

CFEOR

Conserved Forest Ecosystems
Outreach and Research

Benefits of Joining CFEOR

CFEOR is a consortium of public land management agencies, the University of Florida, private companies and non-profit groups, all with a common purpose; to protect and restore Florida's forested lands to maximize their ecological, social and economic benefits to the people of Florida.

CFEOR pools the intellectual and financial resources of its members and partners to promote high priority research and outreach activities to achieve its mission. You are invited to become a member of CFEOR and be a part of this worthwhile collaboration.



Important Products of CFEOR Membership

The Power of Collaboration:

Multi-disciplinary projects focus exclusively on the common needs of CFEOR members. As a member you will receive increased access to cutting-edge ecological information applicable to management needs and successful strategies for the sustained production of commodity products and ecosystems services.

The Power of Communication:

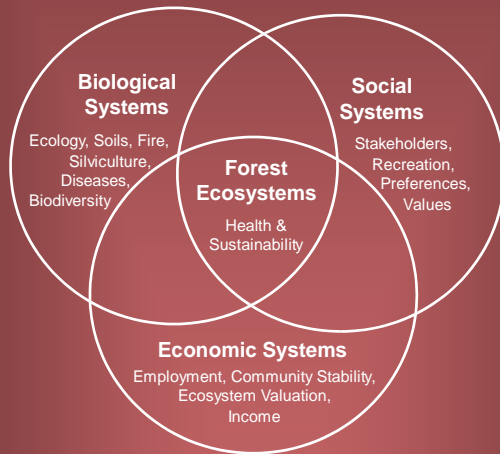
The CFEOR website provides important updated research reports as well as professional journal articles targeted to CFEOR members. CFEOR's bi-weekly *Updates* electronic newsletter provides valuable information in an easy access format that enhances communication pathways among scientists, research professionals and public/private land managers.

The Power of Research:

Florida's forests are under increasing pressure from development, climate change and fire suppression. The restoration process is experimental. CFEOR's ability to generate collaboration among researchers and managers can catalyze major leaps forward in both our knowledge and in our ability to share that information so that new successful practices can be quickly implemented.

CFEOR Mission

To develop and disseminate knowledge needed to conserve and manage Florida's forests as healthy, working ecosystems that provide social, ecological and economic benefits on a sustainable basis.



Membership Categories

Steering Committee

Open to land managers that own or control more than 100,000 acres of conserved forested land. The expected annual contribution is \$20,000 for membership dues and research funds.

General

Open to land managers that own or control less than 100,000 acres of conserved forested land. Annual dues are \$4,000 and the support of projects is optional.

Supporting

Reserved for select organizations that do not have the resources to participate at the membership level. Annual dues are \$1,000 and the support of projects is optional.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Research/Outreach

- ✓ Promote your organization's objectives by helping to direct the course of important statewide research and outreach projects
- ✓ Advance your agency's research objectives by helping create scientifically derived information through in-depth, short/long-term research studies
- ✓ Boost your organization's visibility with access to CFEOR's high quality outreach program and IFAS Extension Programs

Resources

- ✓ Implement cost-effective research by simply combining funds and/or providing in-kind support
- ✓ Increase the influence of CFEOR and help the cooperative to secure federal grants and other outside funding
- ✓ Participate in decision making that will steer the direction of CFEOR's resources

Connections

- ✓ Establish rapid connections to a wide range of natural resource professionals and university scientists
- ✓ Gain online access to state-of-the-art research through reports, bi-weekly *Updates*, and professional journal articles
- ✓ Add to CFEOR's pool of knowledge and resources, thereby increasing CFEOR's effectiveness

BENEFITS FOR

Public Land Management Agencies

- Increase number of research/project staff without hiring new agency employees
- Contribute to research projects through in-kind support such as land and equipment
- Identify similar/replicate projects among members and collaborate to reduce cost while enhancing research objectives

BENEFITS FOR

Private Entities and Non-Profit Organizations

- Increase the scope and scale of your research interests with less cost
- Increase collaborative potential with other CFEOR members and university scientists
- Research the economic benefits of ecosystem services provided by private forest lands

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