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SFI INC. RECOGNIZES CROWN PINE TIMBER FOR LONGLEAF PINE CONSERVATION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Crown Pine Timber LP received a Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Conservation Leadership Award for Biodiversity Research today for conservation partnerships that will protect and restore longleaf pine woodlands in east Texas.

Crown Pine Timber has partnered with conservation groups and government agencies to protect unique values on 137,000 acres (55,444 hectares) of SFI-certified lands it owns within the Longleaf Ridge Conservation Area.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Crown Pine Timber to conserve areas that will ultimately provide the maximum benefit for wildlife and threatened species,” said David Bezanson, North and East Texas program manager of The Nature Conservancy of Texas. “Crown Pine Timber has demonstrated a strong commitment to pursuing strategies to restore and enhance longleaf pine forests, which is one of the most threatened communities in Texas.”

Crown Pine Timber is working with conservation groups and government agencies to identify and prioritize areas for conservation management, in part based on state and regional conservation planning initiatives. These projects include:

- working with groups such as The Nature Conservancy of Texas and The Conservation Fund to assist them in securing funding to purchase conservation easements on portions of Longleaf Ridge so the area can be maintained as working forest while protecting conservation and scenic values;
- partnering with the National Wild Turkey Federation to improve habitat conditions in areas available for public access and recreation; and
- working through formal partnerships with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the National Wild Turkey Federation to restore or enhance about 5,000 acres (2,000 hectares) of upland longleaf pine forests and associated riparian habitat in the conservation area.

“The longleaf pine restoration initiative conducted by Crown Pine Timber is critical in addressing conservation priorities identified in the Texas Wildlife Action Plan,” said Matt Wagner, wildlife diversity program director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. “High-priority species such as red-cockaded woodpecker, Louisiana pine snake, Bachman’s sparrow, at least a dozen rare plants, and many other unique assemblages of a natural heritage will benefit from this habitat stewardship.”

“The National Wild Turkey Federation is devoted to the conservation of wildlife habitat and providing public access and recreation opportunities on our nation’s forests. Through this partnership with Crown Pine Timber, we’ve achieved both goals by working together to restore longleaf pine stands in east Texas and by improving habitat on forestland available for public use,” said Scotty Parsons, National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Biologist-East Texas.

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The SFI program is one of the largest third-party forest certification programs in the world, with more than 175 million acres (70 million hectares) certified across North America. Crown Pine Timber has certified 1.5 million acres (627,000 hectares) in the southeastern United States.

“We appreciate SFI’s recognition of our commitment to responsible resource management,” said Brian Gowin, Crown Pine Timber’s Conservation and SFI Manager, who received the award at the SFI annual conference today. “The many partners who contributed to this effort were instrumental in achieving the conservation goals we established for Longleaf Ridge. This award confirms our continued commitment to sustainable forest management, our investors and the total forest environment.”

SFI program participants such as Crown Pine Timber are involved in more than 100 projects across North America, which improve scientific information and enhance conservation and forest management. Since 1995, SFI program participants have contributed more than \$1 billion (US) for research activities that improve the health, productivity and responsible management of forest resources. SFI Inc. introduced its conservation research leadership award in 2007 to recognize program participants involved in strong partnership activities that achieve ongoing and far-reaching benefits.

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About SFI Inc.

SFI Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization, and is solely responsible for maintaining, overseeing and improving the Sustainable Forestry Initiative program (www.sfiprogram.org), which is internationally recognized and among largest in the world. The SFI Standard also includes unique fiber sourcing requirements that promote responsible forest management on all suppliers’ lands and a chain-of-custody certification, which is used to tell buyers how much certified fiber is in a specific product. The SFI forest standard is endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes, a global umbrella organization that has strict requirements for endorsement. SFI Inc. is governed by a three-chamber board of directors representing environmental, social and economic sectors equally.

About Crown Pine Timber

Crown Pine Timber LP is a limited partnership managed by The Campbell Group LLC (www.campbellgroup.com), a vertically integrated, full-service timberland investment advisory firm that acquires and manages timberland for investors. The Campbell Group is one of the largest timber investment managers in the world, with 2.98 million acres (1.2 million hectares) in timberland assets. Crown Pine Timber owns land in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia.