

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A new National Conservation Priority Area was added for signup 18 in nine southeastern States to encourage the restoration of habitat for over 30 threatened and endangered species. About 102 thousand acres of longleaf pine habitat will be restored.
- Over 90,000 offers for about 7.1 million acres were received.
- Under signup 18, there were over 60,000 acceptable offers for 5.0 million acres including:
 - 3.2 million acres of highly erodible land;
 - 2.8 million acres of land within conservation priority areas;
 - 456 thousand acres of wetlands and protective upland areas; and
 - 216 thousand acres to be restored to rare and declining habitats.
- The average payment of \$45.49 per acre was similar to the signup 16 rate of \$45.15 per acre.