Research Centers and Cooperatives

Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
Conducts research on fish and wildlife populations, trains graduate students, and provides technical assistance and training on natural resource issues for a variety of government agencies.
Unit Leader: James (Barry) Grand

Center for Environmental Studies at the Urban – Rural Interface (CESURI)
Engages students, researchers, and stakeholders in interdisciplinary efforts to clarify the influence of urbanization across rural landscapes at regional, national, and international scales.
Director: Graeme Lockaby

Center for Longleaf Pine Ecosystems
Addresses knowledge gaps in the restoration, conservation, and management of longleaf pine ecosystems to provide ecological, social, and economic services for the people of Alabama and the Southeast.
Director: Lisa Samuelson

Forest Health Cooperative
Addresses important, current, and pertinent forest health issues (disease, insects, etc.) in a way that addresses real-world management problems in the southern United States.
Director: Lori Eckhardt

Forest Policy Center
Research and outreach center whose purpose is to explore the fundamental forest policy issues affecting the United States in an increasingly globalized economy.
Director: Daowei Zhang

Forest Products Development Center
Prepares and trains graduate students; researches and provides processing and/or new product solutions that are environmentally friendly and utilize natural resources for key industrial stakeholders.
Director: Brian Via

International Center for Climate and Global Change Research (ICCGCR)
This global coalition is committed to constructive and responsible participation to address society’s increasing needs for understanding global climate change and potential solutions.
Director: Hanqin Tian

Southern Forest Engineering Center
Coordinates biomass research to develop best practices for harvesting small-scale, high-production and/or short-rotation crops as well as processing of biomass material.
Director: Tom Gallagher

Southern Forest Nursery Management Cooperative
Develops and disseminates available cultural, biological, and chemical technologies for the economical production and utilization of forest tree seedlings in the southern United States.
Director: Scott Enebak

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