



TALL TIMBERS

STEWARDSHIP. DRIVEN BY FIRE.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Tall Timbers' relevancy to our constituents is tied to our depth of knowledge in managing fire-maintained ecosystems built on centuries of staff research and hands-on experience.

However, we don't rest on the past. We continually challenge our scientific basis for management through innovative research, while continuing to use long-term research to solve management problems. Our new Smoke Science Program is an example of this innovative approach to addressing potential threats to land management.

We closed 2025 with the sunset of our 10-year strategic plan whereby we extended our applied research to new audiences. In doing so, collaborations and resources grew and our impact rose exponentially. From a provincial, regionally ingrained research station, we have become a southeastern organization. Staff leading in 13 states are dedicated to expanding the use of fire to manage ecosystems — so much so, we changed our logo and tagline to "stewardship, driven by fire." A bond we all share is passion for land stewardship, prescribed fire, forestry, rich biodiversity, and wild quail hunting.

In 2025, we also opened the Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center. Privately funded, this convening facility is serving the purpose we anticipated, bringing managers, researchers and agency leaders from around the world to Tall Timbers to learn about living with prescribed fire. Critical partnerships and opportunities have been established that could not have been possible before. We are immensely thankful to those who saw the vision and donated to bring it to life.

Looking ahead, we recently passed our next 10-year strategic plan. If you thought Tall Timbers became more impactful over the past decade, well, we are just getting started. We are leaning heavily into our new southeastern view, and you will see new programs complement this natural next step for us. We are also focusing more effort on our own properties to seek solutions to rising management costs and regulatory burdens. As we move into the future, we do so with an eye on our landscapes and rural traditions, as they are irreplaceable and fundamental to the quality of life.

Thank you for your continued support of Tall Timbers.

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Tall Timbers President and CEO Bill Palmer checks the age of a bobwhite during a research hunt at Tall Timbers with Public Lands Monitoring Coordinator Sarah Brown.

ON THE COVER

Jeff Gardner, Avian Research Technician in Tall Timbers' Stoddard Bird Lab, with a Henslow's sparrow captured for banding and fitting with a VHF-coded NanoTag. This latest tracking technology facilitates research into how the timing of prescribed fire affects the birds' behavior. Henslow's sparrows are a species of greatest conservation need that requires fire-maintained habitat to survive.



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ABOUT OUR NEW LOGO

In conjunction with our 2026–36 Strategic Plan, Tall Timbers is proud to introduce a refreshed logo that reflects our relevance and supports our growth. As we expand across the Southeast, this update ensures our visual identity communicates who we are to new audiences and reinforces our fire-focused brand.

The design is an intentional evolution of our history, retaining the iconic twin pine trees while integrating the vital symbols of quail and fire. The bobwhite serves as a powerful “hook” that helps landowners and managers identify with our work, while the inclusion of fire celebrates the foundational process that connects our land stewardship and biodiversity efforts.

To provide further clarity, the refreshed logo is supported by a new tagline. Because the name “Tall Timbers” is used in several industries, this addition ensures our mission of land stewardship is unmistakable.

By blending tradition with the powerful elements of stewardship, fire, and quail, our refreshed brand equips us to lead the next decade of conservation as a relevant, trusted source of information, helping land stewards.

SELECTED TALL TIMBERS LOGO UPDATES



NEW ARROWS IN THE QUIVER FOR LAND CONSERVATION

The Land Conservancy is making major strides in conserving the Red Hills region and beyond through a mix of innovative funding approaches and a new effort to directly engage additional landowners across North Florida.

In 2025, more than 4,800 acres were permanently conserved, bringing the total land area held under Tall Timbers conservation easements and those we have facilitated with others to nearly 188,000 acres.

PUBLIC FUNDING PROGRAMS

We are passionate about permanently conserving land in strategic locations, and publicly funded purchases of conservation easements continue to create new opportunities. The model not only provides an incentive for private landowners to conserve land but also delivers indirect public benefits through the ecosystem services—clean water, clean air and biodiversity—that good land stewardship provides.

The federal Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding awarded to Tall Timbers in 2025 includes more than \$10 million to help pursue conservation easements in Florida’s Big Bend, and it’s already being tapped to permanently protect properties from development.

Florida’s Rural and Family Lands Protection Program has grown as a conservation tool for the state’s working lands. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services program provides the necessary support to continue owning and managing rural property—and, in many cases, to pass it down to the next generation through permanent conservation.

Both programs support rural land protection easements that conserve properties in perpetuity while also ensuring they continue to provide food, fuel, and fiber for the country.

FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Tall Timbers is partnering with the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation on a two-year, grant-funded project focused on 2.81 million acres across 11 North Florida counties to create a wider connection of private conserved lands and to match landowners with technical support and funding opportunities that enhance stewardship practices, such as prescribed fire, forest stand improvement and wildlife habitat management on working and wild lands.

Four elected officials who live within the Florida Wildlife Corridor’s Big Bend set out in April for an expedition from the longleaf pines of Thomasville to the lighthouse at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

St. Marks Lighthouse—The group arrives at the St. Marks Lighthouse, finishing their journey through the Florida Wildlife Corridor in the Big Bend. They are flanked by Mallory Dimmitt, far right, Joe Guthrie and Carlton Ward Jr. from left.

Paradise Park—From right: Leon County Commissioner Rick Minor, Tallahassee City Commissioner Jack Porter, Thomasville Mayor Scott Chastain, Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation CEO Mallory Dimmitt, Polk County Commissioner Becky Troutman and Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks.

Tall Timbers brings layers of scientific expertise to the project through our Land Conservation Prioritization tool, developed by our Geospatial Lab and created in conjunction with Florida State University. The tool analyzes development pressure within the Corridor, helps identify potential conservation opportunities and supports outreach at the parcel level. This level of detail allows us to directly connect with landowners to enhance their land stewardship and possibly pursue permanent conservation.

THE LADSON TRACT: A CONSERVATION BULLSEYE

The Ladson property in North Florida is surrounded on three sides by public land—the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Aucilla Wildlife Management Area and the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area, making it a key conservation target.

Finalized in December 2025, the Tall Timbers held conservation easement with the Ladson Family exemplifies new funding strategies being used for high-priority lands. The easement was purchased with funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Springs and Watershed Restoration Program, contributions from the Knobloch Family Foundation and the Ladson Family, and transactional costs were supported by a grant from the Gulf Partnership for Land Conservation.

The 1,834-acre conservation easement fills a gap in the Florida Wildlife Corridor and includes 2.4 miles of the Aucilla River, 1.8 miles of the Wacissa River, and the first-magnitude spring, Nutall Rise. Not to mention, the property is also home to an internationally important archaeological site with the oldest evidence of humans in Florida, dating back 14,500 years, alongside mastodons and mammoth fossils.

John Ladson, whose grandfather bought the land in the 1940s, said the property has fascinated him since he was a boy and still does today.

“Besides being historically and ecologically important, it is a mysterious piece of property,” he said. “I’m 79, and I still remain just as fascinated by that property as I was when I was 9 years old.” Regarding the new conservation easement, Ladson explained, “This is something the family has considered for a fairly long period of time, but we were looking for the right partner to work with. We found that partner in Tall Timbers.”



The first magnitude spring Nutall Rise is protected with the Ladson conservation easement



John Ladson and his family use the property for fishing and outdoor recreation



John Ladson in 1954



The Slave Canal joins the Wacissa and Aucilla rivers. This is now protected waterway is a popular paddling destination



Bill Ladson Jr. fishing at the Ladson Property

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: A STRATEGIC VISION FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW

Tall Timbers has spent the last 10 years expanding our Game Bird Program across the Southeast to help restore bobwhite populations throughout their historic range. This expansion has been accompanied by the growth of our Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs) and a recognition that prescribed burning, bobwhite management, and ecosystem management go hand in hand.

The Tall Timbers Board of Trustees and staff spent the better part of 2025 developing a new 10-year strategic plan that builds on our existing quail expansion and PBA models and advances them by incorporating additional layers of Tall Timbers programs, with expertise such as fire research, training, policy, smoke science, and biodiversity monitoring, research and management —essentially a Tall Timbers expansion.

This approach will increase prescribed fire use through training and policy improvements, restore biodiversity in target areas, establish wild quail hunting on public land, and grow our position as a Southeastern authority in fire and wildlife science.

With more of our programs working across the Southeast, we can more comprehensively address impediments to land stewardship and engage a broader audience, including public lands, to drive impactful change that improves conditions in our new areas, while also strengthening our work in the Red Hills and Albany regions at home.

EXISTING SOUTHEASTERN REACH

Tall Timbers staff are already investing in land stewardship across numerous areas of the Southeast. In 2025 alone, Game Bird Program biologists conducted nearly 500 property visits across more than 200 properties in 11 states, resulting in nearly 1,700 hours of direct contact with our stakeholders. Our Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) coordinators, working from Texas over to Maryland across 12 independent Private Burn Associations, conducted 291 site visits covering 124,181 acres.



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Mid-South

Tall Timbers' newest expansion area in the Mid-South is anchored by our project to restore wild quail populations at Tennessee's historic Ames Plantation. The effort launched with extensive forest stand improvement work and prescribed fire on the ground. These exciting first steps toward bringing wild quail back to the home of the National Championship field trial are bolstered by the forging of new partnerships within the region.



Delmarva

Our initiatives across the Delmarva Peninsula are benefiting bobwhite and biodiversity, but also actively revitalizing the region's prescribed fire culture. Spring 2026 was the most productive burn season, including six first-entry burns, since 2023 when Tall Timbers began working full-time in the region. Many of the tracts on the peninsula are only about 100 acres, so coordination is needed to scale up burning to the current level of 15 properties treating 330 acres. This spring also marked the first "Fire in the Forest Festival," with Tall Timbers as a presenting sponsor of this public event to expand support for the use of prescribed fire.



Carolinas

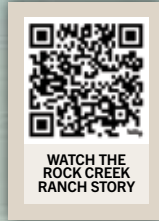
A decade of investment by the Carolina Regional Quail Program is yielding enviable results. In December, a partner property moved 43 wild bobwhite coveys during seven hours of hunting. This marks their highest count to date, a remarkable rise from zero coveys just eight years ago, and a testament to what focused management can achieve. A social media post about this success went viral, garnering more than 150,000 views as people in the region shared their enthusiasm for wild quail recovery.

Texas



Western Pinewoods

Launched in 2021, the Western Pinewoods Quail Program covers East Texas and portions of Louisiana and Arkansas. One of our partner properties, the Gordy family's Rock Creek Ranch, received Texas Parks and Wildlife's Lone Star Land Steward Award in early 2026. The family has worked closely with Tall Timbers on habitat restoration, wild quail translocation, and follow-up monitoring. Quail reproduction is excellent on the property, and they are on their way to a huntable population, with the many ecological benefits that follow restoration.



West Virginia

Tennessee

South Carolina

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Alabama

Louisiana

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Georgia

Florida

Tall Timbers Supported Prescribed Burn Associations

Tall Timbers Established Regional Quail Programs

PERKINS CENTER IGNITES A NEW ERA OF CONVENING

The new Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center at Tall Timbers opened in Fall 2025 and is fulfilling Tall Timbers' vision as a convener of leaders in research, fire training, land conservation and wildlife management.

Named in honor of the conservation-focused leader behind the Orvis company and former Tall Timbers board member, Leigh Perkins, the new conference center harkens back to the origins of our organization, when we brought people together to discuss fire as an essential element of forest and wildlife management when no one else would.

Since the Perkins Center opened, Tall Timbers has hosted several major conferences, continuing that legacy as an internationally recognized science community leader.

INTERNATIONAL SMOKE SYMPOSIUM

Researchers from 13 countries converged on Tall Timbers for the 4th International Smoke Symposium in March, which hosted a diverse group of attendees ranging from federal agencies and non-profits to wildland fire practitioners and academic researchers. The conference by the International Association of Wildland Fire is a vital opportunity for agencies and individuals working on wildland fire smoke to come together to exchange knowledge and generate new ideas on smoke and air quality management.

The importance of this event was further underscored by the distinguished keynote speakers. We were honored to host U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Michael Boren, who not only gave a speech but answered questions and toured Tall Timbers. NASA Physical Research Scientist Aaron Naeger delivered an engaging technical talk, taking a deep dive into current fire and smoke research, while Heather Brassel offered the often-overlooked perspective of a private landowner from the Red Hills. Her story about managing the land with prescribed fire on private property resonated deeply with attendees.

This conference was unlike most. What set it apart was the frequent fire environment at Tall Timbers. Instead of being held at a university or in a city, the symposium took place on-site during the height of the spring prescribed fire season. We conducted a live prescribed fire demonstration, and for many researchers who spend their days studying smoke in front of computer screens or in labs, it was their first time witnessing a prescribed fire in person.



Top: Michael Boren, Undersecretary of the USDA for Natural Resources chats with attendees of the 4th International Smoke Symposium. **Bottom:** NASA Physical Research Scientist Dr. Aaron Naeger gives a technical discussion on current fire and smoke research.



GOPHER TORTOISE COUNCIL

In November, the Gopher Tortoise Council packed the building for its 47th annual meeting, the first event in the Perkins Center. More than 180 researchers, conservation practitioners and students attended to present research and discuss policy regarding one of the Southeast's most charismatic and vulnerable wildlife species.



PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING

This spring, the space hosted a large cadre of national and regional fire leaders mixing the Interagency Fuels Academy, the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Aerial Ignition Academy, the Prescribed Fire Training Center Leadership Modules, and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Alpha test of the Cradle of Prescribed Fire staff ride. At the peak of the week, 172 people were on campus, all getting a firsthand experience at the birthplace of fire ecology.



TALL TIMBERS SPRING DINNER

Leaders in Florida's land conservation joined us at the Perkins Center for the 2026 Spring Dinner, in which we honored new conservation easement landowners and hosted the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation's CEO, Mallory Dimmitt, to discuss the growing movement toward permanently protecting the state's wild and working spaces.

RESEARCH AND POLICY INVESTMENTS AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL

Tall Timbers continues to engage with Congress and our federal agency partners to advance prescribed fire policy and protect private landowners' ability to burn. Tall Timbers has endorsed and advocated for key legislation, including the Fix Our Forests Act (FOFA), the National Prescribed Fire Act (NPFA), and the Wildfire Emissions Prevention Act (WEPA).

FOFA, which includes portions of the NPFA, passed the House of Representatives in 2025 and is moving through the U.S. Senate. Throughout our meetings on Capitol Hill, Research Director Morgan Varner and Advocacy Coordinator Neil Fleckenstein have championed the importance of providing resources to support the use of prescribed fire, removing obstacles to fuels treatment, and expanding the prescribed fire workforce.

Tall Timbers views the Wildfire Emissions Prevention Act as a critical approach to removing impediments in the Clean Air Act that limit prescribed fire use on public and private lands. This bill is currently in draft form and Tall Timbers is the lead stakeholder working with bipartisan Senate offices to find a solution. Ultimately, the goal of this bill is to ease requirements for air regulatory agencies to support prescribed fire while balancing environmental and health concerns.

Beyond our work at the federal level, Tall Timbers is also active and effective in the Florida and Georgia Legislatures. In Florida, Tall Timbers collaborated with conservation partners and key legislators to successfully stop legislation that would have encouraged the development of rural farmland, forestland, and ranchland. We were also successful in working with partners to strengthen protections against the sale or transfer of public conservation lands.

In Georgia, we worked closely with the Georgia Conservancy and Representative Chas Cannon to secure House approval for reauthorizing the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit. While the Senate did not pass this bill by the end of the session, it will remain Tall Timbers top legislative priority in the 2027 Legislative session.



Tall Timbers staff are engaged in state and national level policy work, collaborating closely with lawmakers and their staff to help shape legislation that focuses on conservation, land use and the use of prescribed fire. In Washington, right, we advocate and educate about the intersection of national policy work and on-the-ground conservation efforts.

Earlier this year, from right: Advocacy Coordinator Neil Fleckenstein, Tall Timbers Research Director Morgan Varner, Carolina Regional Quail Program Director Paul Grimes, and CEO and President Bill Palmer met with public decision-makers to advocate for policies and projects that advance prescribed fire use and wildlife management.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH TO IMPROVE FIRE POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA

A new collaboration with Belize will help develop a Latin American model for prescribed fire and wildfire policy. Dr. Morgan Varner co-hosted three workshops in Belize. The workshops aimed to reform prescribed fire and wildfire policies in this fire-prone country. Alongside meetings with federal fire and forestry officials, NGOs, academics, Indigenous peoples, community members, and private industry representatives contributed to bold plans that will enable Belize to become a model in Latin America for prescribed fire use in pine savannas, while also protecting its tropical wet forests from wildfires. This project will conclude with public meetings to release the Forest Fire Act later in 2026. Due to the international attention on these meetings, we anticipate other countries in the region to adopt key elements that recognize prescribed fire as an essential tool for biodiversity conservation across the hemisphere.



TARGETED MEDIA INTERVIEWS EXPAND REACH IN WASHINGTON

Tall Timbers Research Director Morgan Varner joined one of the longest-running news programs in the Washington D.C. area, The White House Chronicle. Varner discussed the growing prevalence and intensity of wildfires worldwide, how prescribed fire can reduce the risk of catastrophic fires, and its benefits to wildlife. The show airs on 200 PBS and public, education and government access stations nationwide.

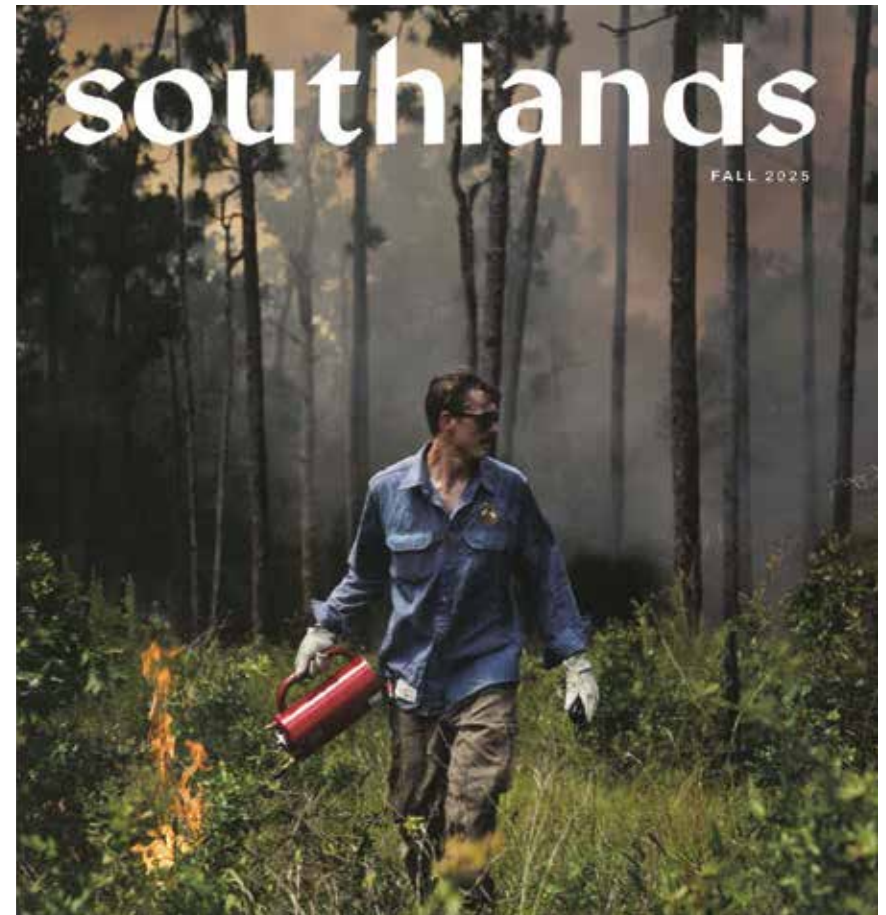


Tall Timbers scientists place emphasis on being available for media interviews that help our messages reach our target audiences.

Dr. Morgan Varner, our Director of Research, has become a go-to contact for reporters covering prescribed fire policy. In the past few months, he has been interviewed by Marketplace, CNN, The New York Times, and Grist.

FEATURE ARTICLE IN NEW MAGAZINE BUILDS ON CULTURE OF FIRE

Founded in 2025, the Southlands media company and magazine focuses on celebrating the wild South in all its forms—and the diverse ways Southerners connect with the natural world. The inaugural issue featured Tall Timbers' Chaz Oliver, who is also a Fire Training Specialist at the National Prescribed Fire Training Center, as its stunning cover image and included an in-depth story on the use of prescribed fire in the South, our role in promoting it, and the impact we have on securing its future. Touching on our research origins, support for Prescribed Burn Associations and Prescribed Fire Councils, Southlands spent several days in Florida and Georgia burning with the Tall Timbers Fire Applications Program and supporters of fire to help share the importance of fire to the people and places of the South.



CUMULATIVE ANNUAL GIVING

Donors are the driving force behind Tall Timbers — a provider of independent research and creative problem-solving for land stewardship issues. From the national policy level to down in the weeds with a land manager, your questions and your financial support enable our practical and flexible approaches. We thank our supporters who give generously through general memberships, project-specific contributions, events, and the Tall Timbers Foundation.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John Lewis, a Red Hills Steward

In April 2026, the Red Hills region lost a leader and a steward with the passing of Dr. John Rawlins Lewis at age 83. A Tallahassee businessman and longtime Florida State University business professor, John served as a Tall Timbers Trustee from 2001 to 2004. During this impactful tenure, John ambitiously undertook and achieved the tremendous task of raising the first \$1 million for the Red Hills Conservation Program Endowment by soliciting support from 100 conservation-minded individuals, families, foundations, and corporations. His “100 Stewards of the Red Hills” helped provide the financial underpinnings for the stability and success of our current Land Conservancy. John’s commitment to land conservation went beyond offering his financial and business insight to include a conservation easement with Tall Timbers on the family’s beloved Straw Pond.

Ted Turner, a conservationist at heart

We lost a stalwart champion of conservation in May 2026 with the passing of Ted Turner. He was 87. Turner was a pioneering media mogul and former owner of the Atlanta Braves but was more deeply devoted to conservation efforts around the country. In Tall Timbers’ core regions he owned two large properties, Avalon in Jefferson County, FL, and Nonami Plantation in Albany, GA, where he was committed to stewarding the land to benefit our region’s endemic species. Turner was a dedicated supporter of Tall Timbers. Here he is pictured at the Tall Timbers Spring Dinner with, from left, former Tall Timbers Land Conservancy Director Kevin McGorty, the late former Board Chairman Kate Ireland, Turner, and the late former Tall Timbers CEO Lane Green.



INVESTING IN LIVINGSTON PLACE

Over the past year, Tall Timbers has made significant investments at Livingston Place, our sister research property, acquired in 2013, and located an hour's drive from the Tall Timbers main campus.

The vision is for Livingston Place to serve as a center for sustainable land stewardship on a working wild quail property, with a focus on improving and maintaining quail habitat and biodiversity over the long term, all in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Livingston offers unique research opportunities that the historic Tall Timbers property lacks, and one of its greatest assets is its large acreage. It provides room to innovate in land management systems and to replicate studies at larger ecological and operational scales than on Tall Timbers' 3,967 acres. However, its distance from the main campus and the lack of research facilities have limited the volume of research conducted over the past decade.

In 2025, with guidance from the Board of Trustees, 1,680 acres of the property, roughly 20%, were sold to further our goal of establishing Livingston as a hub of land management and ecological research by investing in facilities and reducing our reliance on revenue streams that can interfere with research.

Even after the land sale, Livingston still provides more than 7,400 acres of uplands, wetlands, row-crop agriculture, and habitat that largely encompass the range of conditions found on properties in the Red Hills. These resources offer a unique opportunity for land stewardship research and dramatically expand the scale at which we can conduct it.

Using a portion of the land-sale revenue, we are investing in new intern housing and a state-of-the-art research laboratory. The intern housing was completed in the first half of 2026, and the research facility is in the early stages of construction.

In addition to facility changes, we have made staffing changes. Holly Lott, a Tall Timbers Game Bird Program biologist with a long history of research at Livingston Place, has been promoted to Natural Resources and Property Coordinator. Holly will work alongside Eric Staller, Director of Land Management for Tall Timbers and Livingston Place, to help guide the property into the next chapter of expanded research use.

These changes are grounded in a commitment to continue operating Livingston Place as a working wild quail hunting venue. This differs from the historic Tall Timbers property, which does not offer fee hunting. Selling quail hunting opportunities helps fund land management at Livingston and, importantly, places our new research in a context closer to that of private wild quail hunting estates, which are critical partners and audiences for our research and recommendations.

During the 2025-26 quail season, each half-day hunt averaged 16 coveys moved, with 11 pointed by the dogs. Entering the fall, quail densities exceeded one bird per acre, and winter survival remained strong, with 61% of marked birds surviving through the hunting season, good indicators for the population in 2026-27. Livingston also hosted the Amateur and Continental Field Trials this winter, and feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Several attendees remarked that Livingston Place represents the finest wild quail field trial grounds in the nation.

Needless to say, we're all excited about what lies ahead at Livingston Place.



One of two recently completed houses at Livingston Place. Adding housing for interns, graduate students, and visiting scientists increases our capacity for hands-on field research.



The judges and gallery ride during the 131st Continental Field Trials, hosted at Livingston Place. The Continental remains an important demonstration that field trials can be run on wild quail. Photo by Chris Mathan. The judges and gallery ride during the 131st Continental Field Trials, hosted at Livingston Place. The Continental remains an important demonstration that field trials can be run on wild quail. Photo by Chris Mathan.

28TH ANNUAL KATE IRELAND AUCTION SPONSORS

Each year, Tall Timbers hosts the Kate Ireland Memorial Dinner & Auction. The Perkins Family was the 2025 honoree at this special event. The auction's proceeds play a critical role in supporting Tall Timbers' mission. Your contribution makes a significant difference. Thank you! Save the date for the 29th Annual Kate Ireland Dinner and Auction on October 8, 2026.

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Top Right—Johnny Morris, founder and CEO of Bass Pro Shops, shared stories of hunting and fishing with his good friend Leigh Perkins and the deep connections to people and place that time outdoors fosters.

Middle Right—Perkins family members with Bill Palmer, Tall Timbers CEO, at an opening event for the Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center just prior to the Auction. From right to left: Molly Perkins, Anne Perkins, Bill Palmer, Kate Sullivan Scovil, and Tod Oliva.

Bottom Right—Leigh Perkins' grandchildren, Simon Perkins, Leighly Perkins, and Emma McAvoy at the Kate Ireland Auction.



TALL TIMBERS FOUNDATION

The Tall Timbers Foundation manages our endowments. Tall Timbers uses a 3-year rolling average to determine our yearly endowment draw, and has averaged less than 5% of endowment funds over the past decade. By contributing to an endowment, you are contributing to a lasting legacy of support for our mission. Below are donors who have supported various endeavors.

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SECOND AUCTION IN CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

More than 350 people dedicated to bobwhite attended the second annual event at Knights Hill for a record-breaking fundraising night to support the Carolina Regional Quail Program. We thank everyone who attended, our guest speaker, David DiBenedetto of Garden & Gun magazine, and our host committee for helping to make this such a successful event.

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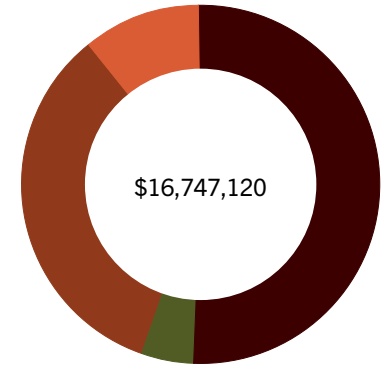
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TALL TIMBERS FOUNDATION FINANCIAL POSITION

	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
ASSETS	2024	2025
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$7,484,924	\$14,142,056
Other Receivables	\$0	\$1,859,512
Total Current Assets	\$36,657,371	\$41,982,116
Investments	\$1,484,924	\$16,001,558
TOTAL ASSETS	\$44,142,295	\$57,983,684
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$8,930	\$0
Deferred Revenue	\$0	\$0
Total Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$8,930	\$0
NET ASSETS		
Undesignated	\$58,338	\$146,074
Board Designated	\$12,060,640	\$13,424,127
With Donor Restrictions	\$32,014,387	\$44,413,483
Total Net Assets	\$44,133,365	\$57,983,684
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$44,142,295	\$57,983,684

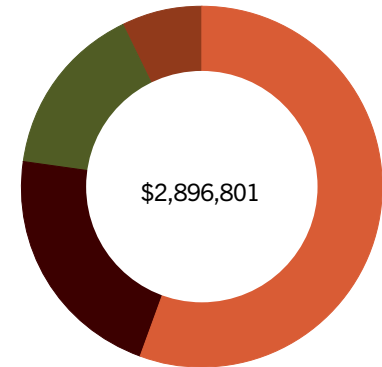
SOURCES OF REVENUE 2025

Contributions	\$1,808,769	10.80%
Contribution from DPR, LLC	\$8,499,878	50.75%
Kate Ireland Auction	\$801,865	4.79%
Net Investment Gain/Loss	\$5,636,608	33.66%
TOTALS	\$16,747,120	100%



ALLOCATION OF FUNDS 2025

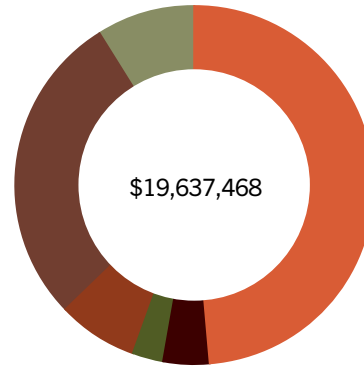
Contributions to Tall Timbers Research, Inc.	\$1,613,522	55.70%
Contribution to DP Research, LLC	\$630,272	21.76%
Management & General	\$443,941	15.33%
Fundraising	\$209,066	7.21%
TOTALS	\$2,896,801	100%



TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH, INC. FINANCIAL POSITION (INCLUDES SUBSIDIARIES)

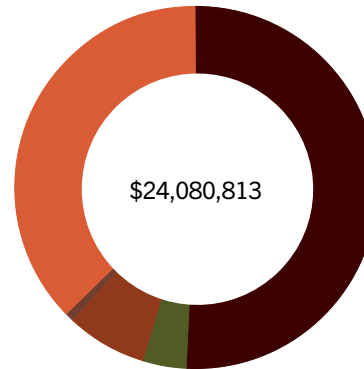
SOURCES OF REVENUE 2025

Project Contributions	\$9,589,751	48.83%
Tall Timbers Trust	\$821,099	4.18%
Beadel Trust	\$518,807	2.64%
Tall Timbers Foundation	\$1,422,695	7.24%
Grants and Projects	\$5,557,409	28.30%
Other Revenues	\$1,727,707	8.80%
TOTALS	\$19,637,468	100%



ALLOCATION OF FUNDS 2025

Program—General	\$8,975,475	37.27%
Program—Grants & Projects	\$12,240,964	50.83%
Management & General	\$983,166	4.08%
Depreciation Expense	\$1,714,045	7.12%
Fundraising	\$167,163	0.69%
TOTALS	\$24,080,813	100%



	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
ASSETS	2024	2025
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$8,821,567	\$2,620,904
Accounts Receivable	\$12,501	\$0
Grants/Projects Receivable	\$1,031,545	\$3,296,787
Due from TT Foundation, Inc. (Net)	\$3,679	\$60,725
Prepaid Expenses	\$130,622	\$288,577
Total Current Assets	\$9,999,914	\$6,266,993
Property & Equipment		
At Cost less Accumulated Depreciation	\$40,752,309	\$42,004,650
Other Assets	\$0	\$0
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$50,752,223	\$48,271,650
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$1,220,331	\$1,522,401
Due to TT Foundation, Inc.		\$1,918,572
Notes Payable	\$435,746	\$453,358
Deferred Revenue	\$310,267	\$335,004
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,966,344	\$4,229,335
Long Term Liabilities		
Notes Payable (net of current portion)	\$933,671	\$693,452
Total Liabilities	\$2,960,015	\$4,922,787
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$9,068,157	\$15,886,065
With Donor Restrictions	\$38,724,051	\$27,462,798
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$50,752,223	\$48,271,650





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Please feel free to reach out us for more information on our work and how to support our mission at Tall Timbers. Call us at 850-893-4153, Extension 249 to discuss how you can be a part of Tall Timbers.

TALL TIMBERS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Tall Timbers is to foster exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation, and education.



29TH ANNUAL KATE IRELAND DINNER & AUCTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026 AT 6PM
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The 29th Annual Kate Ireland Memorial Dinner & Auction will be held on the lawn at Tall Timbers in Tallahassee, Florida, overlooking beautiful Lake Iamonia.

Get your table now and follow along as we continue to share more event details, this year's honoree, and ways to participate in this exciting event. Festivities include a cocktail reception, silent and live auction and dinner.

For auction sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Tall Timbers Development Office.

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