

**US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REGION 2 (SOUTHWEST)
PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The East Texas Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program in Region 2 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) works with Private Landowners, State and Federal Agencies, and Non-governmental agencies to restore and enhance longleaf pine and associated habitats in East Texas. Private landowner agreements (PLA), Cooperative Agreements (CA), and Grant Agreements are utilized to provide cost-assistance to private landowners for restoration and enhancement activities. The fostering of partnerships with private landowners, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Wild Turkey Federation, The Longleaf Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts have proved to be the key to strategic conservation delivery within Region 2 of the USFWS.

Longleaf Pine Mechanisms for Delivery

2013 Cooperative Agreement with The Longleaf Alliance: The 2013 Cooperative Agreement with The Longleaf Alliance had a target of 300 acres of longleaf pine restoration and/or enhancement associated with \$100,000 of Federal funds obligated to this cooperative agreement. Five (5) sub-agreements with private landowners were completed that included 475 acres of longleaf pine restoration, 320 acres of longleaf pine enhancement, and 35 acres of riparian enhancement. Landowner contributions were estimated to be \$136,925.

2013 Private landowner Agreement: This \$40,000 agreement included tracts in San Augustine and Jasper Counties, Texas. It resulted in the enhancement of 544 acres of longleaf pine with a landowner cost of approximately \$66,000. The landowner plans to maintain the improvements through periodic prescribe burning.

2013 Grant Agreement with The National Wild Turkey Federation: The 2013 Grant Agreement with The National Wild Turkey Federation had a target of 6,750 acres of prescribe burning with \$150,000 of Federal funds obligated to this grant agreement. Over 30 projects were funded that included approximately 9,000 acres. Landowner contributions exceeded \$124,000.

2014 Cooperative Agreement with The Longleaf Alliance: The 2014 Cooperative Agreement with The Longleaf Alliance had a target of 525 acres of longleaf pine restoration and/or enhancement associated with \$175,000 of Federal funds obligated to this cooperative agreement. Seven (7) sub-agreements were secured that included 725 acres of longleaf pine restoration, and 45 acres of riparian enhancement. Landowner contributions were estimated to be \$206,866.

2015 Cooperative Agreement with The Longleaf Alliance: The 2015 Cooperative Agreement with The Longleaf Alliance has a target of 700 acres of longleaf pine restoration and/or enhancement associated with \$250,000 of Federal funds obligated to this cooperative agreement. To date, three (3) sub-agreements have been secured that includes 362 acres of longleaf pine restoration. Landowner contributions are estimated to be \$90,970. This cooperative agreement has a current balance of \$142,000 with 338 acres remaining to meet the target of 700 acres.