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## Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund

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### PARTNERS

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- International Paper
- Cargill
- Nestlé USA
- Altria Group

### ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$8.1 billion. NFWF is an equal opportunity provider.

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Pine warbler

### OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Paper, Cargill, Nestlé USA and Altria Group announced an eleventh year of funding for Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund projects. Four new or continuing freshwater and forest habitat restoration grants totaling nearly \$1.8 million were awarded. The four awards announced leveraged more than \$1.6 million in match from the grantees, generating a total conservation impact of \$3.4 million.

The Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund (CPSF) restores native forest, grasslands and freshwater habitats to conditions that will improve associated wildlife species and the health of freshwater systems while advancing strategies to support working forests and farms. CPSF accomplishes this by focusing on priority areas that include:

- Establishing shortleaf pine and oak savanna forests
- Reforesting previously mined lands
- Enhancing and maintaining existing shortleaf pine-oak ecosystems
- Enhancing and restoring riparian forests and watershed health to support aquatic species
- Increasing adoption of conservation practices on agricultural lands
- Expanding and coordinating technical assistance and outreach
- Conserving working forests through voluntary conservation easements

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Bobwhite

**Engaging Private Landowners to Restore and Improve Forest and Aquatic Habitats in North Alabama**

Grantee: Alabama Forestry Foundation  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$420,000  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$525,000  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$945,000  
 Engage family forest owners in a 29-county area of north Alabama to restore and improve shortleaf pine and white oak forests and protect and improve in-stream habitat for at-risk aquatic species. Project will engage 600 landowners through outreach events and technical assistance to plant or improve management of more than 7,750 acres of upland and riparian forest and restore habitat connectivity to 15 miles of stream by retrofitting culverts or removing other stream barriers.

**Enhancing Private Lands Forestry, Grasslands and Grazing Management in the Cumberland Plateau (TN)**

Grantee: Quail Forever  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$534,600  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$535,000  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$1,069,600  
 Engage private forest owners and beef cattle producers within the Cumberland Plateau region of Tennessee through outreach and technical assistance and implement wildlife focused forest management practices and improved grazing practices, benefiting northern bobwhite and other forest and grassland dependent species. Project will implement managed grazing on 1,500 acres, install 115 miles of fencing and improve 1,300 acres of forest habitat through prescribed burning and other forest treatments.

**Reforestation Legacy Coal Mine Lands in the Cumberland Plateau Region of Eastern Kentucky**

Grantee: Green Forests Work  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$607,500  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$405,070  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$1,012,570  
 Restore 400 acres of shortleaf pine-upland oak forest types and plant over 270,000 trees on legacy mine land in the Cumberland Plateau region of Kentucky. Project will decompact soil through ripping, remove invasive species and plant native tree species, including shortleaf pine and oak, reducing erosion and providing habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse and a variety of small mammals.

**Restoring Abandoned and Legacy Mine Lands for Wildlife Conservation (KY, TN)**

Grantee: Cumberland River Compact  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$222,000  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$203,000  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$425,000  
 Engage landowners with legacy coal mine sites in the Cumberland River Basin of Kentucky and Tennessee to restore riparian buffers, improve stream habitat and establish bird and pollinator habitat. Project will plant 140,000 trees on 200 acres of legacy mine land and engage 50 landowners to implement conservation actions on their land.