



News Advisory

Statement on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Decision Not to Impose Additional Protections in the U.S. South Under the Endangered Species Act for the Gopher Tortoise

Collaboration by the Agency and Private Forest Owners Demonstrates Sub-Regional Population Strength and Stability

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“On behalf of TIR and our investment clients, we want to thank the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for its commitment to working collaboratively with private landowners to maintain and enhance habitat for keystone species such as the gopher tortoise. The joint efforts of the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI), the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) and its member companies, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have resulted in a win for the species because it means the tortoise remains a stable presence in much of its historical range – and will continue to be monitored and protected in areas where its populations are less robust than would be ideal. The announcement highlights the success of sustainable forest management on private working forests to protect wildlife habitat and healthy forests while sustaining markets for wood products. Overall, this is a fine legacy and one that has special meaning as we approach the 50th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Endangered Species Act.”



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