



FINAL AGENDA
Partnership for Southern Forestland Conservation Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. eastern
March 9th, 2018
Hyatt Place, 1899 Sullivan Rd., College Park, GA

Based on feedback from participants at last year's PFSFC gathering, we are focusing the 2018 meeting on information exchange--this is a good forum to bring everyone up to speed on progress within familiar programs and to introduce you to new projects. To include as many updates as possible, we are limiting speakers to 5 or 10 minutes. Our goal is not exhaustive presentations, but instead short updates to familiarize you with content and to set the stage for you to follow-up with speakers if you'd like more information. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

Conference Call Numbers

Remote Speakers ONLY

Speaker Dial-In Number

310.356.1948

Access Code: 476603

Remote Participants ONLY

Participant Dial-In Numbers

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10:00 a.m. –10:10 a.m.	Administrative
<p>Meeting Place 2&3</p> <p><i>The room will be open at 9:00 am and there will be coffee and some breakfast items available</i></p>	<p>I. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Anti-trust Reminder, and Chairman’s Remarks. Rick Cantrell and Peter Stangel, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities.</p>
10:10 a.m. –11:15 a.m.	FORESTRY
<p><i>(10) ~10 minutes allotted to each agenda item and presenter/ discussion leader</i></p> <p><i>(5) ~5 minute lightning update.</i></p>	<p>(10) North American Forest Partnership. Brian Kernohan, HTRG <i>Confirmed in person</i> <u>Objective:</u> Update on new initiative dedicated to developing a unifying platform and collecting diverse stories that bring the forest industry’s positive impact to life (include brief overview of the NAFP website).</p> <p>(10) State of America’s Forests. Peter Stangel, U.S. Endowment <i>Confirmed in person</i> <u>Objective:</u> Update on this report on the health and status of U.S. forests and forest industry (1 five minute video; https://usaforests.org/)</p> <p>(5) Resources for the Future—Forestry Chair. Ann Bartuska. <i>Confirmed in person</i> <u>Objective:</u> Discuss new position to advocate for working forests.</p>

	<p>(10) Cellulosic Nanofibers and the Future of Forestry. Michael Goergen, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities (via phone). <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: 2017 TED Talk on nanotechnology.</i></p> <p>(5) Timber Harvest and Hauling Network. Carlton Owen, US Endowment. <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: Learn about new collaboration to address labor shortage and logistics challenges.</i></p> <p>(15) Discussion and Questions</p>
11:05 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	WATER AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
	<p>(10) Southeast Partnership for Forestry and Water. Kitty Weisman, Coordinator Southeastern Partnership for Forests and Water <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Status on collaborative effort to enhance forested watershed protection to benefit drinking water and local economies. Includes update on Florida Water Forum (Dan Roach).</i></p> <p>(5) Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program. Peter Stangel, US Endowment and Veronica Fasselt, EPA. <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Update on \$1.8 million/year EPA/NRCS/Endowment funding program focused on protecting healthy watersheds.</i></p> <p>(5) Savannah River Clean Water Fund. Braye Boardman. <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Learn about a dynamic partnership with five water utilities to retain working forests in Savannah River Basin.</i></p> <p>(5) Pay for Performance Bonds and Forest Protection and Management. Jacqueline Emanuel USDA Forest Service, Director, National Partnership Office. <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: Learn about pay for performance bonds and their role in natural resources conservation.</i></p> <p>(15) Discussion and Questions</p>
11:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.	LUNCH (provided)
12:35 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	FOREST RETENTION
	<p>(5) The Conservation Fund’s Working Forest Fund. Brian Dangler, TCF <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Learn about the success of the fund in conserving forests.</i></p> <p>(10) Sustainable Forestry Land Retention Program. Amadou Diop, USDA Forest Service, R8 <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Status of program to help African American forest owners retain and increase asset value of their forestlands.</i></p> <p>(5) Coastal Headwaters Longleaf Project. Jimmy Bullock, RMS <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Provide an update on the development and funding of this project.</i></p>

	<p>(5) NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program. <i>Open Floor</i> <i>Objective: Discuss opportunities for large-scale project funding in the southeast.</i></p> <p>(5) Enviva Forest Conservation Fund. Ben Larson, Enviva <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: Learn about the \$5 million, 10-year partnership to help private forestland owners generate revenue from wetland forests too valuable to cut.</i></p> <p>(5) Mapping Future Forests. Kristine Evans & Rachel Greene, Mississippi State University. <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Progress report on project to map protected forests of the future.</i></p> <p>(15) Discussion and Questions</p>
1:25 p.m. –2:50 p.m.	POLICY
	<p>(10) 2018 Farm Bill. Rita Hite, AFF. <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: Discuss Farm Bill and provisions in it to help conserve working forests.</i></p> <p>(10) At-risk Species Conservation. Jimmy Bullock, RMS <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Discuss opportunities to conserve species at risk and engaging with USFWS.</i></p> <p>(10) Gopher Tortoise, Eastern Population Listing Status. Lourdes Mena, USFWS. <i>Objective: Update on UGA research project. Confirmed via phone</i></p> <p>(5) Georgia Sentential Landscapes Partnership. Tim Beaty, Ft. Stewart. <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: Update on this partnership that includes the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and Interior.</i></p> <p>(10) Georgia Property Tax Issues. Dan Roach, Rayonier <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Discuss reform needed for Georgia’s high property tax rate.</i></p> <p>(10) Fire Risks and Impacts. Jim Karels, Florida Forest Service <i>Confirmed via phone</i> <i>Objective: Understand the financial and ecological impacts of fire on working forests.</i></p> <p>(5) Groundwater Recharge and Relationship to the Forest Stand on the Recharge Land. Dan Roach, Rayonier. <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Discuss issues related to groundwater recharge and legislative fix needed.</i></p> <p>(10) AFF’s Forest Conservation Programs. Chris Erwin. <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Learn more about innovative programs to help family forest owners keep their forests as forests.</i></p> <p>(15) Discussion and Questions</p>
2:50 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.	THE FUTURE
	<p>(20) Keeping Forests as Forests Initiative. Daniel McInnis, USFS <i>Confirmed in person</i> <i>Objective: Discuss new initiative for conserving southern forests and transition from PFSFC to KFAF</i></p>
3:10 pm - 3:30 pm	(20) FINAL THOUGHTS AND DISCUSSION AND ADJOURN