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Economic Impact of Private Forests

A new study, commissioned by the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) and conducted by Forest2Market, quantifies the economic impact of private, working forests on the U.S. economy. This study demonstrates that private working forests support local and state economies in terms of contributions of jobs, taxes and GDP at regional, state and national levels. In part, the study found a significant gap between the contributions made by privately-owned forests over other ownership. On average, privately-owned forests generated \$277,000 in state GDP per 1000 acres, while public forests generate just \$41,000 per 1000 acres. The study also concludes that every 1000 acres of private, working forests creates 8 jobs, \$270,000 in payroll; \$9850 in state taxes and \$733,000 in annual sales.

For Texas, the numbers are also impressive. On average, privately-owned forests in Texas generate 14,500 direct, indirect and induced jobs per 1000 acres, with the same 1000 acres contributing some \$501,000 in payroll and \$1,251,000 in annual sales. At the same time each 1000 acres generates \$564,000 to the regional and state GDP.

As East Texas has almost 12,000,000 acres in forested lands and about 68% of that is in privately-owned tracts, one can easily see the importance of the forest industry on the economy of the 43 counties in east Texas that are classified as timber counties as well as the impact on Texas' economy as a whole.

For more information: www.Forest2Market.com

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TCFLOA CALENDAR—2010

April 10, Saturday, 9:30 AM, Woodville Senior Center, General Meeting.

The first General Meeting of the year will include: "From Harvest to Planting", a discussion of site preparations, planting, and "Stacking" Tree Farm Income. Additionally, Wildlife Food Plots will be covered. As always, a lunch will be provided for attendees.

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Forest Family Fun Day & Equipment Show, Saturday, May 8, Angelina County Expo Center, Lufkin, TX. 8:00 AM—3:00 PM (See story pg. 3.)

May 1-2, Saturday & Sunday, Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe, TX, Texas Woodland & Wildlife Expo 2010. This is an expanded version of the Texas Forest Expo of last year, with more offerings for anyone and everyone who has any interest in timber, land, plants, wildlife, and the outdoors in general. And it's **FREE**. (See story pg 2.)

August 7, Saturday, Z's Filling Station, Woodville, Board of Directors Meeting. All TCFLOA members are welcome to attend and learn what your Board does to lead your Association. There is usually a tour after the meeting. Additional information will appear in future issues of the *Dogwood Times*.

September 11, Saturday, General Meeting. Election of Officers and Directors of your Association's Board will be a principle topic. Complete program, location and times will appear in a future issue of the *Dogwood Times*.

ELECTIONS 2010

At the September Meeting, the TCFLOA will hold their biennial elections for Officers and Directors of the Association's Board.

The By-Laws state that a person may only serve two terms (4 years) as President. All other Officers and Directors may serve continuously until retirement or replaced.

Consider the opportunity to serve your Association in one of the leadership capacities. A Nominating Committee has been appointed and may be asking you to step up and serve for a two year period. Please consider assisting.