

# **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP)**

**AND**

**American Forest Foundation (AFF)**

**TO**

**Collaborate on Research, Education & Outreach Priorities  
on Forest Resource Issues of Mutual Interest**

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**WHEREAS:** NAUFRP represents 80 of the leading university forest research, education, and outreach programs in the United States

**WHEREAS:** NAUFRP's mission is to advance the health, productivity, and sustainability of America's forests by providing university-based forest resources education, research, science, extension, and international programs.

**WHEREAS:** NAUFRP's vision is shared and balanced values among all constituents, applying the "best" science to create lasting forests, and advancing a new stewardship ethic that ensures our forests remain as forests.

**WHEREAS:** NAUFRP member institutions conduct leading research that provides the most reliable, objective, and innovative research on forest ecology, management, utilization, and policy.

**WHEREAS:** NAUFRP member institutions educate and train most of the future forest resources leaders and practitioners that will manage and develop policy for the nation's forests.

**WHEREAS:** NAUFRP member institutions disseminate new forest resources knowledge that spans the biological, physical, social, economic, and political sciences through innovative extension and outreach programs.

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** AFF represents woodland owners, the largest segment of forest ownership in the United States, in their quest for stewardship of their lands and environmental educators,

**WHEREAS:** AFF's objectives are to stem the loss of America's woodlands, improve the quality of management of America's woodlands, and ensure that decision makers and educators understand and value America's woodlands

**WHEREAS:** AFF seeks to protect ecological values in high priority places by engaging and moving landowners to active management on their woodlands; expand the footprint of American Tree Farm System certification to protect specifically defined economic, ecological and social values in priority places; build and sustain relationships with unengaged woodland owners; and advance policies that support this on-the-ground work.

**WHEREAS:** AFF seeks to provide the premier environmental education programs, Project Learning Tree and Green Schools through a forest lens in ways that advance educator effectiveness, as well as, student achievement and efficacy.

## **NAUFRP and AFF AGREE TO**

### **Collaborate on research, education & outreach priorities on national forest resource issues of mutual interest**

### **BY PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING**

#### **NAUFRP agrees to:**

- Maintain a list of AFF *research priorities* on the NAUFRP web page, and annually notify all NAUFRP member organizations to encourage faculty and graduate student research in these priority areas.
- Maintain a list of AFF *education and training priorities* on the NAUFRP web page, and annually notify all NAUFRP member organizations to encourage their faculty to include these education and training priorities in their curricula.
- Maintain a list of AFF *extension and outreach priorities* on the NAUFRP web page, and annually notify all NAUFRP member organizations to encourage their faculty to provide webinars, conferences, workshops, field tours, and other outreach activities that address these priorities.
- Provide a position for a representative from the AFF to participate in annual NAUFRP meetings to facilitate collaboration and coordination of research, education and outreach priorities on national forest resources issues of mutual interest.
- Be a strong partner and advocate with AFF on national forest resource issues that are of common interest to our respective organizations.

**AFF agrees to:**

- Provide a list of forest resource *research priorities* that are important to AFF, and provide annual modifications to this list as needed.
- Provide a list of forest resource *education and training priorities* that are important to AFF, and provide annual modifications to this list as needed.
- Provide a list of forest resource *extension and outreach priorities* that are important to AFF, and provide annual modifications to this list as needed.
- Provide a representative from the AFF to participate in annual NAUFRP meetings to facilitate collaboration and coordination of research, education & outreach priorities on national forest resources issues of mutual interest.
- Be a strong partner and advocate with NAUFRP on national forest resource issues that are of common interest to our respective organizations.

**THIS COLLABORATION WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING  
ADVANTAGES FOR NAUFRP AND AFF**

- AFF will make their highest priority research, education and outreach priorities known to thousands of university faculty members and graduate students conducting forest research, education, and outreach at 80 NAUFRP member organizations, leading to improved scientific information, education and outreach activities on key forest resource issues across the US.
- NAUFRP member organizations will be able to connect their faculty and graduate students with a list of the highest priority research, education and outreach priorities of forest management organizations across the country, thereby increasing the relevance of their efforts to national needs.
- Increased collaboration and coordination will provide stronger support and expertise on key forest resource issues of common interest to NAUFRP and AFF.

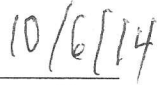
**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

- This agreement will be for a three-year period, and will be renewable for successive terms by mutual agreement. Each year the parties will assess whether the above listed tactics effectively furthered the partnership work of the parties.
- Either party may withdraw from this agreement at any time upon written notice to the other party.

NAUFRP and the AFF agree to the above terms:



Tom Martin  
President & CEO, AFF



Date



Steve Bullard  
President, NAUFRP

Date