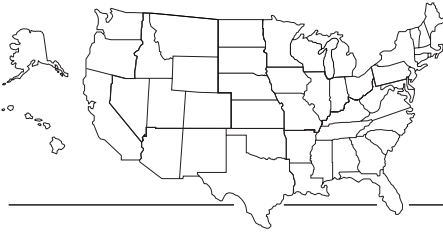


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THOMASVILLE QUAIL PLANTATION SELLS FOR \$28M

Longpine's storied past dates back to the beginning of the Red Hills tradition.



Of all the places in the Lower 48 to find a bird-hunter's paradise, the South Georgia upper coastal plains easily – *easily* – makes the short list.

That selling point was squarely in the mind of Rick Leverich, new owner of Longpine Plantation, a historic 5,850-acre quail plantation near Thomasville. After five years on the market, Longpine sold in July for \$28.08 million to this Texan, a well-known hunter and conservationist.

Among the property's built-in hunting features: tradition. The quail hunting so popular today and throughout the Red Hills area around the Georgia-Florida state line started back in the post-Civil War era. Longpine was originally part of an older quail plantation founded in the 1880s by Wyman Jones and his family.

Historical accounts describe the Jones family as remarkable stewards of the land, with conservation and management practices that forever shaped the beloved art/sport of chasing bobwhite quail with dogs, horses, and guns. **Read More [HERE](#).**

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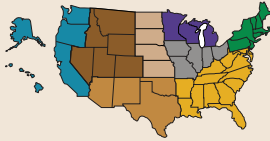
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UNITED STATES

USDA PROVIDES \$13 MILLION FOR ORGANIC PROGRAM. New Farm Bill funding is available to organic farmers and handlers in the form of cost-sharing assistance for certification-related expenses. The USDA organic farming payments cover up to 75 percent of an individual's certification costs, up to a \$750 maximum per certification, for costs during the fall-to-fall period. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack praised the organic program renewal: "Organic food is now a multi-billion dollar industry, and helping this sector continue to grow creates jobs across the country," he said. Organic producers and handlers should file for payments through their state agency. To find out more about certification, click [HERE](#).



NORTHEAST

CONSERVATION

Maine Forestland

LAND PROGRAM AWARDS \$9M FOR CONSERVATION.

The conservation coalition Land for Maine's Future (LMF) has leveraged taxpayer money to buy 50,000 acres of key recreational, agricultural and wildlife land in the Pine Tree State. LMF's Board recently approved \$9M for 25 projects in 37 communities considered important for habitat protection and improvement. The grants were matched by \$24.8M from 60 LMF partners. One spectacular acquisition: the Cold Stream Forest Project in Somerset County. Purchased from Plum Creek, the Cold Stream plot protects thousands of acres of deer-wintering habitat and 30 miles of streams and wetlands feeding the Kennebec River. "That is more wild brook trout pond habitat than in the rest of Northern New England," wrote one happy recreational outdoor columnist. The purchase also includes 37 farms of more than 8,900 acres, and more than 20 commercial working waterfront properties. To read the full list of funded projects, click [HERE](#)



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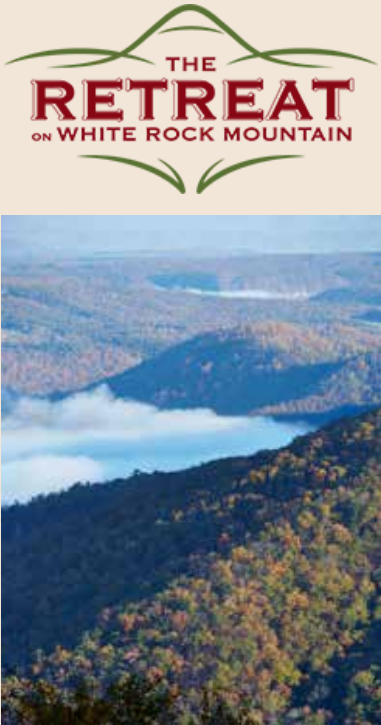
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FORESTRY


Restoration

NEW GRANTS AWARDED FOR LONGLEAF PINE RESTORATION.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has announced \$3.38M in grants to further restore the longleaf pine ecosystem. The grants cover 15 separate projects across eight states, from Texas to North Carolina to Florida. In addition, the project applicants will get matching funds from grant partners, raising the total to \$7.18M. The projects seek to restore more than 11,800 acres and enhance 116,000 additional acres of longleaf pine habitat by using techniques such as prescribed burns, cost sharing for new planting and educating local landowners on timber management. Experts say Longleaf pine forests provide habitat for 29 threatened and endangered animal species. The projects were funded through NFWF and a public-private partnership known as the Longleaf Stewardship Fund. To read more about the individual projects, click [HERE](#).



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Texas Ranchland

LEGENDARY WELL FIREFIGHTER RED ADAIR'S FORMER RANCH LISTED AT \$9.5M.

The 109-acre Edgewater Ranch, just 20 miles northwest of Austin, has earned a spot in Texas' landed history. The ranch was formerly owned by Paul Neal "Red" Adair. He was a famed oil well firefighter from Houston who inspired the 1968 John Wayne film Hellfighters and had a remarkable career battling more than 2,000 land and offshore oil wells, natural gas wells, and other massive fires. He died in 2004 at age 89. The Adair family sold the ranch in 1997. Today, Edgewater offers magnificent views of Lake Travis and the Hill Country. Its guest cottages have a welcome laid-back luxury feel, and the barn and horse facilities are well maintained. The ranch's has enough of an Wild West feel, that filmmakers still use as it a movie-shoot location. Michael and Stacy Spickes of Realty Austin have the listing. To read more about the amenities and view a photo gallery, click [HERE](#).

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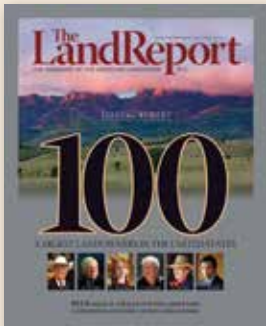
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Wyoming Ranchland

CONSERVATION EASEMENT GRANTED ON A KEY LIVESTOCK TRAIL.

A Wyoming landowner has agreed to a plan that protects a historic stock rest in the northern part of the state, near the Big Horn Mountains. Rancher Bruce

Pheasant of Kaycee, signed a conservation easement to protect a grassy valley known to his family and to hundreds others who drive livestock for a living. The valley is known as Beartrap Meadows, near the headwaters of Beartrap Creek. Livestock owners and producers in the region rely on the meadows as a stopover during long drives, and more than 20,000 head of cattle and sheep move through there annually. The owner completed the easement after working with several land trusts, and with representatives from state and federal agencies. Fishing is still allowed at the meadows, thanks to a separate agreement Pheasant worked out with the Wyoming Game and Fish Dept. To read more, click [HERE](#).

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