

# Georgia Aster Expansion Project

## FY2007 Accomplishments

The purpose of this project is to expand an existing population of Georgia asters and to develop a native seed source for use in future projects. Several upland longleaf pine stands have been identified for treatments (a combination of timber thinning, herbicide, and prescribed burning) that will be used to expand habitat for the asters and many other associated plant species. Botanical surveys of the identified stands occurred in the Spring/Summer of 07. Stand Inventory, NEPA analysis, Prescriptions and, Sale layout followed by archeological surveying of the selected stands are scheduled to occur in FY 08.



Longleaf pine stand that will be thinned to a lower basal area to provide aster habitat.



Georgia aster (*Aster georgianus*) in early successional habitat.

Year Awarded: 2007

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY07-08 funding: 52,000
- Expended 07: \$1600
- Remaining: \$50,400

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Alabama Power (Southern Company), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy

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