

# Longleaf Associates of the East Gulf Coastal Plain of Mississippi and Alabama

## FY10 Accomplishments

The National Forests in Mississippi and the National Forests in Alabama have partnered with the Jamie L. Whitten Plant Materials Center (NRCS) to facilitate the development of plant materials native to longleaf ecosystems within the East Gulf Coastal Plain of Mississippi and Alabama. The Interagency Agreement between the two parties was not finalized until late in the fiscal year so the great majority of expenditures and accomplishments will occur in later reporting periods. This multi year agreement is scheduled to run through FY2014 and will involve collection of seeds of species native to longleaf pine ecosystem of the east gulf coastal plain, provide isolated growing sites to preserve the genetic diversity of the plant materials, and provide selected seed to the USFS to plant approximately 100 acres in the longleaf pine ecosystem. The agreement also provides for NRCS to plant approximately 2 acres of wildflowers and native grasses at Choctaw Lake Recreation area as a demonstration plot.



Photo Credit NRCS

*Wildflower plantings at Choctaw Lake Recreational Area*

Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2014

Report number: (1 of 5)

Expenditures:

- FY10 NFWV funding: \$52,000
- FY10 NFWF funding: \$55,000
- FY10 CMRD funding: \$5,000
- Expend: \$112,000
- Remaining: 0

Partners/Contractors/Cooperators:

Jamie L. Whitten Plant Materials Center (NRCS), MS Dept. Wildl, Fish. & Parks, The Longleaf Alliance

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*Prescribed Burns; an integral part of longleaf restoration*



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