



# SERPPAS Circular

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The SERPPAS Circular is a bimonthly collection of media coverage, funding opportunities and upcoming events/webinars from SERPPAS Partners across the Southeast. Updates are collected from websites, press releases, and newsletters, and organized according to the focus areas outlined in the [2018 – 2020 SERPPAS Strategic Plan](#). If you have information to share in the next SERPPAS Circular, please email your input directly to the SERPPAS Coordinator, Addie Thornton, at [Addie.Thornton@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:Addie.Thornton@aq.tamu.edu).

## FEATURED

- **Sentinel Landscapes Designation Cycle Now Open!** The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is now accepting applications for its 2021 designation cycle! Apply today to become part of an innovative community working to strengthen military readiness, conserve natural resources, bolster agricultural and forestry economies, and increase resilience to climate change. All parties interested in applying for a designation must submit a pre-proposal through the [partnership's website](#) by 8:00 PM ET on March 29, 2021. Representatives from the partnership will be available to answer questions about the designation cycle during a [live help session webinar](#) scheduled for **February 3, 2021, from 1:00 PM ET – 2:30 PM ET**. More information on this exciting opportunity can be found on the partnership's website: <https://sentinellandscapes.org/apply-now/>

## IN THE NEWS

- **Spotlight**
  - ▶ (WH) The White House released the "[Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#)" addressing a range of climate issues. The EO establishes a White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy and the National Climate Task Force, and outlines a framework for involving the entire federal government and engaging the international community in combatting climate change. The accompanying Fact Sheet outlines the actions to be taken in regards to the EO: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/27/fact-sheet-president-biden-takes-executive-actions-to-tackle-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad-create-jobs-and-restore-scientific-integrity-across-federal-government/>
  - ▶ (NFWF) **REMINDER:** Proposals for the NFWF Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund 2021 Request for Proposals is due **February 4, 2021, by 11:59pm ET**. Approximately \$4.3 million in grant funding is available to projects seeking to restore longleaf on public and private lands to improve wildlife habitat and water quality, with some funding also available for bottomland hardwood restoration. This year, projects that help improve the understanding and quantification of the carbon and water benefits of longleaf pine and bottomland hardwood restoration and enhancement are of particular interest. A recording of the [informational applicant webinar](#) is available. To view the full RFP, please visit: <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/longleaf-landscape-stewardship-fund/longleaf-landscape-stewardship-fund-2021-request-proposals>



- ▶ (NFWF) The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced the release of the 2021 request for proposals under the Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund. The Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund helps accelerate the restoration and enhancement of critical forest and freshwater habitats and associated wildlife species in the region, including parts of Alabama and Georgia. Full proposals are due **Thursday, February 18, 2021**. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/cumberland-plateau-stewardship-fund/cumberland-plateau-stewardship-fund-2021-request-proposals>
- ▶ (ESTCP) The Environmental Security Technology Certification Program is seeking projects for the ESTCP FY 2022 Solicitation funding. All proposals must respond to a Topic Area associated with the solicitation. One of the Topic Areas, “Improved Threatened, Endangered, and At-Risk Species’ Monitoring Tools for Improved Training and Testing Land Utilization”, seeks projects that result in innovative tools, methodologies, or technologies that improve DoD’s ability to monitor and influence relevant threatened, endangered, at-risk species (TES) populations, and invasive species. Pre-proposals are due **March 4, 2021, prior to 2:00pm ET**. For more information on the Topic Areas and application guidance, please visit: <https://www.serdp-estcp.org/Funding-Opportunities/ESTCP-Solicitations>
- **Sentinel Landscapes**
  - ▶ (CFN) The Conservation Finance Network released an article detailing two case examples of distinct acquisition strategies where REPI funds were used with partner funds to purchase two parcels in coastal Georgia. To read the full article, please visit: <https://www.conservationfinancenetwork.org/2020/12/20/tale-of-two-parcels-case-examples-using-repi-in-coastal-georgia>
  - ▶ (OLDCC) The DoD’s Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (formerly the Office of Economic Adjustment) released the [Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2019](#), the results of a state-by-state analysis of DoD personnel and contractual spending during FY 2019. State and local officials may use this information to assess a region’s dependence on defense spending and to target assistance to support more resilient communities and companies. For more information, click here: <https://oea.gov/defense-spending-state-fiscal-year-2019>
  - ▶ (NLC) The Network for Landscape Conservation released its bimonthly newsletter, The Landscape Conservation Bulletin, sharing timely news, information, topics, and upcoming conferences and opportunities within the field of landscape conservation:
    - November 2020: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-Bulletin-Network-for-Landscape-Conservation.html?soid=1128366788872&aid=sguYREHrKNk>
  - ▶ (REPI) The November 2020 REPI Newsletter is now available, providing exciting news and announcements related to the REPI community.
    - November: <https://repiprogram.createsend1.com/t/d-e-citkijy-l-r/>
- **Threatened, Endangered, and At-Risk Species**
  - ▶ (SGSF) The Southern Group of Foresters is seeking a Communications Director to serve as the organization’s lead in the design and implementation of communication strategies and promotion of SGSF activities, including current media campaigns such as Health Trees, Healthy Lives. Applications will be considered until the position is filled; however, applicants should



submit application by January 31, 2021, for full consideration. For more information, click here: <https://serppas.org/media/3151/sgsf-commuication-director-position-announcement.pdf>

- ▶ (USDA) The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will invest more than \$46 million this year through the [Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership](#) for projects that mitigate wildfire risk, improve water quality, and restore healthy forest ecosystems on public and private lands. Among the eight new projects being funded for 2021 is an effort to sustain gains in longleaf pine restoration through coordinated cogongrass control. This project seeks to protect and sustain extensive partner investments in maintaining fire regimes, rare species habitat, and watershed health as part of successful longleaf pine ecosystem restoration on a project landscape that encompasses 1.2 million acres surrounding ecologically significant public lands in south-central Alabama and northwest Florida. To read more, click here: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEP RD1724646>
- ▶ (F&W) F&W Forestry Services, in cooperation with the University of Georgia's Plantation Management Research Cooperative (PMRC), are establishing inventory plots for developing new longleaf pine growth and yield models for the Southeast U.S. and are seeking longleaf properties in the Coastal Plain region of AL, FL, GA, NC, and SC for suitable study locations. If you or your partners/landowners may have a candidate site, please review the study criteria and complete the [accompanying survey](#). The project is supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and results will be publicly available from the study.
- ▶ (AP) Longleaf pine was the subject of a recent national Associated Press article. Several partner agencies were quote in the article detailing the success of longleaf pine restoration across the region. To read more, please visit: <https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/restoring-longleaf-pines-keystone-vast-ecosystems-74964344?fbclid=IwAR1P8lsuR-NBu-lk0Qo8FAyVtQ74Mt7fTpYoo53xUSkT3j-tuW95yo7Lg9l>
- ▶ (KF) Keeping Forests hosted a 2020 year-in-review on December 15<sup>th</sup> outlining accomplishments, lessons learned, and charted the path forward for 2021 for each of the three strategy teams. To watch the year-in-review webinar and other KF news and webinars, click here: <https://mailchi.mp/keepingforests.org/how-were-keeping-forests-in-2021?e=7487115e12>
- ▶ (SPFFW) The Southeastern Partnership for Forests & Water released their Winter 2020 newsletter containing news surrounding the pursuit of healthy Southeastern forested watersheds: <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=f89d0d72b5ef08c415a5c6969&id=0312d49d0d>
- **Southeast Prescribed Fire Initiative**
  - ▶ (EPA et al) The Smoke Management Guidebook for Prescribed Burning in the Southern Region is now available. This landowner smoke management guidebook was created through a collaboration between the EPA, North Carolina State University, Southern Fire Exchange, Southern Regional Extension Forestry, and the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. The goal of the guidebook is to help southeastern U.S. landowners understand smoke management for prescribed burning and various techniques that can be used to help manage the smoke that is created by prescribed fire. To view the full guidebook, click here: <https://www.warnell.uga.edu/sites/default/files/publications/WSFNR-20->



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- ▶ (NASF/CPFC) The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils (CPFC) worked collaboratively to produce the 2020 National Prescribed Fire Use Report. The two organizations prepared the triennial report on prescribed fire activity, state-level programs, and barriers to prescribed fire implementation. To read the full report, click here: <https://www.stateforesters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-Prescribed-Fire-Use-Report.pdf>
- ▶ (SGSF) The Southern Group of State Foresters has produced a Prescribed Fire Infographic Series Communications Toolkit. The purpose of this toolkit is to increase awareness of the benefits of prescribed fire and how it's implemented by engaging audiences through the use of a series of prescribed fire infographics. To access the series' online media toolkit, click here: <https://www.southernforests.org/resources/media-toolkit/prescribed-fire-infographic-series>
- ▶ (SERPPAS) The SERPPAS Prescribed Fire Work Group published the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> editions of the Driptorch Digest, which contains prescribed fire news, events, articles and more from across the region. Learn more here:
  - December 2020: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-December-Driptorch-Digest-is-Now-Available-.html?soid=1117561491017&aid=S2UrXhMx7Nw>
  - January 2021: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-January-Driptorch-Digest-is-Now-Available-.html?soid=1117561491017&aid=Lz7G6gsyRTw>
- ▶ (SFE) The Southern Fire Exchange released its bimonthly newsletter, Fire Lines, sharing research, resources, news and upcoming events from around the Southeast and nationwide: <https://mailchi.mp/southernfireexchange/fire-lines-newsletter-volume-10-issue-6>. This issue contains a new fact sheet: "[Perceptions of Prescribed Fire Risk, Liability, and Insurance](#)".
- **Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation**
  - ▶ (Pew) The Pew Charitable Trust held a Q&A with Anne Deaton of the NC Division of Marine Fisheries to discuss the state's Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (CHPP). To read more, please visit: <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2020/11/20/inside-the-plan-to-protect-north-carolinas-coastal-habitat>
  - ▶ (EWN) The Engineering with Nature initiative is recognizing their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with two new videos that feature some of their collaborators and partners across the country and around the world providing greetings and thoughts about EWN®, now and in the future. There is a short version video (2 minutes) and a full version video (15 minutes) on the new EWN videos page. To watch both anniversary videos, and others, visit: <https://ewn.el.erdc.dren.mil/videos.html>
  - ▶ (C-CoAST) The Collaboratory for Coastal Adaptation over Space and Time (C-CoAST) invites you to a virtual listening session focused on long-term areas of concern for coastal communities. C-CoAST seeks to understand how coastal communities connect (or do not connect) short-term decisions to long-term areas of concern. The listening sessions build upon feedback and discussions that occurred at the Coastal Regional Resilience Workshops and Summit organized by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management and the North Carolina Coastal Federation in 2019. The listening sessions will each be a 1.5 hour interactive Zoom session so come prepared to participate in small breakout groups. Participants will also be asked to complete a short (10-15 minutes) pre-workshop survey. The next listening session will be



[February 24, 2021, from 9-10:30 am ET](https://c-coast.org/). To learn more about C-CoAST, please visit: <https://c-coast.org/>

- ▶ (SERDP-ESTCP) A publicly available version of the [DoD Regional Sea Level \(DRSL\) database](https://drsl.serdp-estcp.org/site) is now available. Public access to the database allows for the integration of future sea level change information by contracted third parties in their efforts to provide installation and facilities planning and design services for coastal locations. Use of DRSL information is now incorporated into DoD's installation master planning criteria and civil engineering design criteria for coastal locations. <https://drsl.serdp-estcp.org/site>
- ▶ (SACB) The South Atlantic Conservation Blueprint released its December 2020 and January 2021 Newsletters, listed below. To learn more, please visit:
  - December 2020: <https://mailchi.mp/f0cc65e20678/pmx0j3o71h-3587570?e=e86655520f>
  - January 2021: <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=59d57e49ab5b1afb3a66167ee&id=05b4af653c>
- ▶ (SECASC) The SE Climate Adaptation Science Center released its December 2020 and January 2021 Newsletters, which includes climate related news, resources, publications, webinars and more for the Southeast region:
  - December 2020: <https://secasc.ncsu.edu/2020/12/14/december-2020-newsletter/>
  - January 2021: <https://secasc.ncsu.edu/2021/01/20/january-2021-newsletter/>
- ▶ (SECAS) The Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy released its November and December 2020, and January 2021 Newsletters, which combines all the blogs written on the SECAS website during the previous month.
  - November 2020: <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=59d57e49ab5b1afb3a66167ee&id=ae3f844d42>
  - December 2020: <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=59d57e49ab5b1afb3a66167ee&id=6bc495b018>
  - January 2021: <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=59d57e49ab5b1afb3a66167ee&id=24e80646e7>
- **Energy Development and Siting**
  - ▶ (REEO) The U.S. Army Regional Environmental & Energy Office released its December 2020 and January 2021 editions of the Southern Review of Legislative & Regulatory Actions. This newsletter includes environmental and energy related developments for DoD/Army leaders and installation staff, giving early notice of legislative and regulatory activities relevant to DOD interests.
    - December 2020: <https://serppas.org/media/3152/southern-review-12-2020.pdf>
    - January 2021: <https://serppas.org/media/3153/southern-review-01-2021.pdf>
  - ▶ (REEO) The U.S. Army Regional Environmental and Energy Office released its bi-monthly publication, the Northern-Southern Energy Monitor. The Monitor contains current legislative and regulatory activity and state public services commission dockets pertinent to military interests for Regions 1-5.
    - December 2020: <https://serppas.org/media/3154/northern-southern-energy-monitor-dec-2020.pdf>



- **Military Services News**

- ▶ (Navy) Three Florida Navy installations received over \$4 million in REPI funding for buffer projects. NAS Jacksonville received \$2.4 million, NAS Whiting Field received \$1.5 million, and NAS Pensacola received \$179,000 to help prevent incompatible development around each base which may hinder mission training. The easements also support local landowners who can continue to use their land for farming without disruption from development. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/2479676/navy-region-southeast-installation-receive-encroachment-protection-funds/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- ▶ **February 2, 2021: SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- ▶ February 8-11, 2021: [Coastal GeoTools 2021](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ **March TBD, 2021: SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- ▶ March 8-12, 2021: [National Military Fish & Wildlife Association 2021 Annual Meeting and Training Workshop](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ March 8-12, 2021: [86th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ March 16-18, 2021: [21st Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ April 8-9, 2021: [Thirteenth International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts & Response](#) (Vancouver, Canada/Virtual)
- ▶ April 28-May 14, 2021: [2021 Southeast Land Conservation Conference](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ **May 4-5, 2021: 2021 SERPPAS Principals Meeting (Virtual)**
- ▶ May 23-26, 2021: [Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals \(ANREP\) 2020 Conference](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ May 24-27, 2021: [IAWF 16th Wildland Fire Safety Summit and the 6th Human Dimensions of Wildland Fire Conference](#) (Virtual)
- ▶ August 23-25, 2021: [1st National Stream Restoration Conference: Stream Restoration 2020 Sharing Visions for the Future](#) (Baltimore, MD)
- ▶ October 4-8, 2021: [4th Annual National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Workshop](#) (Asheville, NC)
- ▶ October 17-20, 2021: [SEAFWA Conference](#) (Roanoke, VA)
- ▶ October 25-28, 2021: [Biennial Longleaf Conference](#) (Wilmington, NC)
- ▶ October 25-November 5, 2021: [Southern Blue Ridge TREX](#)
- ▶ **May 2-4, 2022: 2021 SERPPAS Principals Meeting (Virtual)**

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

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- ▶ **Archived: [REPI & SERPPAS – Engaging at the State and Local Level on Resilience](#) by REPI/SERPPAS**
- ▶ Archived: [Resiliency & Readiness Virtual Workshop - A National Look at Military Installation Resilience](#) by REPI
- ▶ Archived: [SFE Webinar: Overview of Fire Weather Products for Controlled Burners](#) by Southern Fire Exchange
- ▶ Archived: [Intermediate Stand Management Options for Pines & Hardwoods](#) by UGA
- ▶ Archived: [Managing Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Ecological Integrity Alongside Traditional Forestry](#) by UGA
- ▶ Archived: [2020 REPI Challenge Winners](#) by REPI



- ▶ Archived: [Invasive Species in Southern Forests: Problems and Solutions](#) by UGA
- ▶ Archived: [Beneficial and Pest Insects in Our Forests: Management Recommendations](#) by UGA
- ▶ Archived: [Water Quality Best Management Practices & Watershed Management](#) by UGA
- ▶ Archived: [How does a cross-sector partnership collaborate to retain forestland in the South?](#) by Keeping Forests
- ▶ February 3, 2021: [Sentinel Landscape Application Help Session](#) by Sentinel Landscapes Partnership
- ▶ February 5, 2021: [First Friday All Climate Change Talks: Reforestation Matters in the Forest Service](#) by SE CASC
- ▶ February 8, 2021: [Virtual Conference on Heirs' Property & Sustainable Forest Management](#) by UGA
- ▶ February 11, 2021: [SFE Webinar: COVID-19 Impacts on Southeast Prescribed Fire & Strategies for Keeping Fire on the Ground](#) by Southern Fire Exchange
- ▶ February 16, 2021: [SE CASC Science Seminar: Structured Decision Making: A Strategy for Collaboration and Conservation of Imperiled Herpetofauna](#) by SE CASC
- ▶ February 25, 2021: How to talk about southern forests by Keeping Forests
- ▶ March 3, 2021: [Endangered Species Crediting Strategies](#) by REPI
- ▶ March 11, 2021: [New Resource Conservation Paradigms on DoD Lands](#) by SERDP-ESTCP
- ▶ March 16, 2021: [SE CASC Science Seminar: Using Information From Global Climate Models to Inform Management Decisions](#) by SE CASC
- ▶ April 7, 2021: [2021 REPI Report to Congress](#) by REPI
- ▶ April 22, 2021: [Innovative Approaches to Monitor and Survey At-Risk Species on DoD Lands](#) by SERDP-ESTCP
- ▶ May 5, 2021: [Varying Levels of Protection](#) by REPI
- ▶ June 2, 2021: [Sentinel Landscapes Webinar: Land Management Innovations](#) by REPI

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