a prescribed burn the night before his recognition ceremony. With smoke still in the air, representatives from the N.C. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, The Longleaf Alliance and N.C. Coastal Land Trust congratulated Mr. Lanier on his dedication to managing his longleaf pine forest and improving wildlife habitat.

Mr. Lanier goes above and beyond in protecting and managing his longleaf forest. His property is a certified Tree Farm and enrolled in the Safe Harbor Program. He has also taken the initiative to permanently protect his property by placing it under a conservation easement with the N.C. Coastal Land Trust. Mr. Lanier welcomed N.C. Longleaf Coalition representatives on a tour of his Brunswick County property, where they noted the natural regeneration of longleaf and expressed excitement over his recent prescribed burn. Mr. Lanier also has several isolated wetlands on site and takes an interest in learning more about their management and the potential for planting Atlantic white cedar.

Mr. Lanier was presented with a Longleaf Honor Roll sign to display on his property and a one-year membership into the N.C. Prescribed Fire Council, which fosters cooperation among all parties in the state with an interest in prescribed fire. To learn more about the N.C. Longleaf Coalition, visit:

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