The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has today announced the release of a request for proposals to begin development of a new growth and yield model for longleaf pine. An improved growth and yield model for longleaf pine will provide an important decision support tool necessary to more fully engage institutional landowners, as well as other private forest owners, to consider longleaf pine versus other southern pine species. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service, with up to $250,000 available.

**Full proposals are due Thursday, April 30, 2020 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time.** The Request for Proposals can be found here: [Caution](https://www.nfwf.org/programs/longleaf-stewardship-fund/longleaf-pine-growth-and-yield-model-request-proposals)

NFWF is seeking proposals that address three components of developing a refined growth and yield model for longleaf pine:

1. Identification of sites for plot establishment, initial permanent plot measurements, and completion of data quality assurance/quality control.
2. Completion of a third party audit for plot measurement integrity.
3. Development of a first-iteration model and a plan for incorporation of additional data that will be collected through future remeasurements.

A second future phase of this project will conduct two additional remeasurements three and six years after the initial measurements are taken. Additional funding for this final phase is anticipated, but has not yet been secured.

A webinar for interested applicants will be held on **Thursday, April 9th from 3:00pm-4:00pm Eastern**. Registration is required and applicants may register here: [Caution](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3019309913230415884) . The webinar will be recorded and a link to the recording will be posted to NFWF’s webpage.

Please share this announcement with other interested parties.

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