



# NAUFRP

*National Association of University Forest Resources Programs*

*Creating Knowledge—Developing Leaders*

## ***WHO WE ARE***

The National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP), (formerly the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges) was formed in 1981 and celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006. Today, NAUFRP represents 69 of our nation's most prestigious universities and their respective scientists, educators and extension specialists.

- *NAUFRP's purpose is to advance the health, productivity, and sustainability of America's forests by providing university-based natural resource education, research, science, extension and international programs.*
  - Member institutions provide the most reliable, objective, and innovative research on forest ecology, management, utilization, and policy.
  - Our members create the curricula for today and future forest stewardship needs.
  - Through natural resource research, member organizations create and disseminate new knowledge that spans the biological, physical, social, economic, and political sciences.
- *Our member institutions' programs develop future leaders, create intellectual capacity, secure financial investments, and advance cutting-edge technology to sustain forest resources.*
  - Virtually all leaders in the forestry profession received their formal education and continued professional development from a university member-institution.
  - Our group's commitment to cultural diversity and inclusion ensure that the future natural resource workforce and perspectives reflect the diversity of the Nation's people and values.
- *We connect educators, professional managers, scientists, conservation leaders, policy makers, landowners, and forest users to jointly address diverse ecological and human challenges.*
  - Partner organizations include international, federal, state, and local governments, private companies, conservation organizations, professional societies, landowners, non profits, and many others.
  - We hosted the top leaders in forestry and conservation for a forest research summit in January 2006 aimed to define new strategic directions and rebuild our research capacity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- *Our vision for America's forests is that there will be a national long-term investment to maintain, enhance, and protect the quantity and quality of our forests and the benefits and intrinsic values forests offer.*
  - Today, U.S. forests cover roughly the same amount of land area as they did in the 1920s — 749 million acres — a credit to the trained professionals sustaining these forested resources.
  - We will continue to invest in the health, productivity, and sustainability of our Nation's forests so that we are positioned competitively in the rapidly evolving global marketplace and in delivery of ecological services to our citizenry.