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DECLARATION STATEMENT

MISSION

The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) serves the citizens of Alabama by protecting and sustaining our forest resources using professionally applied stewardship principles and education. We will ensure Alabama's forests contribute to abundant timber and wildlife, clean air and water, and a healthy economy.

INTERESTS

AFC's participation in the partnership and *America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative* is to support conservation of the longleaf pine ecosystem, specifically on private lands. Longleaf conservation on private lands broadens opportunities for landowners to enhance the benefits and contributions their sustainable stewardship creates. In addition to private land stewardship, longleaf pine conservation and restoration also contributes to supporting rural economic development and sustainability of forest-dependent communities.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

We intend to participate in the partnership in the following ways:

Landowner Education.—AFC will support the development and distribution of outreach materials for private landowner engagement. Activities include incorporating materials developed into landowner tours and workshops conducted by AFC; utilizing social networking to distribute appropriate materials to Alabama landowners; and, maintaining awareness of science-based advances in longleaf conservation practices.

Regional Mapping.—AFC will support the regional GIS mapping effort by supplying local GIS data for Alabama wherever feasible.

Longleaf Economics and Markets.—AFC will support market-based frameworks to promote incentive-based longleaf conservation on private lands.

SIGNATORY

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Alabama Forestry Commission

15 FEBRUARY, 2011

Date