New Addition to CFEOR Administration
by: Taylor Stein, CFEOR Co-Director

CFEOR’s growth and evolution continues to progress this summer as Nancy Peterson took on a leadership role in the Cooperative July 1. Nancy is transferring to the School of Forest Resources and Conservation where she will help lead the School in several major programs. Nancy previously served as the associate director in the School of Natural Resources and Conservation where she directed SNRE’s research and outreach/Extension activities.

For CFEOR, Nancy will be working with member organizations as the Cooperative continues to expand its influence and grow in membership. Her wealth of past experience working with important natural resource stakeholders in Florida and the U.S. will improve CFEOR’s capacity to serve Florida’s land management organizations and stakeholders.

As Nancy moves into her new position, Laura Sadowski, CFEOR Project Manager, will be leaving CFEOR after providing one year of valuable service. Laura moved CFEOR through an important year of growth as the Cooperative added new members and developed and began implementing new research projects. Also, Laura compiled the bi-weekly CFEOR updates, developed and maintained the CFEOR website, presented posters at conferences, and wrote the annual report. Laura, and her husband Ethan Sadowski, will be moving to Alabama this August where Ethan is taking on a new position with Rayonier Eastern Forest Resources, and Laura will continue to finish her graduate degree in Soil and Water Science.

Upcoming Conferences

- **Gopher Tortoise Management and Becoming a Recipient Site**
  July 30th 9:30 am-3:00 pm at the Trenton Community Center, 214 SE 3rd Ave, Trenton, FL
  RSVP by July 23, 2008, Lunch will be provided
  [http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/Extension/florida_forestry_information/events_calendar/files/gopher_tortoise_workshop_gilchrist08.pdf](http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/Extension/florida_forestry_information/events_calendar/files/gopher_tortoise_workshop_gilchrist08.pdf)

- **Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting “The Future Looks Bright”**
  September 3-4, Bay Point Marriott, Panama City Beach, FL
  For more information visit: [http://www.floridaforest.org/conference.php](http://www.floridaforest.org/conference.php)
• **Project Learning Tree, PreK-8 Educator Workshop**  
  September 13th 9:00 am-3:30 pm at the Austin Cary Memorial Forest, Gainesville, FL  
  PLT Certification, Activity Guide, and Valuable Teaching Resources  
  $10 at the door, lunch included. For more information visit:  
  [http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/plt/events_calendar/Austin_Cary_Workshop.html](http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/plt/events_calendar/Austin_Cary_Workshop.html)

• **Southeastern Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting**  
  “Forest Risk: The New Dimension (Earth, Wind, and Fire)”  
  September 21-23, at Mountain Creek Inn, Pine Mountain, GA  
  For more information visit: [http://www.sesaf.org/annual08.php](http://www.sesaf.org/annual08.php)

• **2008 Southern Mensurationists Conference**  
  October 26-29 Holiday Inn, St. Augustine Beach, FL  
  Professionals and Students welcome! Call for Papers and Abstracts!  
  For more information visit:  

• **2008 Public Land Acquisition and Management Partnership Conference**  
  December 3-5, Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL  
  For more information visit: [http://www.ces.fau.edu/plam2008/](http://www.ces.fau.edu/plam2008/)

• **Tall Timbers Research and Land Conservancy 24th Fire Ecology Conference**  
  January 11-15, 2009 Ramada Conference Center, Tallahassee, FL  
  Theme: “Future of Prescribed Fire: Public Awareness, Health, & Safety”  
  Call for Papers and Abstracts!  
  For more information visit: [http://www.talltimbers.org/FEconference/](http://www.talltimbers.org/FEconference/)

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**Recent Research Finding**

**Cavity-nest webs in a longleaf pine ecosystem**  

Cavity-nesting communities can be viewed as interconnected webs that interact through the creation of and competition for cavities as nest sites. Using a web approach, we depicted the flow of cavity creation and use in the cavity-nesting bird community of a Florida longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) ecosystem to examine the relationship between cavity-nesting bird abundance and cavity resources, and to identify species with potential to respond to cavity management for the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*). We identified two groups into which most cavity-nesting species could be placed: 1) six species associated with pine snags and Red-cockaded Woodpecker cavities, and 2) five species associated with hardwood snags. We found the majority of nests (60%) in large pine snags. Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Northern Flickers (*Colaptes auratus*) excavated most cavities used by other cavity nesting birds. The Northern Flicker was the primary creator of large nest cavities, through its excavation in snags and enlargement of cavities originally excavated by the Red-cockaded Woodpecker in live pine. Large secondary cavity nesting birds were the primary users of Red-cockaded Woodpecker cavities, and we identified three cavity-nesting species with potential to respond to Red-cockaded Woodpecker cavity management. The cavity-nesting web dynamics documented in this study, including the role of large pine snags, Red-cockaded Woodpecker cavities in live pine, and excavating species within the community, can serve as a baseline for comparison to other southern pine forests.