

**Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration Field Day – Workshop**  
**Sponsored by the Texas A&M Forest Service and**  
**the Texas Longleaf Implementation Team**  
**One day for each audience**

**June 25 - Consulting Foresters – Prescribed Fire Practitioners. TIMOs, REITS, etc.**

**June 26 – State and Federal Agency Staff**

**June 27 – Landowners**

**Longleaf Silviculture:**

Ad Platt (VP Operations, Longleaf Alliance, Andalusia Alabama) will provide coaching on longleaf establishment and plantation silviculture. We will be touring lands owned by timber investment companies and private individuals in northern Tyler and Polk Counties. The three site tours include: *Stop #1* - burned 1 to 4-year-old stands – Resource Management Service, *Stop #2*. 1, 4- and 12-year-old plantations on Foster Forestry Co., L.P, and *Stop #3* - 38-year-old thinned and burned plantation – owner managed.

Discussion will be how to restore the longleaf ecosystem while developing income potential stands. Topics include planting density, ground cover diversity, site prep herbicides and burning longleaf. Private foresters will relate their management objectives and challenges working with establishment and management of longleaf plantations. The cadre will demonstrate tools to evaluate soils, how to favor herbaceous species that support diverse wildlife species and see the recovery of native ground cover. We will hear landowners and foresters describe their thinning strategies on the older longleaf stands and discuss the many unique benefits only associated with *pinus palustris*.

We will meet at 9 a.m. in Chester, Texas across the street from the American State Bank on Texas Highway 287. We will consolidate into personal 4x4 trucks and one van and head south onto lands managed by RMS. Lunch at Woodville’s Historic Village – Pickett House will be provided. After lunch we will head to plantations east of Colmesneil managed by Azimuth Forestry Services, Inc. The last stop is just north of Chester on an older plantation that is privately managed.

Look for notes from the tour to be posted on our website ([txlongleaf.org](http://txlongleaf.org)) a few weeks later. We invite feedback on the tour regarding silviculture, cost share programs for establishment and stand enhancement.

**No charge for the day, but I will need you to RSVP and indicate which day you are attending by June 15. Attendance will be limited to 20 each day. Maps and additional detail will be sent to confirmed participants.**

**3 CFTs offered for Texas Certified Prescribe Burners.**

**Instruction Lead will be Ad Platt and each company’s staff foresters: RMS and Azimuth Forestry Services, Inc. Contributors: Dr. Eric Taylor TFS, Kent Evans, Mike Oliver NRCS, Ike McWhorter USFS.**

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