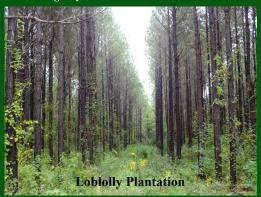


Longleaf Pine Benefits:

Longleaf produces high quality lumber; it is noted for strength, durability and appearance. Longleaf produces our prime, high quality utility poles within 40-50 years. Well managed stands of longleaf pine can exist for 300-400 years and was the original forest cover within the southeast.

Ecosystems & Biodiversity:

Diversity within a well managed longleaf pine ecosystem provides for all aspects of complete environmental sustainment and longevity. Efforts are underway on Ft Rucker to convert and restore most upland habitats back to the original longleaf ecosystem. This ecosystem is the most suitable on Ft Rucker as it is the original home range of the longleaf species. This habitat provides all support systems needed for sustained longevity.



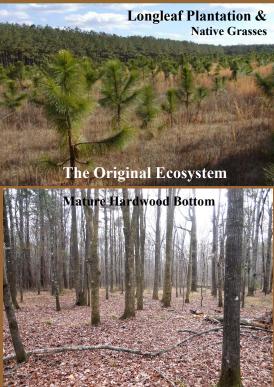
Loblolly Pine Benefits:

Loblolly pine is more desired in industry and pine production because of a faster growth and maturity rate. Natural mortality is usually recognized in 80 years; however, income generation is quicker realized than the longleaf.

The Installation's INRMP (Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan) prioritizes Ft Rucker's upland woodlands for conversion to the Longleaf ecosystem. This requires the maximum use of prescription fire and has many long term benefits for our training lands.

Poor Hardwood Site Needing Regeneration





Bottom Land Hardwoods are protected on the Installation.

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Timber Sales On Training Lands



