



Spring 2026 SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting

March 3, 2026 – March 4, 2026
9:30 AM (Wednesday) – 12:00 PM (Thursday) EST
Atlanta, GA

MEETING SUMMARY

Action Items

Task	Responsibility
Provide new topics to be discussed during the State Forum meetings.	SERPPAS Steering Committee Members or SERPPAS Work Group Leads
Provide feedback on the SERPPAS Good Map to Addie Thornton (addie.thornton@ag.tamu.edu), Garrett Powers (garrett.powers@ag.tamu.edu), and Addie Smith (addie.smith@ag.tamu.edu).	ALL
Submit any new ideas for the Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation Work Group to explore to Michelle Covi (mcovi@uga.edu).	ALL
Provide comments or edits to the draft Best Practices for Engaging with Military Installations document to Michelle Covi.	ALL
Contact Becky Harrison (rebecca_harrison@fws.gov) if you would like to serve as co-lead or core team member for the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Work Group.	ALL
Send NRM Work Group topics/ideas to Becky Harrison.	ALL
Connect with Duke University re: heat policy innovation hub	Addie Thornton
Invite Katy Smith or a TNC representative to present on solar siting and fire implications at a future Wildland Fire Work Group meeting.	Jenn Fawcett
Include a resource to share the SASMI State Road Maps at the SERPPAS Principals Meeting.	Amanda Gobeli and Addie Thornton
The briefing packet for the 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting will be sent by March 31 st and should be reviewed with all SERPPAS Principals before attending the meeting.	SERPPAS Steering Committee

[Appendix A: Meeting Agenda](#)

[Appendix B: Meeting Participants](#)



Summary by Agenda Topic

DAY 1, March 3rd

Welcome and Introductions (Erica Rohr, Shannon Deaton, and Nancy Walters)

- SERPPAS Steering Committee Co-Chairs Shannon Deaton and Erica Rohr welcomed everyone to the SERPPAS Spring 2026 Steering Committee meeting at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources office in Atlanta, GA.
- This meeting engaged the SERPPAS Steering Committee in person following the Fall 2025 SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting in September, presented partnership progress updates and highlighted specific projects related to the work groups, continued to support the work group actions in advancing the 2025 SERPPAS Strategic Plan, and provided feedback for the 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting.
- Nancy Walters, the Meeting Facilitator, provided meeting process instructions and expectations for the best possible engagement and explained how the Steering Committee planned to accomplish the meeting goals.

Resources:

- [Principals and Steering Committee List](#) as of 03/03/2026
- [Organizing For Impact – SERPPAS Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- [SERPPAS Fact Sheet](#)

SERPPAS Partnership Updates (Addie Thornton)

- Welcome new Principals: Tammy O'Neill (AFCEC) and Christopher Lewis (AL DCNR)
- New steering committee members: Arne Olsen and Lorie Duplantier (Navy Region SE) and Amy Bussink (USGS)
- Retirements: Nancy Walters (following the Principals Meeting)
- Ron Tickle (DOW Principal Co-Chair, DASW EMR) is retiring at the end of this month. Kristin Thomasgard, REPI Program Director and current ODASW EMR Chief of Staff, will replace Mr. Tickle as DOW Principal Co-Chair.
- John Nicholson, NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ), will serve as State Principal Co-Chair for 2025–2027.
- Please be sure to utilize the SERPPAS website for information to stay up to date. All Steering Committee members and Principals can log in to the member area to access onboarding documents, past meeting documents, member contact lists, work group call schedules, work group documents, partnership documents, and steering committee updates. If additional staff need access to the area, please reach out to the SERPPAS Team.
- SERPPAS is testing a new website-based email system with branded headers/footers; members should report if they are not receiving emails from info@serppas.org.
- Appreciation was shared for contributions to the 2026 SERPPAS Strategic Plan and updates to Partnership goals and Work Group focus.
- The Work Group Leads met in November 2025 and March 2026 to discuss the new NFWF Business Plan, SERPPAS Science Committee, Good Map development, work group engagement, and preparation for the 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting.
- Agencies were reminded to return edited work group representation lists; follow-up from Hailey Avalos will be sent as needed.



- Addie Thornton will serve on the [SECAS](#) Leadership Team to support regional initiatives and blueprint development.
- Future Steering Committee meetings will include “Partner Highlights” beginning with Sine Murray (FL Department of Environmental Protection) in Fall 2026.
- SERPPAS will join REPI in late March to brief NOAA’s Regional Collaboration Network on Sentinel Landscapes and collaboration opportunities.
- The 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting is scheduled to be held in Pinehurst/Southern Pines, North Carolina, on April 27-29, 2026.

Resources:

- [Presentation: SERPPAS Partnership Updates](#)
- [Fall 2025 SERPPAS Steering Committee Summary](#)
- [SERPPAS Onboarding Document](#)
- [SERPPAS Strategic Plan Final Draft](#)

State Forum Report Out (Shannon Deaton)

- The State Forum provides a venue for state representatives to coordinate on SERPPAS meeting topics, identify shared priorities, coordinate with military partners, and onboard new state members.
- Key discussion items included:
 - Fire response coordination during emergencies, including:
 - DOW Fire Response Assistance
 - DOW Point of Contact List
 - State processes for prescribed burn permits
 - Introduction of the newly renamed Natural Resources Management (NRM) Work Group and the discussion of its broadened focus
 - Overview and preview of upcoming SERPPAS meeting agendas
- The State Forum is currently addressing state-driven topics only; federal agencies or other partners in SERPPAS that wish to propose topics are encouraged to contact the SERPPAS team. The SERPPAS survey that was conducted in 2024, collecting input and priorities from all the SERPPAS agencies, has been very helpful in driving discussions and opportunities in the State Forum.

Resources:

- [Presentation: State Forum Report Out](#)

Lessons learned from Natural Disaster Coordination (John Nicholson)

- Hurricane Helene had widespread impacts across North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina. It was considered North Carolina’s most significant storm event in the last century, causing hundreds of fatalities and revealing response challenges due to the rural and mountainous terrain. Western NC faces long-term recovery needs, with economic impacts in the billions, widespread home losses, major infrastructure disruptions, and ongoing recovery challenges. Multi-state partnerships, including SERPPAS connections, allowed the NC DEQ to strengthen coordination during recovery efforts. NC DEQ is now leading 29 Helene recovery programs across nearly all divisions.



- NC DEQ now leads state-wide disaster and long-term resilience efforts with Dr. Kathie Dello serving as the first Assistant Secretary for Resilience, overseeing:
 - Division of Coastal Management
 - Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP)
 - State Energy Office
 - Flood Resiliency Blueprint
 - State Resilience Office
- Key statewide resilience priorities include expanding funding tools, strengthening coordination, improving data and technology, and increasing interagency collaboration.

Discussion

- For awareness, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, which coordinates the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape, also works with regional councils nationwide, collaborating with city administrators, mayors, and county commissioners, and is currently completing a major project with the Florida Department of Environmental Quality.
- Other states that have resilience offices include South Carolina and Florida.
- A resource from Florida was shared that may be useful as a model for other states:
<https://flwatertracker.com/>

Resources:

- [Presentation: Lessons Learned from Natural Disaster Coordination](#)

SERPPAS Work Group Leads Report Out (Bruce Beard)

- In place of the postponed Principals Meeting, the work group leads met to discuss the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Revised Business Plan for Southeastern Forests and Rivers, the SERPPAS Science Committee and proposed science workshop, the revised SERPPAS Strategic Plan, the SERPPAS Good Map, and a Sentinel Landscape research strategy.
- NFWF is revising its Business Plan by expanding its scope beyond longleaf pine (Southeast Forests and Rivers). Through the work group leads, SERPPAS developed a supporting paper that was reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee Co-Chairs to help shape SERPPAS alignment with the revised business plan. The business plan is expected to be approved by NFWF in the May timeframe.
- The SERPPAS Research Committee is expected to advance its work with the work group leads taking the primary role in identifying research needs, gaps, and opportunities to better integrate efforts across groups. SERPPAS is considering a research workshop as the focus action for Fall 2026, building on the model of the 2007 SERPPAS workshop that brought together SERDP, DoD, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations to evaluate regional research gaps.

Discussion

- Does the Sentinel Landscapes research strategy exist now?
 - It is in the development stage to look into the needs, research ideas, or gaps, and how to execute them.
- A lot of funding is being cut at the federal level. How would funding for research become available?
 - Research funding is changing. now more than ever, it is important to look into opportunities with partners since funding won't be as available at the federal level. The recognition is to



continue the path forward; more people need to be brought to the table to see how different it may be and how we navigate it.

Resources:

- [Presentation: SERPPAS Work Group Leads Report Out](#)
- [SERPPAS Priorities: NFWF NextGen Business Plan](#)
- [SERPPAS Science Committee & Workshop Proposal DRAFT](#)
- [2007 SERPPAS Academic Workshop Summary Report](#)

SERPPAS Good Map (Garret Powers and Addie Smith)

- The SERPPAS Good Map was developed by the geospatial team at the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, in collaboration with Addie Thornton and Michelle Covi, as a tool to help SERPPAS partners visualize, analyze, and collaborate across the SERPPAS region. To ensure the map met user needs, Michelle conducted interviews with Sentinel Landscape coordinators, people in specific positions, and members of the Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation Work Group (CRRAWG) to gather input that shaped its design and functionality.
- The SERPPAS Good Map includes highly customizable layers, and partners may request additional data layers through the SERPPAS team.
- Key map tools include:
 - Layer search tool – quickly locating specific layers
 - Theme selector – simplify complex views
 - Basemap options – change map background
 - Upload tool – allowing users to add their own ZIP shapefiles
 - Sketch tool – for drawing shapes directly on the map
 - Measurement tool – calculate distance and area with adjustable units
 - Print and export features for sharing map outputs

Discussion

- Does it include all installations within the area that are REPI installations but not within a Sentinel Landscape?
 - It currently shows REPI installations, Sentinel Landscapes, and all other installations and ranges.
- Is the historic fire layer pulling data from the SE FireMap?
 - It's currently pulling from the interagency wildland fire perimeter history from the National Interagency Fire Center. Any feedback on other layers that might be useful is appreciated.
- Are we able to download individual shapefiles from this platform, or will there be a centralized GIS resource database that is accessible to all everyone?
 - No download capabilities at the moment but that capability can be discussed if needed.
 - It would depend on the layer itself and where it comes from since we are still working on the layer/data information. For layers not controlled by SERPPAS, go to the layer source to see where the data is coming from.
- Are you able to add URL REST Services, and are you able to grab REST URLs for the public ones?
 - Not available now but can be possible to add to this tool.
- How would you describe the difference between the SERPPAS Good Map and what SECAS produces?



- The SECAS blueprint has a lot of analysis to provide conservation priorities based on their indicators. The blueprint conservation priorities are on this map as an individual layer; this map gives you the ability to look at those layers with other layers such as the military, natural hazard, or other authoritative data. They are complementary tools.
- Another product Sentinel Landscapes would like to see is a tool that shows their progress. There may be a need or use to show that data within the SERPPAS Good Map.
- Avon Park does a lot of GIS work at the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. If there's additional information that the GIS team can share, there is a lot with the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and going beyond Florida and extending into other states. Avon Park will evaluate what can be shared and exchanged.
- Is there the ability to create a report based on having a project site? Does this function exist? On the flip side, is there a database query function, such as a suitability analysis?
 - This has been talked about since the beginning of whether it needs data or metrics. We are continuing to add features.
 - There may be a solution for a suitability analysis. The options are to give it its own tool or provide users with tools and data.

Resources:

- [SERPPAS Good Map](#)

2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Preview (Addie Thornton)

- The 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting, to be held April 27-29, 2026, in Pinehurst/Southern Pines, NC, will commemorate the partnership's 20th anniversary and focus on ongoing challenges and opportunities related to national defense, natural resources, working lands, and installation resilience.
- Attendees were reminded that this meeting is a key opportunity to engage senior leadership and strengthen relationships. The location in the Sandhills is significant to the SERPPAS history, including the connection to Fort Bragg, the Woodpecker Wars, and two decades of conservation success in North Carolina.
- This year's meeting includes additional discussion time while still incorporating field experiences to highlight on-the-ground impacts and projects.
- The agenda features a briefing on the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape, a focus on the Sandhills region, and highlights of key partners, including Fort Bragg and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, along with a visit to a REPI project.
- All logistics and information are available on the website meeting page: [2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting](#)
- A QR code (view on the agenda title page) was available throughout the meeting to collect sidebar comments, questions, and emerging topics. Any feedback will help refine the tool for potential use at the upcoming Principals Meeting.
 - Suggestions included: guiding questions by topic, enabling chat-style feature for building on ideas, and having the facilitator track submissions in real time.

Resources:

- [Presentation: 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Preview](#)
- [Final Agenda: Spring 2026 SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting](#)



The following three presentations are previews of the topics that will be discussed at the Principals Meeting.

Featured Presentation: Marine Corps Maritime Center of Excellence – Carmen Lombardo

- The Marine Corps is shifting back toward its amphibious roots, following guidance from the Commandant. The Corps plans to leverage existing installations along the Eastern Seaboard to support more flexible, region-wide training opportunities.
- The Maritime Center of Excellence aims to maximize existing Marine Corps properties, expand opportunities on DOW lands, and build partnerships to access additional Federal and State training areas near Marine Corps installations. The concept is designed to create a broader, more flexible regional training network that supports the operational priorities of the II Marine Expeditionary Force.
- The Marine Corps has identified 33 potential training locations spanning from Virginia to Florida. These sites include lands managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), NOAA Coastal Reserves, state parks, and various state Department of Natural Resource and game lands. Initial outreach has begun with several of these agencies to explore opportunities for expanding regional training access. Region-wide service began with USFWS and has completed one site visit to Pickney Island National Wildlife Refuge in South Carolina.
- Direct outreach to partners about potential opportunities will begin soon. Activities will be shaped by landscape capacity, seasonal timing, and threatened and endangered species considerations. All proposals will align with existing natural resources protection practices as used on Marine Corps installations.

Featured Presentation: Working Forests Under Threat – Alexandra Ford

- Georgia has experienced significant timber market impacts, including the closure of five major mills within the last 18 months. Recent closures include the Georgia-Pacific Cedar Springs Mill affecting Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, as well as multiple pulp and paper mills in Liberty and Richmond Counties near Fort Stewart.
- These closures represent an estimated \$2.9 billion economic loss to the state, including direct and indirect job losses. Reduced mill capacity leaves landowners with fewer outlets for timber, threatening continued forest management. Consequences include loss of military buffers, degraded habitat for threatened and endangered species, and increased wildfire risk.
- In response, Georgia Gas launched new forestry innovation initiatives, including:
 - \$8.9M for forestry innovation at Georgia Tech University
 - \$2.6M for the first mass timber project
 - \$370K for a Georgia-grown timber project
- These efforts aim to stabilize the timber industry, support landowners, and sustain long-term forest management across the state

Discussion

- What are people doing with the extra timber that is from natural disasters such as Hurricane Helene?
 - Burning it. Georgia had a large amount of burns this burn season than seen in the past five to 10 years. This leftover timber is about a couple of dollars per ton rather than being \$14 per ton.
- Mississippi is experiencing similar challenges following the major ice storm, which hit areas already affected by mill closure. With limited outlets for timber, many landowners are considering shifting



their land to pasture due to high prices. This mirrors the trends in GA, where some forest land is being converted to solar development.

- Could it be used for the pellet industry?
 - Not known as of now.
 - The pellet industry requires a location source, and most of it cannot be identified. Most of it is from landowners dumping loads of timber.
- Many states are facing these same problems with threatened forests, seen within NC and FL.
- Tyndall AFB had to have an increased daily allowance with their mills after Hurricane Michael to pull off their downed timber.
- Crawfordville Mill sends wood pellets down to the Panama City, FL, port - one of their major exports.
- Eglin AFB is looking for alternative funding, other than trees/mills, to bring in funds to support the natural resources management (Jackson Guard)

Featured Presentation: Regional Corridor: Linking Landscapes, Readiness and Wildlife – Buck MacLaughlin

- The goal is to create discussion around regional wildlife corridors with an emphasis on cross-border coordination and collaboration. The Florida Wildlife Corridor can serve as a model for what efforts can be used within other states and across the broader region.
- The Florida Wildlife Corridor Act (2021) is a highly replicable model, built on years of advocacy that resulted in a unanimous, bipartisan approval by the Florida Legislature. The act secured state funding to advance corridor conservation, and the key strength of this initiative is that it approaches existing conserved lands and opportunity areas, including a ranking system to guide strategic land protection efforts.
 - 93 properties totaling more than 463,000 acres have been approved; this is ongoing and changing weekly, if not daily.
 - Creation of 114,000 jobs with \$30 billion annual value, and a six-times return on investment, protecting the corridor.
 - Conservation is occurring in multiple agencies and opportunities across state lines throughout the SERPPAS region
- There is strong potential for SERPPAS to help connect existing habitat corridors and support broader landscape-scale connectivity across state lines. Sentinel Landscapes provide natural hubs for advancing this work and strengthening cross-border collaboration. Interactions between SERPPAS work groups can address corridor-related issues and offer a more coordinated regional approach, which could add value to future corridors.

Discussion

- Inspired by the Florida Wildlife Corridor, the Georgia SWAP (State Wildlife Action Plan) map resulted in a sophisticated model which can be used as a good basemap for identifying corridors. The GA Sentinel Landscape boundary is also based on corridors.
- USDA Forest Service talks more about connectivity than corridors but sees corridors as an option. There are connections between all three topics as corridors can contribute to supporting readiness, working forests and markets, and recreation. There are examples of multi-state forest legacy projects and NRCS landowner engagement could be leveraged where there are active forest management hubs.



- The branding is important, but the key is for other states to emulate the Florida Forever funding program in the other SERPPAS states (on a per capita equivalent basis). Interested in learning what makes Florida so successful.
- Sentinel Landscapes could be great stepping stones for the extension of corridors north and west from Florida. This could also work well with the new USMC Maritime Center of Excellence concept.
- The key to Florida Forever is that it uses mapping to clearly delineate priorities and then provides funding for fee simple acquisitions and working lands easements. Each state can determine its own maps, but there is still a need to align and augment existing conservation funding investments at a much larger scale.
- The states are considering corridors in their wildlife action plans, and discussions have started to consider how to connect the corridors across the region. A preliminary map of the Southeast showing the state corridors was shown, but did not include NC. Part of the reason for the NC omission is that NC's Biodiversity and Wildlife Habitat Assessment was developed by a different agency than the one that develops the SWAP ([North Carolina Conservation Planning Tool | NHP](#))
- Flood mitigation and source water protection are additional aspects to consider. It is important to think of the landowners who are not ready for landowner conservation easements. Are there secondary tools identified by the state that can be used for landowners without going the conservation easement route such as deferred tax programs, payment for ecosystem services, and other incentives.

Resources:

- [Presentation: Regional Corridor Linking Landscapes, Readiness and Wildlife](#)
- [2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Simple Agenda DRAFT](#)

REPI Review – Projects and Priorities in the Southeast (Erica Rohr)

- FY26 Requests:
 - 18 REPI project locations across the SERPPAS region submitted \$76M in funding proposals, with emphasis on land acquisition (\$56M) and natural resource management /nature-based solutions (NBS) efforts (\$20M) supporting mission readiness.
- Encroachment and Resilience Priorities:
 - Funding requests target key challenges, including noise complaints or avoidance behavior reported at 83% of SERPPAS sites and major resilience hazards such as coastal flooding and wildfire.
- FY25 Highlights:
 - 17 REPI locations executed \$65M in DOW and partner funding, supporting acquisitions and NRM/NBS work such as wildfire pilot projects, living shorelines, wetland conservation, and species studies.
- Special Project Update:
 - REPI funded the planning phase of the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Resilient Forest Economy Initiative, which will outline new market strategies for longleaf that enhance biodiversity, resilience, and stewardship.
- Upcoming Site Visit:
 - The SERPPAS Principals will visit a REPI project near Fort Bragg where land was added to Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve, expanding a critical buffer and protecting longleaf habitat through the Readiness and Recreation Initiative.



Resources:

- [Presentation: REPI Review - Projects and Priorities in the Southeast](#)

Southeast Sentinel Landscapes (Bruce Beard and Buck MacLaughlin)

- Buck MacLaughlin will transition into the Southeast Sentinel Landscape Work Group Lead.
- The work group is coordinating with SERDP and the Eastern Innovation Landscape Network (EILN) to explore partnership and integration opportunities related to research and development.
- A briefing with NOAA's National Regional Collaboration Network on Sentinel Landscapes is scheduled for March 24, 2026.
- Funding opportunities in partnership with the National Bobwhite and Grasslands Initiative have not yet materialized, though partners remain hopeful for future RCPP cycles.
- Five full proposals were submitted for the 2026 Sentinel Landscapes designation cycle with selections expected later this spring.
- The work group team continues to develop the Sentinel Landscapes action plan, working with coordinators to align efforts with SERPPAS strategic focus areas.

Discussion

- Kent Wimmer, coordinator of the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape, is retiring in September 2026; Joy Brown, current Resilience Specialist, will take over as coordinator.
- Avon Park Air Force Range was awarded grants through the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and will be doing an agriculture land use conservation study; a bulk of the stakeholders are Sentinel Landscape partners. Contact Sheila McNamara (smcnamara@cfrpc.org) if you would like to join the monthly meetings.
- Avon Park Air Force Range is developing resilience prioritization maps focusing on issues Avon Park identified in the Installation Readiness Review. The range is also working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida program to perform vulnerability assessments; the Coastal Heartland National Estuary Program and associated counties will carry out the adaptation actions due to concerns of extreme weather events and flooding, despite not being on a coastline.
- The Avon Park team is developing a Florida Uncut podcast to boost recognition of the Sentinel Landscape Partnership. The messaging will highlight the agricultural and public-access benefits of the lands, including recreational opportunities at the Sentinel Landscape.
- The Southeast Sentinel Landscape partners, along with other Sentinel Landscapes nationwide, will meet for the annual Sentinel Landscapes Coordinators Meeting on May 11–14, 2026, at the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape. A market analysis and feasibility study is underway for a revolving loan fund to support Sentinel Landscape conservation, with over 70 survey responses collected to assess bridge-financing needs.

Resources:

- [Presentation: Sentinel Landscapes in the Southeast](#)



Featured Presentation: NWFL SL Timber Initiative Update – David Wolfe

- The Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape formed a multi-partner working group to examine forest economy challenges and identify potential interventions. Stakeholder input revealed that the forest economy is influenced by local, regional, national, and global factors, making solutions complex and multi-layered.
- The facilitated planning process will include three in-person workshops to develop shared understandings, define desired market conditions, and identify effective interventions. The effort is being coordinated with other Southeast groups, including the Longleaf Alliance’s new markets working group, to maximize collaboration and regional impact. A key outcome will be a transferable framework that other regions, including other Sentinel Landscapes, can adapt to strengthen forest market resilience in their own contexts.

Discussion

- What is the timeline?
 - Consulted interviews are currently wrapping up.
 - 1st workshop in June 2026
 - 2nd workshop in late Summer/early Fall
 - 3rd workshop in late 2026/early 2027, where specific interventions are identified
 - The goal is to come out of the workshops with a set of interventions that will then move into the implementation phase.
- Are the participants of the three workshops the same or different groups?
 - The group will be primarily the same within each workshop; for those unable to attend every workshop, there will be a second layer of input and review.

Wildland Fire (Jenn Fawcett)

- The Wildland Fire Work Group continues to make progress toward the SERPPAS Strategic Plan goals with participation from various partner agencies
- Members are encouraged to share fire-related challenges with the SERPPAS team and Work Group co-leads, Jenn Fawcett (jennifer_fawcett@ncsu.edu) and Paul Catlett (paul.catlett@ag.tamu.edu).
- There has been the promotion of cooperative conservation, protection of public health, and keeping areas in attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- The [International Smoke Symposium](#) will take place on March 23-27, 2026, at Tall Timbers in Tallahassee, FL.
- Partners of the work group received \$3.1M from the NFWF America’s Restorations Initiative grant to advance fire-related work across the region. This project involves numerous federal, state, and NGO partners, and supports efforts such as terrestrial lidar scanning on Eastern Innovation Landscape nodes. A major focus is on increasing prescribed fire capacity while addressing persistent challenges such as workforce limitations, liability, and insurance.
- The [Guidebook for Prescribed Burning in the Southern Region](#), originally developed through the SERPPAS partnership, was created to fill an information gap for private landowners seeking guidance on how to safely conduct burns. Led by the Southern Regional Extension Forestry, the guidebook supports the SERPPAS Strategic Plan by increasing landowner engagement and promoting safe, effective use of prescribed fire.



- The Prescribed Fire Liability Report for the Southern United States: A Summary of Statutes and Cases includes on any new case law related to prescribed fire that have been found in the previous year. An update to the report is expected soon.
- Specific to NC, a statewide prescribed burn association coordinator is now on board to keep the many PBAs across the state connected and share how they are operating.
- Meeting attendees watched the trailer of *Young Fires: The Future of Firelighting*, a short film that follows young wildland firefighters in Southern states. The creators are working towards it being aired on PBS.. SERPPAS members will be alerted when it becomes publicly available. If you would like a sneak peek showing for your agency, contact Jenn Fawcett (jennifer_fawcett@ncsu.edu).
- Subscribe to the [Driptorch Digest](#) newsletter for fire news across the region.

Resources:

- [Presentation: Wildland Fire](#)
- [Young Fires: The Future of Firelighting](#)
- [The Prescribed Fire Liability Report for the Southern United States: A Summary of Statutes and Cases](#)

Featured Presentation: DOW – Updates from the Wildland Fire Program – Paul Catlett

- The DOW Wildland Fire Program is working to finalize a Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy by the end of the calendar year, establishing consistent policy and guidance for installations. A major effort is creating standardized practices across installations, which currently differ widely in how wildland fire is managed (natural resources, fire/emergency services, range control, etc.). The program is standardizing data collection, including acres burned, staffing, equipment, and program structure, to support consistent policy and oversight. Work is underway to streamline budgeting, addressing challenges created by multiple budget codes and inconsistent funding pathways across services. The program has fully adopted the National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards for training and qualifications and is implementing unit IDs across installations to support the Incident Qualification System.
- Collaboration with the EILN continues, including projects involving terrestrial lidar for fire modeling, VR prescribed fire training tools (e.g., QuickFire), next-generation PPE, and autonomous ground-based vehicles for fire logistics.
- The Integrated Research Management Team (IRMT) is preparing for another coordinated research burn at Fort Stewart, following last year's large multi-agency burn that produced a shared data clearinghouse for fire behavior, smoke, air quality, and fuel assessments. Installations have returned updated longleaf restoration data, though one service still requires alignment on reporting methods to ensure consistent regional totals.

DAY 2, March 4th

Welcome Back & Reflections (SERPPAS Co-Chairs)

- The presentations on work group activities and relevant topics continued on Day 2 of the meeting.

Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation (Michelle Covi)

- The overall charge of the Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation Work Group is to foster collaboration among federal, state, and local partners to build capacity, develop plans, share



resources, and implement projects that increase resilience for military installations and the community industry.

- The work group has a specific focus on comprehensive planning and integrating natural infrastructure and nature-based solutions into resilience strategies. To accomplish this, the work group holds a monthly meeting where work group lead, Michelle Covi, provides resources for successful resilience projects, both on and off installations. If you would like to join one of these meetings, please email Michelle Covi (mcovi@uga.edu).
- There is also a quarterly focus on OLDCC projects. The group has highlighted the Lowcountry South Carolina, the Florida Emerald Coast, South Florida, MacDill Air Force Base, and Avon Park Air Force Range; this year, the work group is anticipating hearing from Northeast Florida and Fort Stewart.
- About four years ago, the focus of the work group was on understanding state resilience efforts. The work group has heard from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida resilience offices as they share their approaches. For the states without a formal resilience office, the work group receives updates from their coastal programs, which lead resilience work in those states.
- The work group has also held meetings for nature-based solutions where the benefits and progress of living shorelines on the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point were discussed. It has also met to discuss resources, including the new SERPPAS Good Map layers, Coastal Resiliency Prioritization for aquatic preserves in FL, and the NOAA Coastal Inundation Community of Practice.
- A regulatory sub-work group was formed, but it has been paused unless requested otherwise by members.
- Please provide any comments or edits to the draft [Best Practices for Engaging with Military Installations](#) document to Michelle Covi (mcovi@uga.edu).
- If you would like to join the work group, contact Hailey Avalos (hailey.avalos@ag.tamu.edu).

Discussion

- Water resources resilience – what does this mean to you or your agency?
 - The Emerald Coast Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) is addressing critical water supply resilience, including creating a redundant water source for Tyndall AFB and Panama City, while Okaloosa, Walton, and Santa Rosa counties face long-term water-supply warnings that could impact Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field, making this an important topic.
 - Training installations see their population surge during large exercises, requiring significantly more clean water, water treatment, and sewage capacity. If these costs become too high or water becomes insufficient, units may choose to train elsewhere, directly threatening installations' long-term viability.
 - DOW has a water resilience working group. SERPPAS could issue an invitation to the next steering committee meeting, so we can hear more of what the DOW is doing regarding water resilience and for installations and their key priorities or challenges.
 - Think about sewer and stormwater challenges as well as ecosystem and mitigation needs, including access to mitigation banks that help fulfill environmental requirements, rounding out the broader set of water-resource issues that affect operations.
 - The situation in Boiling Spring Lakes, North Carolina, highlights how aging or damaged infrastructure with watershed drainage, such as dams lost during hurricanes, may require additional projects to increase capacity and buffer impacts, especially when FEMA rebuilding only restores structure to limited levels. This is a OLDCC Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Project.



- Dam removal projects must account for nearby community water intake which are costly to relocate, making early identification of intake locations critical before designing or funding a project.
- NC State University's recent forum on water infrastructure highlighted that towns must coordinate regionally on economic development to avoid straining shared water capacity, raising questions about how community growth pressures intersect with basic water security and future weather-driven water demands. The other component in water management at the state level is the Department of Transportation; where they build out their infrastructure directly impacts lots of assets.
- Natural hazards
 - During an Air Force Installation Sustainment Working Group, extreme temperatures and heat were major topics across the board. It is a resilience issue that has been identified by multiple installations, and SERPPAS may be able to participate in mitigation efforts related to this problem.
 - The Inflation Reduction Act funded urban forestry work within Houston's heat-island mitigation studies to address rising temperatures, creating potential opportunities for collaboration within the southeast through tree-based cooling strategies.
 - A Duke University expert on heat exposure leads a Heat Policy Innovation Hub and could share their insights relevant to SERPPAS, especially given prior DOW findings that heat is a major factor affecting military training. Connecting with the hub's director, Ashley Ward, may strengthen SERPPAS's work on this issue.

Resources:

- [Presentation: Coastal Resilience & Regional Adaptation](#)
- [Best Practices Military Engagement DRAFT](#)

Featured Presentation: DOW OLDCC Installation Readiness Program – Mary Beth Greiner

- OLDCC is a statutorily authorized DOW field activity tasked with advancing the Secretary of War's priorities and strengthening the connection between military installations and surrounding communities.
- The Installation Readiness Program is a needs-based, non-competitive grant program that supports communities and states in addressing shared risks and vulnerabilities that affect installation readiness. Communities or commanders can self-nominate projects, and once approved, an OLDCC project manager works with the community and installation through the full grant cycle. Grants typically span 18 months and require a 10% non-federal match, though multiple partners can participate in implementation regardless of who serves as the fiscal agent.
- OLDCC funds a wide range of relationship-building, assessment, planning, and design activities to address shared community installation challenges. Funding can support compatible use studies, tabletop exercises, readiness reviews, and other assessments that identify vulnerabilities and guide resilience and land-use solutions.
- Unfortunately, Installation Readiness cannot fund construction, but it can help prepare applicants to seek construction funds, whether that is through the Defense Community Infrastructure Program or through other public-private partnerships.



- The Camp Lejeune/MCAS New River project integrates assessments of water, wastewater, energy, transportation, and infrastructure risks to guide next-step studies and capital improvements.
- The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield partnership with the University of Georgia and Chatham County supports flood analysis, evacuation planning, natural infrastructure protection, and storm water improvements to strengthen installation and community resilience.
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Resources:

- [Presentation: DOW OLDCC Installation Readiness Program](#)

Featured Presentation: South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative (SASMI) Update – Amanda Gobeli

- Amanda Gobeli, the SASMI Coordinator, provided an update on SASMI progress and the Marsh Forward Plan.
- The end-of-the-year Coffee with SASMI session highlighted major 2025 successes including progress on the beneficial use of dredged material, a new SERPPAS-UGA paper, and communications providing support on Coastal Habitat Restoration using dredged material. Partners celebrated on the ground accomplishments at MCAS Cherry Point, MCRD Parris Island, and Seabrook Village, along with a major Climate Pollution Reduction Grant awarded to the North Carolina Coastal Federation.
- The new SERPPAS-UGA paper, *Coastal Habitat Restoration with Dredged Material: A Guide for Southern States*, explains how dredged material can be strategically reused to restore or strengthen coastal ecosystems and reduce climate- and storm-related risks in the southeastern U.S.
- The State of the South Atlantic Salt Marsh Virtual Workshop brought together researchers across four states, generating new ideas, discussion, and expanded SASMI participation.
- The SASMI Partnership Council (SPC) winter meeting was held on December 10-11, 2025, in Amelia Island, FL. Topics discussed included:
 - State roadmaps, including opportunities and challenges identified through breakout sessions
 - Takeaways from the State of the Salt Marsh Workshop and how those inform upcoming work
 - National relevance of SASMI, including guidance from a government-relations expert who is now leading a new work group
 - Lessons learned from nationally recognized conservation initiatives
- Planning is underway for the next SASMI meeting to be held April 14-15, 2026, on Skidaway Island in Georgia. Focus Areas for 2026 that will be discussed at the Fall SPC Meeting include:
 - Two major products currently being prepped to be released this year: the State Roadmaps (end of March 2026) and the SASMI Impact Report (summer 2026).
 - Partnership council membership, including taking stock of who may need to be added to support the new objectives and reaffirming the SASMI commitments.
 - Reconfirming the priorities and the commitments for the four, soon-to-be five, work groups.
- SASMI will roll out its state roadmaps with targeted outreach to state agency leaders, including webinars, newsletter updates, website revisions, and ready-made media materials to support broad awareness and easy sharing across the coalition.
- Work Groups and Updates
 - SASMI work groups are being refocused with new objectives and communications, preparing for the State Roadmaps and Impact Report rollout.



- A new government relations work group is forming to handle legislative and agency engagement needs.
- SASMI Impact Report
 - Currently gathering data from the SASMI database and partners to ensure all necessary information is included in the impact report, while working with the Communications Work Group to identify success stories and key content to prepare for the Summer 2026 release.

Discussion

- Input on how to coordinate between SERPPAS and SASMI to get the Impact Report distributed, including possibly creating a package for the SERPPAS Principals to determine if there are avenues that the Principals can offer.
 - Possibly include a feature on the SERPPAS website
- What is the timeline for the State Roadmaps?
 - These will be completed at the end of March, to be released in early April. The State Roadmaps will be linked on the SASMI website.

Resources:

- [Presentation: South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative \(SASMI\) Update](#)

Natural Resources Management (Becky Harrison)

- The At-Risk, Threatened, and Endangered Species Work Group has transitioned into the Natural Resources Management Work Group. As part of this shift, the work group is undergoing a leadership transition, with Lucas Cooksey stepping away from the co-lead role. The work group is adopting a new proposed structure featuring a state co-lead- and rotating subject matter experts to support planning and evolving focus areas.
- The key tools that are featured for the work group are the [At-Risk Species Finder](#), [SERPPAS Focal Species List](#) and funding opportunity tracking.
- The national listing workplan includes 331 reviews and actions, with 127 species occurring in the southeast. Progress to date includes 88 completed actions, many resulting in findings that preclude listing.
- Recent Federal Register updates:
 - 90-day findings for Wilson's Phalarope and the Stiple Studfish
 - Proposed regulation removals for multiple map turtles, several butterfly species, and Shovelnose Sturgeon
 - Reclassification actions such as the delisting of the Wood Stork and the proposed delisting of Geocarbon Minimum
- There were multiple petition withdrawals due to conservation progress as well as collaborative efforts for species within the Southeast.
- The Regional Species of Greatest Conservation Need were integrated with the updated Southeast Conservation Blueprint to create new indicator layers.
- Southeast Blueprint corridors span 15 states and two Caribbean territories, aligning with state/local connectivity priorities and enhancing implementation.
- The new U.S. Wildland Fire Service (USWFS) consolidates fire programs across Department of the Interior (DOI) agencies to improve decision-making, efficiency, and wildfire response. The first USWFS Fire Chief is Brian Fennessy; the USWFS Southern Area Fire Chief is Vince Carver.



- The work group is currently under review to discuss which topics should be covered for the meetings for 2026. Possible topics include corridors, relief, and changing forest markets.
 - Contact Becky Harrison (rebecca_harrison@fws.gov) if you have ideas for the work group, or if you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in serving as a co-lead or core team member.

Discussion

- There is utility in using the work group for states to discuss how to tie resources together to meet this landscape-level effort. Until the states are in agreement, discussion cannot occur regarding cross-state needs. This would aid in Sentinel Landscapes as well.

Resources:

- [Presentation: Natural Resources Management](#)
- Website: <https://www.doi.gov/wildlandfireservice>

Featured Presentation: Solar and Longleaf – Katy Smith

- The Longleaf Partnership Council (LPC) has been increasingly focused on the rapid expansion of solar development in the Southeast and its implications for longleaf conservation. Concerns emerged after Fall presentations showed growing forest to solar conversion, prompting the LPC to request a deeper data review and hold a special virtual meeting in January. The goal is not to oppose solar development but to understand impacts and promote best practices for siting and conservation aligned investment.
- Available solar data (current through 2024) shows a significant rise in solar installations within the longleaf range beginning around 2018, with particularly high activity in Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina. Mapping indicates that much of the land converted to solar in the longleaf range was previously forested, with an estimated 23,500 acres of evergreen forest affected. Data gaps make it difficult to quantify exactly how much existing longleaf was lost. Current longleaf maps were created after much of the solar buildout. High priority restoration areas have also been impacted, with over 20,000 acres in such zones converted to solar. Several solar arrays are located within 100 meters of existing longleaf stands, raising concerns about prescribed fire limitations, which are essential for maintaining longleaf ecosystems.
- LPC members emphasized the need for proactive outreach, recommending that mapping teams identify high priority restoration areas for local teams to engage landowners before solar projects advance.
- Major knowledge gaps remain:
 - Limited research on species responses to solar facilities
 - Uncertain impacts of soil disturbance, runoff, and altered hydrology around solar farms
- The initiative aims to gather more research, refine mapping, and develop potential best management practices to balance renewable energy development with longleaf conservation priorities.
- The Mapping Working Group will identify high priority restoration areas for proactive landowner outreach before solar development occurs.
- The LPC aims to focus on coexistence, informed siting, and protection of critical longleaf landscapes.

Discussion

- Has there been any effort to map brown fields and promote those areas as solar sites?
 - The siting tools map out areas that are not mapped out as high priority. Brown fields are likely more preferred and overlay with desired solar areas based on transmission lines.



- In Northwest Florida, many recent solar farms have been built on offsite slash or sand pine forests, not longleaf pine forests. Many of those forests were hit and destroyed by Hurricane Michael, and the Air Force has indicated it does not view solar farms as a problematic land use.
- Have solar industry representatives been engaged or informed about these conservation and restoration priority tools, and are they aware of the associated concerns when siting solar projects near important longleaf areas?
 - The Nature Conservancy's Low Impact Georgia Solar Siting Tool (GA LISST) incorporates existing longleaf data but does not currently use longleaf restoration priority areas. However, advocates can request states to add these layers, though the tool is voluntary and solar companies are not required to use it.
- Discussion surrounding data centers are on the LPC's radar and will be discussed in the future.
- Has there been any conversation with the landowners to request restoration in addition to their agreement, or something to encourage solar companies to do restoration work?
 - No. This is in the very beginning stages, and this discussion helps to identify those areas to determine where the needs are.
- The Wildland Fire Work Group would like Katy Smith (presenter) or a representative from TNC to present at a work group meeting. The presentation should provide an overview that includes specific points regarding fire and inquire as to how this topic may be affecting the work group. There could possibly be a data call in the future.

Resources:

- [Presentation: Solar and Longleaf](#)

2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Discussion & Next Steps (Addie Thornton and Nancy Walters)

- Thank you to the Steering Committee members for their efforts to carry forward the message of SERPPAS for your agencies and Principals.
- A briefing packet for the Principals Meeting will be sent by the end of March.
- Contact Addie Thornton if you have any questions regarding the Principals Meeting.

Meeting Adjourns (SERPPAS Co-Chairs)

- Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting for their time and participation, as well as to Georgia DNR for hosting the meeting.
- If you feel that someone can be a part of a SERPPAS work group, inform the SERPPAS team or your agency's Steering Committee member.



Appendix A: Meeting Agenda

March 3	Topic	Lead
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Purpose: To welcome attendees to the meeting and set the stage for the purpose and process of the meeting.</p> <p>Read-Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals and Steering Committee List • Organizing For Impact – SERPPAS Roles and Responsibilities • SERPPAS Fact Sheet 	<p>Co-Chairs: Erica Rohr, REPI Program</p> <p>Shannon Deaton, NC Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <p>Nancy Walters, Facilitator</p>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<p>SERPPAS Partnership Updates</p> <p>Purpose: To share any general Partnership updates.</p> <p>Read-Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2025 SERPPAS Steering Committee Summary • Onboarding document • Strategic Plan Final Draft 	<p>Addie Thornton, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute/SERPPAS</p>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<p>State Forum Report Out</p> <p>Purpose: To update the Steering Committee on the State Forum discussion and highlight relevant priorities or topics for consideration.</p>	<p>Shannon Deaton, NC Wildlife Resources Commission</p>
10:30 am – 11:10 am	<p>Lessons learned from Natural Disaster Coordination</p> <p>Purpose: To understand North Carolina’s experience in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, focused on lessons learned in coordination at multiple scales, and generate discussion among the SERPPAS agencies on their experience to help inform future interagency coordination.</p>	<p>John Nicholson, Chief Deputy Secretary, NC DEQ</p>
11:10 am – 11:30 am	<p>SERPPAS Work Group Leads Report Out</p> <p>Purpose: To inform the Steering Committee about the discussions and outcomes from the November Work Group Leads Meeting in Raleigh in place of a Principals Meeting and affirm Steering Committee support.</p> <p>Steering Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have any questions about what is being proposed? • Do you see value in a focused effort related to science and research for SERPPAS? <p>Read-Aheads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SERPPAS Priorities: NFWF NextGen Business Plan 	<p>Bruce Beard, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SERPPAS Science Committee & Workshop Proposal DRAFT 	
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch on your own – Cafeteria on the first floor	
12:45 pm – 1:20 pm	<p>SERPPAS Good Map</p> <p>Purpose: To demonstrate the newly developed SERPPAS Good Map online application and solicit input on information and features that can improve usability to SERPPAS partners.</p> <p>Steering Committee Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do you see using this mapping tool to help your efforts or identify SERPPAS opportunities? How can the map be improved? Are there missing layers, themes or features? 	<p>Garrett Powers, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute</p> <p>Addie Smith, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute</p>
1:20 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Preview</p> <p>Purpose: To present the outline of the 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting logistics and agenda, with details on agenda topics and the desired outcomes of discussions at the Principals Meeting.</p> <p>Featured Presentations:</p>	
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<p><u>Marine Corps Maritime Center of Excellence</u></p> <p>Purpose: To raise awareness and support for this effort and spur a discussion about how SERPPAS can support the changing operations of all the military services.</p>	Carmen Lombardo , MCI East
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<p><u>Working Forests Under Threat</u></p> <p>Purpose: To provide a general understanding from key perspectives on challenges to timber markets in the Southeast, potential impacts, and consensus on SERPPAS time and investment to contribute to solutions.</p>	Alexandra Ford , GA Forestry Commission
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	<p><u>Regional Corridor: Linking Landscapes, Readiness and Wildlife</u></p> <p>Purpose: To explore the benefits of the development of a regional wildlife corridor leveraging SERPPAS state and partnership efforts to advance the concept and get Principals validation to explore.</p>	Buck MacLaughlin , Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<p>Questions and Discussion</p> <p>Purpose: Gather initial reactions, thoughts and questions from the Steering Committee and flag things that may need further exploration.</p> <p>Read-Aheads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Simple Agenda DRAFT 	All



2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Networking Break	
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm	REPI Review – Projects and Priorities in the Southeast Purpose: To understand the variety of REPI projects funded across the Southeast region to help inform SERPPAS priorities.	Erica Rohr , REPI Program
3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	Sentinel Landscapes in the Southeast Purpose: To provide updates on work group progress and priorities from the new SERPPAS Strategic Plan. Featured Presentations:	Bruce Beard , Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute Buck MacLaughlin , Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute
3:40 pm – 3:50 pm	<u>NWFL SL Timber Initiative Update</u> Purpose: To get an update on this project and relevance to April Principals Meeting.	David Wolfe , Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape
3:50 pm – 4:10 pm	Wildland Fire Purpose: To provide updates on work group progress and priorities from the new SERPPAS Strategic Plan. Featured Presentations:	Jenn Fawcett , NC State University
4:10 pm – 4:30 pm	<u>DOW – Updates from the Wildland Fire Program</u> Purpose: To provide an update on the efforts of the DOW Wildland Fire Program related to policy, management and training.	Paul Catlett , Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute/ DoD Wildland Fire Program
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Open Forum Purpose: To allow time for any other topics to be raised that aren't already on the agenda.	All
4:45 pm	Adjourn	



<p>11:15 am – 11:40 am</p>	<p>priorities? Are there products you'd like to see the group work on collectively?</p> <p>Featured Presentation:</p> <p><u>Solar and Longleaf</u></p> <p>Purpose: To provide an overview and outcomes of the recent Longleaf Partnership Council virtual meeting that assessed and discussed potential impacts of solar siting on longleaf restoration efforts in the Southeast.</p>	<p>Katy Smith, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute</p>
<p>11:40 am – 11:55 am</p>	<p>2025 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Discussion & Next Steps</p> <p>Purpose: To revisit the SERPPAS Principals Meeting and discuss and highlight the process for preparing the SERPPAS Principals to participate.</p>	<p>Addie Thornton Nancy Walters</p>
<p>11:55 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjourns</p>	<p>SERPPAS Co-Chairs</p>



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