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Historic images curated at the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT) have been digitized and uploaded to the collections of the Center for Regional Heritage Research in the institutional repository of Stephen F. Austin State University. Searchable metadata is included with each image, and metadata can be harvested through the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). All images are made available at three resolutions; full, medium, and thumbnail, and are available for download under a

All entries include a series of keywords to aid users in locating historic images of interest. Each image can be directly shared over more than 270 social media platforms including those most widely used (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc), and is also inclusive of the academic social media platforms ResearchGate, Mendeley, CiteULike, as well as many others. The gallery is integrating with PlumX metrics to track mentions and shares across all social media platforms.

Selected photos that may be of interest and use to our colleagues include those associated with erosion after stands were clear-cut (search for “erosion”), endangered species (search for “red-cockaded woodpecker”), and cultural resources (search for “cultural resources”). The image gallery also includes many images from the Civilian Conservation Corps’ (CCC) work on the forests, that include the CCC-era construction of many buildings, the first controlled-burns, and—of course—planting. Those photos associated with erosion and planting have utility in considering how archaeological sites located on the various forests may have been impacted by those practices. Additionally, new digital tools have allowed us to assemble images of the NFGT Supervisor’s Office into a larger panorama (Figure 1).

Access the historic image gallery here: https://scholarworks.sfasu.edu/nfgt_general/

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Figure 1. Historic panorama of the NFGT Supervisor’s Office in Lufkin, Texas. Only one building in this image, the Supervisor’s house on the far left (and the building atop of which these photos were taken), remains standing today.