

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP)

AND

National Association of State Foresters (NASF)

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 a 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 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:** NASF represents 59 directors of state, U.S. territory, and District of Columbia forestry agencies with approximately 16,000 employees;

**WHEREAS:** NASF's objectives are to promote policies and programs that support forest management and conservation of the nation's trees and forests;

**WHEREAS:** NASF members rely on NAUFRP member institutions to provide qualified entry-level employees with adequate professional skillsets;

**WHEREAS:** NASF seeks sound science to support legislative, policy, and communications initiatives that promote forest health and sustainability;

## NAUFRP and NASF 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 NASF *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 NASF *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 NASF *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 NASF 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 NASF on national forest resource issues that are of common interest to our respective organizations.

#### **NASF agrees to:**

- Provide a list of forest resource *research priorities* that are important to NASF, and provide annual modifications to this list as needed.
- Provide a list of forest resource *education and training priorities* that are important to NASF, and provide annual modifications to this list as needed.
- Provide a list of forest resource *extension and outreach priorities* that are important to NASF, and provide annual modifications to this list as needed.
- Provide a representative from NASF 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 NAUFRP on national forest resource issues that are of common interest to our respective organizations.

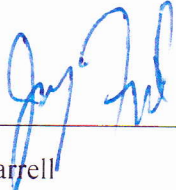
**THIS COLLABORATION WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES FOR  
NAUFRP AND NASF**

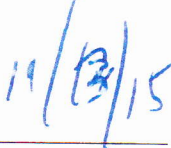
- NASF will make their highest priority research, education and outreach priorities known to thousands of university faculty members and graduate students conducting forest research, education, and outreach at 80 NAUFRP member organizations, leading to improved scientific information, education and outreach activities on key forest resource issues across the U.S.
- 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 NASF.

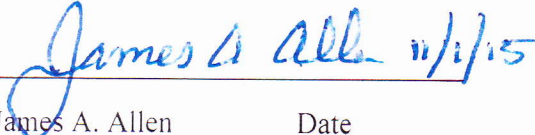
**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**


- 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 the parties.
- Either party may withdraw from this agreement at any time upon written notice to the other party.

NAUFRP and NASF agree to the above terms:

  
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Jay Farrell  
Executive Director, NASF

  
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Date

  
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James A. Allen  
President, NAUFRP

  
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Date