The Forestry & Agriculture Research Guide and the FOR 458 Guide provide links to most everything you need to complete your research project.

For your Plans, you must do some research! So, let’s learn how to use the resources in the guides to get the information you need.

First, we need to create a search strategy—a list of keywords that are used to get the needed information. For each plan, read the owners goals. Your research should focus on the articulated goals. What are some of the keywords from the goals?

- conservation easement
- longleaf pine restoration/management
- wild hog management
- white-tail deer habitat/browsing
- leaf cutting ants
- emerald ash borer
- carbon credits

Are there synonyms for any of the above keywords?

What other topics will be addressed in the plan? What does Dr. Kulhavy want to see? What about Dr. Oswald? There will probably be several different search strategies used to compile the necessary information.

One search strategy might be: “longleaf pine” AND (restoration OR management).

Another might be: (“wild hogs” OR “feral swine”) AND management AND texas.

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