Thank you for your interest in a research collaboration with the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit. The CFRU is looking to fund 6-8 projects, 2-3 years in length, with a typical project requesting between $20-45K/year of funding. Pre-proposals will be reviewed by the CFRU advisory committee in January 2023 and selected based on relevance to CFRU member research interests and benefits/deliverables. If selected, the principal investigator (researcher) will be asked to give a 10-15 minute project presentation at our advisory committee meeting on January 26th, 2023. If the proposal passes in January, you will be invited to submit a research proposal in full for April 2023, with detailed fiscal year budgets (funds begin on July 1, 2023), a schedule for deliverables, and other reporting details. The individuals reviewing your research proposal come from a variety of forest management backgrounds – please keep the language as **clear and concise** as possible. If you would like to inquire with the CFRU about applicable deliverables or an objective of your project, email [regina.smith@maine.edu](mailto:regina.smith@maine.edu). Pre-proposals are due by January 13th, 2023. You can [upload your submission here](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZHcJLpAl5_-2YfYpA9WeRp81M5dlOKTl) or [email it to us directly.](mailto:regina.smith@maine.edu?subject=CFRU%20Pre-proposal)

Project title: *Brief and descriptive title of your research project.*

Principle investigator: *Person responsible for leading the research and delivering outcomes & yearly updates*

*Name: Position title & organization: Email:*

Co-principal investigators:

*Name: Position title & organization: Email:*

Please describe your research project in about 500 words or less: *Please provide a brief description of your project, similar to an elevator pitch*

Potential cooperating CFRU members or other research organizations: (if any)

*Name: Position title & organization:*

Projective objectives: *Briefly describe, in bullet form, objectives to be accomplished.*

Background: *Briefly describe the problem and its importance, previous work completed (if applicable)*

Approach: *Briefly describe the experimental approach that would be taken.*

Anticipated benefits to CFRU members: *Briefly describe how the above project objectives meet the stated mission, objectives, and areas of interest for the CFRU.*

Deliverables: *Please list in bullet-point format the outputs/products expected from this project.*

Approximate length of study: *Rough anticipated timeline, number of years the project will take to complete.*

Estimated amount of funding requested from CFRU: *Estimate total amount likely to be requested/over how many years.*

Matching funds: *List sources and approximate amounts of other funding sources supporting or likely to support this project.*