



TALL TIMBERS

2016 Annual Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Palmer, PhD, President & CEO



There is tremendous power in a great strategic plan. It challenges, energizes and mobilizes board and staff, creates new partnerships and encourages a team approach. Collectively these outcomes help solve issues previously considered too overwhelming or beyond our scope. Last year, we began implementing our new ambitious plan adopted in April — the early results are encouraging. Internally, staff and board are aligned and focused on protecting the natural resources of the Greater Red Hills Region, implementing the science to predict fire behavior, and increasing the acres of pine savanna in the Southeastern Coastal Plain for bobwhites and other declining wildlife. And we are not alone.

Exciting partnerships with federal and state agencies, universities and research labs across the country, all working together to achieve new heights in scientific understanding of fire and fire effects, but

also ways to help people burn safely, and achieve ecological goals versus acreage goals. Progress on conservation easements has resulted from our new Opportunity Fund and partners like the Conservation Fund, and the State of Florida. We set inspiring, but doable, goals to challenge Tall Timbers and we have responded to the challenge. I am so proud of our staff and board and all we have accomplished in the eight months since the Tall Timbers' Board of Trustees adopted our new goals and objectives. We even changed our name, from Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy to Tall Timbers — more “one for all and all for one,” and heck, it's what most people already call us!



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On the cover: A pair of Brown-headed Nuthatches with leg bands. The Brown-headed Nuthatch is a declining species with lots of interesting biology. Nuthatches use tools, live in extended family groups that may contain five members, and also engage in social grooming. This pair (male below, female above) was photographed at the nest cavity they excavated after having just fended off a male Eastern Bluebird that also wanted to use the cavity. Photo by Brian Lloyd.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By Tom L. Rankin, Chairman



As Tall Timbers moves from planning to implementing our new strategic plan, a major goal of the Board continues to be ensuring the financial strength to support these efforts. Solving regional conservation issues and conducting relevant long-term research requires adequate and consistent resources. As we grow our organization with additional programs, employees and partnerships, we are doing so without jeopardizing existing programs or risking unsustainable budgets. We take a long-term

view of financial planning and are fortunate to have trustees and committee members with a wealth of business expertise.

Our Foundation strengthened its investment policies. In doing so, we focused the roles of its Investment Committee and that of our investment advisor and managers. This will equip us to manage the planned growth of budgets and to deal with inevitable market uncertainties.

Planning, investing and asset growth have allowed Tall Timbers to attract funding partners that share common goals. Collectively, we are proud that Tall Timbers continues to be a good steward of your donations and works to leverage each dollar to achieve more towards our shared conservation goals.



2017 Board of Trustees. Seated L-R: Daphne Wood, Cornelia Corbett, Rozzie Davis, Virginia Wetherell; Standing L-R: Reggie Thackston, Ken Haddad, George Watkins, Charlie Chapin, Dave Perkins, Rod Linn, Tom Rankin, Rhett Johnson, and George Willson. Not pictured: Mason Hawkins, Redmond Ingalls, Rip Kirby, Wes Langdale, Karl Miller, George Simmons, John Thompson, and Remy Trafelet. Photo by Rose Rodriguez

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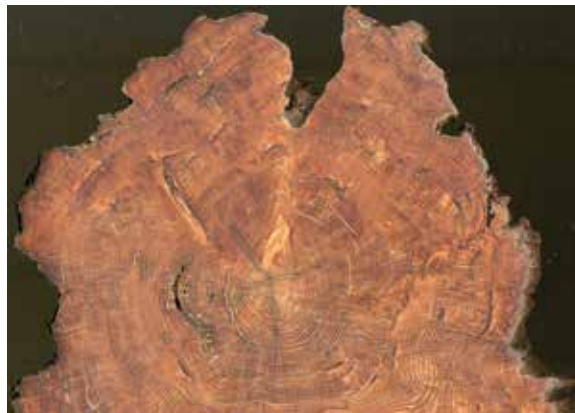
YEAR IN REVIEW

- » Our science team **published 26 scientific papers** in 2016.
- » Our research programs **hosted 20 visiting scientists and graduate students**
- » **Hosted a national workshop on Smoke Research Gaps** for the Wildfire Leadership Council.
- » **Initiated Joint Venture Agreements** with the USFS Southern Research Station and USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station **to support the Prescribed Fire Science Consortium.**
- » **Received \$89,000 grant** to study bobwhite chick survival in North Carolina.
- » **Translocated over 500 bobwhites** to establish new populations.
- » ***Birding Magazine* featured** the Stoddard Bird Lab's **long-term study of the Brown-headed Nuthatch**, which **reached over 30,000 bird enthusiasts** throughout North America.
- » The Bird Lab **organized a prescribed fire management workshop** in October 2016 for biologists with state and federal land holdings, **and an introductory bird banding workshop** in January of this year.
- » The Bird Lab led **public field trips** and gave **lectures** that **reached over 400 people.**

At right, an old section of longleaf pine collected from a remnant stump in Florida. Fire scars in the section are being analyzed to learn about past fire frequency and seasonality. Stump collected by Dr. Jean Huffman. Photo by Dr. Monica Rother. See photos of stump collecting on the back page of this report.

PRESCRIBED FIRE RESEARCH

Tall Timbers has a longstanding fire ecology research program. The words fire and ecology were first joined at an early Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference helping to establish the science. Our recent strategic plan adopted in April of 2016, directs Tall Timbers to invest more in prescribed fire research and outreach. Following this mandate, growth in our fire research staff was a major highlight for Research in 2016. We now have three active fire researchers; J. Kevin Heirs, leads our new Wildland Fire Science Program and Dr. Kevin Robertson continues to lead our Fire Ecology Program. As a part of the Fire Ecology program, Dr. Monica Rother, in collaboration with Dr. Jean Huffman, has developed research on dendrochronology to uncover fire history in longleaf pine ecosystems. As well, Beadel Fellows, Drs. Bill Platt, Donna Streng, and Jeff Glitzenstein, continue their outstanding research on fire and longleaf ecology. In addition, to our science staff, we employ the Fire Training Specialist for the Prescribed Fire Training Center, which is located in Tallahassee, and house the Program and Outreach Coordinator for the Southern Fire Exchange.



ESTABLISHED THE PRESCRIBED FIRE CONSORTIUM

In July 2016, we hosted a workshop of nationally-recognized prescribed fire researchers and managers from diverse organizations, including the US Forest Service, universities, national labs, and private entities to officially establish the "Prescribed Fire Science Consortium." This consortium will work collaboratively to study prescribed fire in the Red Hills, and beyond, to improve knowledge of fire behavior and help solve issues that threaten prescribed fire use. The ultimate goal of the consortium is to improve fire safety and increase fire use. The consortium's first collaborative burn event at Tall Timbers, led to the submission and acceptance of a Special Session at the International Fire Congress on prescribed fire science needs.

GAME BIRD RESEARCH

Our strategic plan calls for developing science-based management recommendations for bobwhite chicks. Understanding factors that influence quail chick survival could greatly improve management for this and other game birds.

Radio-tagging of adult bobwhites was developed at Tall Timbers, and now Dr. Theron Terhune and his staff have successfully developed a novel suture technique for attaching miniature radio-tags to neonate bobwhites at 11-12 days of age. For the first time, we are able to isolate factors that affect chick growth and survival. To this end, the Game Bird Program has partnered with



Above: Game Bird Program Director, Dr. Theron Terhune, left, and Game Bird Biologist, Diana McGraff, right, attach a tiny radio to a bobwhite chick, shown at right.



scientists in Texas and Missouri. This collaborative effort will expedite our understanding of chick ecology and help produce recommendations to fill in the gaps in knowledge regarding bobwhites.

The Game Bird Lab completed three research projects in 2016: (1) Evaluating covey detection using bird dogs; (2) understanding how supplemental feeding for bobwhite influences wild

turkey habitat use; and, (3) assessing the effect of grid blocking (mowing) on bobwhite survival and hunt success. Our recent work on resource use of wild turkeys relevant to supplemental feeding for bobwhites will likely have similar impacts. Findings from this research demonstrated that supplemental feeding for bobwhite did not concentrate wild turkeys or result in apparent increases in harvest rates. Similarly, the evaluation of gobbling activity in relation to nesting of wild turkeys has clarified how gobbling activity aligns with wild turkey hunting seasons. Both of these findings should aid state biologists in establishing wild turkey hunting regulations in the Southeast.

STODDARD BIRD LAB RESEARCH

The Stoddard Bird Lab continues to provide critically important information on the fire-dependent wildlife associated with pinelands in the Red Hills region and beyond. Bird Lab Director Jim Cox published a paper providing the most comprehensive details ever on an effort to re-establish a population of imperiled Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. The paper described the growth of the reintroduced population on Tall Timbers over a 10-year period and provided a new framework for evaluating reintroduction efforts. The Tall Timbers population reached a new milestone of 12 breeding groups in 2017. Reintroduced woodpeckers have also excavated over 20 natural cavities, a testament to the exemplary land stewardship practiced on Tall Timbers.

Through support provided by the Arcadia Research Foundation and in collaboration with Tom Radzio, the Stoddard Bird Lab completed a comprehensive census of the gopher tortoise population on the Wade Tract. The census uncovered an unusual number of juvenile tortoises and will help to redefine the demographic characteristics of healthy tortoise populations. The Bird Lab also continued to assess innovative approaches for breeding Grasshopper Sparrows in captivity. This work is guiding parallel attempts focused on the critically endangered Florida Grasshopper Sparrow. (See photos pp 10-11.)



Attendees at the Stoddard Bird Lab banding workshop use bird specimens from the natural history museum at Tall Timbers during training.

LAND CONSERVANCY *Beyond Saving Land*

Tall Timbers has been very successful at saving land with nearly 40 percent of the Red Hills Region permanently conserved. This distinct American working landscape is one of the nation's "hot spots" of wildlife diversity, natural communities and healthy ecosystems. But to protect this region's unique character, it is essential to promote sustainable communities with a shared sense of place and a public fully engaged with nature.

A recent major study on The Nature of Americans revealed that "adults and children alike spend evermore time indoors, participating in activities like hunting and fishing is stagnant or declining, and shifts in social expectations treat engagement with nature as a mere amenity. These trends pose a nationwide problem, since overwhelming evidence shows the physical, psychological, and social well-being of humans depends on contact with nature."¹

Responding to this trend, Tall Timbers recognized that it had to move beyond just saving land, by having its outreach and education programs build a stronger relationship between people and the Red Hills Region. Over the last two years, our



Land Conservancy has coordinated numerous outreach events like the Pine Run 20K, Red Hills Fire Festival, Ochlockonee River Bio-Blitz Family Field Trip, and the Lake Iamonia Earth Day Float & Cleanup. We have also hosted Leadership Georgia, Florida, Tallahassee, and Thomasville classes at Tall Timbers, just to mention a few of these popular activities.

Staff has written or coordinated more than 50 articles or blogs for the *Tallahassee Democrat* and *Thomasville Times-Enterprise* highlighting places families can enjoy outdoor recreation and learn about the natural and cultural heritage of the Red Hills. In 2016, Tall Timbers completed and premiered a 10-episode *Roaming the Red Hills* film series on WFSU-TV, highlighting many of the great features of the region.

Our education efforts aim to "teach the teachers" about Red Hills' ecology. Tall Timbers has used its 4,000-acre research station as a field laboratory for area teachers. The Big Bend & Leon Association of Science Teachers held outdoor teacher training sessions to gain a greater understanding on the use of prescribed fire, endangered and threatened

species of the Red Hills, and how healthy forests and wetlands protect ground-water recharge and public drinking water supply. More workshops will occur this fall to expand contact with teachers from Southwest Georgia. Currently, Tall Tim-

bers is hosting a month-long teacher-in-residence summer program for curriculum development to help provide the teaching resources needed to bring local ecology into local classrooms. Finally, plans are underway to establish schoolyard longleaf pine demonstration plots to help students regularly connect with local ecology first-hand in order to teach the next generation.



We are extremely grateful for the support of the Williams Family Foundation of Georgia, Inc., and the Archibald Foundation, Inc., for helping to fund, in part, our education and outreach program.

¹Natureofamericans.org



YEAR IN REVIEW

- » **Closed on five donated conservation easements.** These lands protect high quality habitats from longleaf pine-wiregrass uplands to undisturbed wetlands and floodplain forests in Southwest Georgia and North Florida. Tall Timbers is grateful for these legacy donations made possible from landowners of Box Hall Plantation, Gentian Creek Preserve, Vicki Lynn Land Company Property, Comfort Creek Holdings, and the Anglin Property.
- » **Established Red Hills Land Conservation Opportunity Fund.** The purpose of the revolving fund is to provide Tall Timbers with additional “tools in the toolbox” to purchase conservation easements or fee title on priority lands with outstanding conservation values. An inaugural gift of \$1 million was given to the Opportunity Fund by an anonymous donor to help accelerate the pace of land conservation in the Red Hills Region.
- » Developed series of recommendations to **protect Red Hills surface and drinking water quality from pollution by industrial poultry facilities** in a new ordinance unanimously approved by the Grady County Commission.
- » Researched and provided recommendations to the City of Thomasville to **protect the Aucilla River from storm water runoff** from the expansion of Thomasville Regional Airport.

- » **Established, as part of new Tall Timbers Strategic Plan, the Red Hills Awareness Initiative as a core organizational program.** Brian Wiebler was hired to serve as Red Hills Outreach and Education Coordinator.
- » **Hosted 20 different events from the Ochlockonee River Bio-Blitz to Red Hills Fire Festival** to get families outdoors exploring nature together in the Red Hills.



NOTABLE NUMBERS

- » **372** accredited land trusts in the United States. Ten years of census data by the Land Trust Alliance prove that accredited land trusts like Tall Timbers save more land and are better prepared to protect it forever than land trusts that aren't accredited. This assures our community and donors that the land we protect today will always be there to provide food security, wildlife habitat, clean water, and so much more. We are proud to be one of the accredited land trusts across the nation that

demonstrate a commitment to high standards and our communities.

- » **143,636** acres now permanently conserved by Tall Timbers via fee property acquisition or donated conservation easements, protecting nearly 40 percent of the Red Hills Region in perpetuity. These cherished lands provide the area with miles of majestic canopy roads, rolling countryside, large recreational lakes, and upstream rivers that flow and feed into the Gulf of Mexico. With its emphasis on private land conservation through incentives and regional smart growth planning, Tall Timbers plays a critical role in influencing public policies and private collaborative efforts to save this ecologically rich region.
- » **240 pounds** of invasive exotic coral ardisia removed by volunteers at stewardship day at Melrose Plantation.
- » **1,025 hours and 6,254 miles traveled** in monitoring, inspecting, and stewarding conservation easements.
- » **250,000 – 300,000 pounds** of manure is estimated to be generated per commercial poultry house. To protect area water resources from agricultural runoff pollution, Land Conservancy staff recommended significantly strengthening the Grady County Chicken House Ordinance with required setback and dry manure stack house standards.

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Members of the extended Flowers family attended the Covery Rise Film Festival showing at Tall Timbers in fall 2016. Back left is Knox Miller with her aunt Daphne Flowers Wood next to her and her children, niece and nephew. Daphne Wood is a longtime Tall Timbers trustee; both she and Knox Miller serve on the Land Conservancy Easement Review Committee. Photo by Rose Rodriguez

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Watching fuel dry!

Above, a tripod mounted with an infrared camera helps to capture the variation in fuel moisture created by exposure to sunlight throughout the day. The study of diurnal moisture dynamics is expected to improve timing of prescribed fire ignitions and help predict variation in fire effects under canopies. The study is lead by Kevin Hiers (above) in conjunction with Dr. Morgan Varner (USFS, Seattle) and Dr. Joe O'Brien (USFS, Athens). At left, Kevin Hiers reads the infrared camera temperatures of oak and pine fuels under shaded and unshaded treatments. Fuel moisture dynamics are critical for prescribed fire prescriptions, but current tools do not capture it within stand variation, which is important for fire management. Photos by Rose Rodriguez.

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To help conservation efforts for the imperiled Florida Grasshopper Sparrow, the Stoddard Bird Lab is assessing procedures. The Foundation near Jacksonville and was established when the Stoddard Bird Lab caught and translocated adult sparrows from the Baitbridge population (as shown here) and then released back into the Baitbridge population to test their survival prior to their release or simply releasing them as quickly as possible. Once tagged with the transmitter, bottom right, this sparrow



for returning captive-bred sparrows to the wild. The captive sparrow population resides at White Oak Conservation on a non-endangered population found near Bainbridge, GA. The young birds the adults have produced in captivity are chances. Current efforts focus on the potential benefits of housing the young sparrows in small enclosures for a few days parrow was placed in a holding pen for three days before being released.

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At the 2017 Tall Timbers Board/Staff lunch, trustee Rhett Johnson, at right, was thanked for his many years of board service with a special gift – a longleaf pine section sanded to show its tree rings – presented by President/CEO Bill Palmer. Rhett is the co-founder of the Longleaf Alliance and co-author of *Longleaf, Far as the Eye Can See*. Rhett is a regional leader in promoting forest and wildlife management practices based on sound ecological principles. Photo by Rose Rodriguez



The Capital City Bank Group Foundation provided funds in 2016 to help support the Dixie Plantation Oral History Project. The oral histories will help with the interpretive exhibits planned for the Dixie Main House once it is restored. Photo by Rose Rodriguez



Graduate student Seth Wood holds a radio-tagged quail. Seth is working on an MS degree at the University of Georgia doing research with Tall Timbers on covey detection and edge effect. Photo by Rose Rodriguez

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2016 Turkey Invitational Youth Division entrants. L-R: Cayde Bevis, Grant Gaston (2nd place), and Reagan Sherman (1st place). Reagan won the Calcutta with an impressive 20 lb., 9 oz. gobbler.

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Painting the west entry of Dixie Main House, November 2016, during its rehabilitation. Photo courtesy of Lee Smith, Superintendent, Childers Construction Company.

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*Spreading pogonia
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Fred Hamilton Remembrance

Tall Timbers and the Red Hills community lost a true friend and leader with the passing of Mr. Fred Hamilton last December. Mr. Hamilton was a highly successful businessman and purchased Horseshoe Plantation in 1981, developing it into one of the top quail properties in the world. Mr. Ed Epp, the longtime manager of Horseshoe, remembers Mr. Hamilton wanting the "best" and being willing to invest in sound management. Early on, as the ever-astute businessman, Mr. Hamilton directed Ed to find ways to offset costs of operating Horseshoe. After presenting some ideas to Mr. Hamilton, he quickly agreed to raise funds elsewhere and let Ed focus on raising quail on Horseshoe! Together they reached his goals, and Horseshoe became arguably the top quail and waterfowl property in the Red Hills. Mr. Hamilton enjoyed sharing the events at Horseshoe with family and friends and he cherished the property the entire time he owned it, even making a right and left double at the Pickle Pond on his last duck hunt.

Aside from his tremendous love of wing shooting, Mr. Ham-

ilton was dedicated to conservation as well. He placed over half of his strategically-located property in conservation easements in the late 1990s, helping to stop urban sprawl from spreading northward into the remaining wildlands of Leon County. His early recognition of the vision of Tall Timbers' easement program helped solidify our relatively young Land Conservancy. An ardent supporter of Tall Timbers, he donated a quail hunt to our annual auction, and it was a perennial favorite among the bidders, elevating the quality of our event and providing great support for the organization. We are grateful for his leadership by example, his conservation vision, and for his protection of the Red Hills.



Anthony Jonklass Remembrance

Mr. Anthony "Tony" Jonklaas, past trustee of Tall Timbers and our Foundation, passed away on December 28, at Melrose; a sad day for his many friends in the Red Hills and for those who knew him at Tall Timbers. Tony and his wife Claire Hanna Bolton, who predeceased him, donated a conservation easement of their entire Melrose Plantation (almost 2000 acres) to Tall Timbers in 1999, protecting their property in perpetuity from development. For many years he served as a trustee on Tall Timbers' boards.

Tony and his family were enthusiastic and generous supporters of Tall Timbers and other good causes in the Red Hills. He managed Melrose according to many of the principles Tall Timbers promotes, exemplary land stewardship. Land Conservancy Director, Kevin McGorty shared his thoughts about Tony, "He was a dedicated member of the Tall Timbers Board and the Land Conservancy Committee. He had an abiding love of the Red Hills and Melrose Plantation. His statesmanship will be sorely missed."



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L-R: Kevin Robertson, Monica Rother, Andrew Chase, Eric Staller and Greg Seamon review the burn plan for Wade Tract Preserve. Photo by Rose Rodriguez

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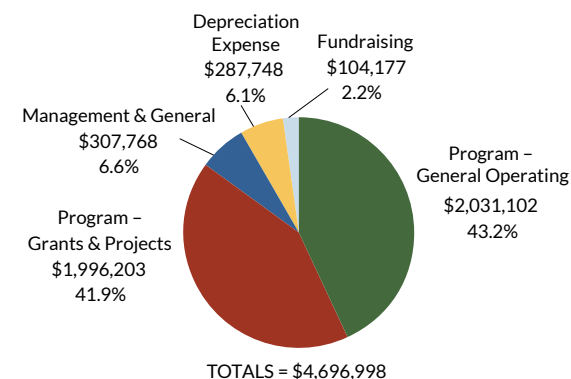
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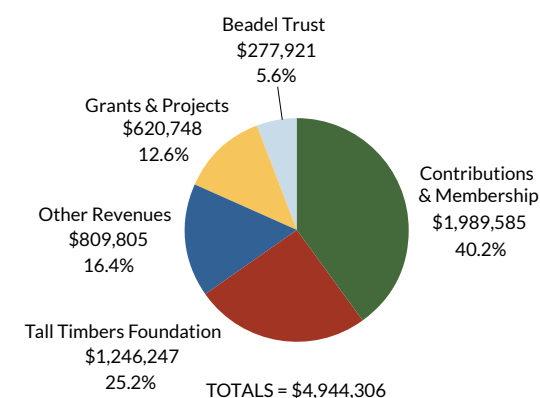
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Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,057,824	\$2,118,459
Accounts Receivable	327,180	170,588
Grants/Projects Receivable	2,499	71,374
Other Receivables	-	15,300
Due from Tall Timbers Foundation, Inc. (Net)	40,613	6,539
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Total Current Assets	\$2,499,763	\$2,426,502
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At Cost less Accumulated Depreciation	\$34,353,054	\$34,137,315
Other Assets	34,419	34,419
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$36,887,236	\$36,598,236
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	60,610	106,207
Accrued Liabilities	28,791	30,006
Notes Payable	53,148	29,297
Deferred Revenue	209,267	144,614
Total Liabilities	\$351,816	\$310,124
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	34,453,318	34,171,270
Temporarily Restricted	1,707,978	1,742,718
Permanently Restricted	374,124	374,124
Total Net Assets	\$36,535,420	\$36,288,112
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$36,887,236	\$36,598,236

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS



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The mission of Tall Timbers is to foster exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation and education. Our primary research focus is the ecology of fire and natural resource management including bobwhite quail and other wildlife in the southeastern coastal plain. Our conservation efforts are dedicated to helping protect the distinctive Red Hills landscape of south Georgia and north Florida, and its traditional land uses. Our education program transfers research and conservation information for resource management.



During August 2016, the Southeastern Coastal Plain Tree-Ring Laboratory at Tall Timbers continued its effort to reconstruct the history of fire in longleaf pine ecosystems by exploring new sites. The lab is administered by the Fire Ecology Program (Kevin Robertson and Monica Rother) along with research associate Jean Huffman. Robertson and Rother completed a successful expedition to Tyndall Air Force Base, near Panama City, Florida. Huffman had previously scouted the area in 2014, and was impressed by the presence of large, old stumps in certain locations. The trip resulted in the collection of 33 stumps, all from a flatwoods site in the southeastern portion of the air force base. Left photo - Monica Rother and Dann Childs of Tyndall Air Force Base near the excavator used to collect stumps from a flatwoods site. Center - Kevin Robertson uses a chainsaw to downsize a recently excavated stump. The basal portion of the stump is used in the tree-ring analysis. Right - Stumps loaded and ready for transport back to Tall Timbers.