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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF Pickens

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR Little Creek Farms <u>Proposed</u>

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR Little Creek Farms (the "Declaration"), made this , 2006, by **BIG SKY LAND & CATTLE, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company** (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant"),

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot and of the District, Section of Cherokee County, Georgia, and being more particularly described on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for a more particular description of the property (said tract being referred to herein as the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to provide for the maintenance, preservation, control, and property development of the Property, including, without limitation, provision for the physical appearance of the improvements constructed thereon; and,

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to provide adequate setbacks and landscaped areas in order to promote the general appearance of the Property and to protect real property adjoining the Property which is owned by Declarant; and,

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to subject the Property to the covenants, conditions,

restrictions, easements, agreements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth which shall inure to the benefit of and run with the title to the Property, each of which is for the protection and benefit of the Property or any portion thereof and for the benefit of Declarant and all the subsequent owners of the Property or any portions thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Property is subjected to this Declaration and that the Property shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, exchanged, occupied, and encumbered subject to this Declaration and subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, agreements, charges, and liens hereinafter set forth; provided, however, that any portions of the Property which shall hereafter be dedicated to Cherokee County, Georgia, for public right-of-way purposes or other public purposes shall not then be further subject to this Declaration. Each grantee or beneficiary of any interest in any portion of the Property, by acceptance of a deed, lease, usufruct or other conveyance or transfer of such interest, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance or transfer and whether or not such grantee or beneficiary shall consent in writing thereto, shall take title to such property subject to this Declaration and to the terms and conditions hereof, whether or not any reference to this Declaration is contained in the instrument by which such person or entity acquires its interest in any portion of the Property.

GENERAL COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. RESIDENTIAL USE OF PROPERTY. The Property, and any subdivided portion thereof conveyed by Declarant to any third party which is intended for location thereon of a residential unit (such subdivided portion of the Property being referred to herein as a "Tract"), shall be used for residential purposes only. No structure shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Tract other than one detached, single family dwelling and other structures customarily incidental to residential use. No portion of the Property shall be used for a church, school, kindergarten, beauty shop or any other commercial or industrial purpose. Private offices may be maintained in dwellings located on a Tract so long as such use is incidental to the primary residential use of the dwelling. Barns may be constructed within the building requirements specified in this Declaration. In no case shall any portion of the Property be used to access any property other than a Tract of the Property. No structure upon any portion of the Property separate from the main residential dwelling may be rented for any purpose.

SECTION 2. SUBDIVISION OF TRACTS. No Tract of the Property may be subdivided without Declarant's prior written approval. Each portion of a properly subdivided Tract shall be deemed a "Tract" for all purposes herein.

SECTION 3. MOBILE HOMES, TRAILERS. No mobile home, trailer, tent, shack, or modular home shall be placed or erected on any Tract, temporarily or permanently. No structure of a temporary character may be used as a residence. No permanent structures on any Tract of the Property which are not primarily used as residential dwellings, such as barns, sheds, workshops, and other accessory buildings, shall be used as a residence, temporarily or permanently. No used or second-hand homes shall be placed or moved upon the Property or any Tract. No residential dwelling may be constructed off-site and relocated to the Property or any Tract.

SECTION 4. BUILDING REQUIREMENTS. Any primary residential dwelling built upon any Tract of the Property shall have a minimum square footage, exclusive of open porches, garages, carports or basements, of not less than two thousand six hundred (2,000) square feet. Moreover, any primary residential dwelling having more than one (1) story in height shall a square footage of not less than three thousand (2,200) square feet. Square footage, as used in this Declaration, shall refer to heated living area within a residential dwelling. All driveways shall be constructed of concrete, asphalt, gravel, or a combination thereof. Construction of the primary residential dwelling is to be completed within twelve (12) months from the date construction upon the dwelling is commenced. Construction shall be deemed complete when the applicable governing authority issues the necessary certificate of occupancy, or its equivalent. All tennis courts and swimming pools constructed on any Tract shall be located behind the rear line of the primary residential dwelling located on such Tract. No propane tank (including, without limitation, any tank for the storage of fuels for the purpose of heating the residential dwelling or any other structure located on any Tract), water tank, water pipe, gas pipe, or drainage pipe shall be installed or maintained on any Tract above the surface of the ground, except for hoses and other movable devices used for irrigation purposes.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED MATERIALS. Unless approved in writing by the Architectural Committee, no concrete blocks, used in either buildings or walls, shall be visible unless such blocks have an exterior finish of rock, stacked stone, brick, stucco, or similar decorative covering.

SECTION 6. BARNS. Barns may be constructed on a Tract subject to the following specifications:

(a) Exterior finishes on barns must be either of colored metal, wood siding, or masonry and shall be similar in nature and design as the primary residential dwelling on the Tract;

(b) No previously used tin or metal may be used on any exterior portion of the barn; (c) All barns must be constructed with a gable roof system;

(d) Construction of each barn on a Tract is to be completed within twelve (12) months from the date construction on said barn is commenced;

(e) Unless prior written approval is obtained from the Architectural Committee, no barn is permitted to be constructed on any Tract unless and until a primary residential dwelling has been constructed and such Tract and a certificate of occupancy issued therefore; and,

(f) Any barn or similar structure constructed on a Tract must have prior written approval from the Architectural Committee prior to construction thereof.

SECTION 7. FENCES. Fences shall be permitted on a Tract subject to the following specifications:

(a) Posts shall be a minimum of four inches (4") by six inches (6") square with a side having six inch (6") width facing any exterior boundary of such Tract and placed no further apart than eight feet six inches (8'6") and further that posts shall be placed on the outside of any such fence so that the board rails of the fence are on the side of the fence toward the area enclosed by said fence;

(b) A minimum of four (4) board rails must be used, each with dimensions of one inch (1") thick by six inches (6") wide;

(c) Chain-link fencing shall be allowed on a Tract, provided, however, that no portion of the chain-link fence is visible from any street or public right-of-way or any other Tract of the Property;

(d) Fences, other than those constructed as "Privacy Fences," shall be painted or stained black in color; and,

(e) Fences constructed as "Privacy Fences" shall be constructed of fence material that is a minimum of one inch (1") by six inch (6") cedar or pressure-treated lumber with decorative tops and shall be natural in color or, if stained or painted, stained or painted a color which has been approved by Declarant in writing.

SECTION 8. WALLS. Walls for decorative purposes and retaining purposes shall be permitted on a Tract subject to the following specifications:

(a) Decorative walls must be constructed of brick, natural stone, or clay;

(b) Retaining walls must be constructed of brick, natural stone, clay, stucco, railroad ties, or veneer with brick or natural stone; and,

(c) No retaining wall shall be constructed which rises above the finished grade elevation of the earth embankment so retained, reinforced, or stabilized.

SECTION 9. SIGNAGE. No signs of any kind shall be erected or maintained on any Tract with the exception of a professionally lettered sign of a builder, realtor, or owner advertising the Property or any Tract and, if applicable, the residential dwelling and other structures located on such Tract, for sale or rent. Any sign allowed herein shall be no more than five (5') feet by five (5') feet in size. Additional signs may be used by a builder as the Declarant deems reasonably necessary to promote the sale of a Tract of the Property. So long as Declarant is the owner of any portion of the Property, this Section 9 shall not be applicable to signs erected by Declarant with regard to the sale of the Property or any portion thereof.

SECTION 10. SATELLITE DISHES; ANTENNAE; ETC. No television antenna, radio receiver, radio receiver equipment, satellite dish, equipment serving as an antennae or satellite dish, or other similar device shall be attached to, placed upon, or installed on any Tract, unless contained entirely within the interior of an enclosed and roofed building or approved by the Architectural Committee. Certain satellite dishes and similar equipment may be installed upon a Tract by an owner with the express written consent of the Declarant or the Board, which written consent may be withheld by the Declarant or the Board in its sole discretion. Any such allowed satellite dishes or similar equipment shall not be visible from any street or public right of way or any other Tract. No radio or television signals, nor any other form of electromagnetic radiation, shall be permitted to originate from any Tract which may unreasonably interfere with the reception of television or radio signals within the Property.

SECTION 11. NOXIOUS ACTIVITIES; TRASH; UNSIGHTLY OR UNKEMPT CONDITIONS. No noxious, illegal or offensive activity or trade shall be carried on upon any Tract of the Property, nor shall anything be done upon any Tract of the Property which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the owners of any other Tract or portion of the Property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from each Tract and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. No Tract shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, or garbage. Trash, rubbish, or garbage shall not be kept on any Tract, except in sanitary containers constructed of metal, plastic, or masonry materials with sanitary covers or lids. All such sanitary containers shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. No Tract shall be used for the open storage of any materials whatsoever, which storage is visible from any street or public right of way or any other Tract, except that new building materials used in the construction of improvements erected on any Tract may be placed upon such Tract at the time construction is commenced and may be maintained thereon for a reasonable time, so long as the construction progresses without delay, until the completion of the improvements, after which such building materials shall either be removed from the Tract or stored in a suitable enclosure contained on the Tract. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of each Tract to prevent any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt conditions from existing on or within such owner's Tract and residential unit and other improvements located on such Tract. Any items such as outside patio furniture or other articles that may be viewed from any street or public right of way or any other Tract, shall be maintained in a neat and attractive condition. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, may not be pursued or undertaken within or on any part of the Property.

SECTION 12. ANIMALS. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Tract nor within any residential unit located on such Tract, except that dogs, cats, or other usual household pets may be kept by the respective owner of any Tract and within the residential unit located on such Tract, and except that not more than one (1) horse per two (2) acres of a Tract (and for purposes of explanation, two (2) horses require not less than four (4) acres, three horses require not less than six (6) acres, etc.) may be kept by the respective owner of any Tract so long as prior to any such horse being located on a Tract a fence constructed according to the provisions of this Declaration is constructed to contain any such horse and a barn constructed according to the provisions of this Declaration is constructed for storage of items incidental to the care and ownership of a horse; provided, however, that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purposes and do not endanger the health of or unreasonably disturb the owner of any Tract of the Property. The Declarant or the Board (as hereinafter defined), if in existence, may, by adoption of rules and regulations as provided herein, (i) prohibit from the Property animals which are determined by the Declarant or the Board to be dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the owners of any Tract. No pet enclosures shall be erected, placed, or permitted to remain on any Lot subjected to this Declaration except pursuant to the provisions hereof. In the event a pet or pets become a nuisance in the opinion of the Declarant or the Board, they shall be removed from the Property by the owner of such pet upon written notification to such owner. The owner of any Tract upon which is located a horse shall ensure that such Tract is not overgrazed, which, for purposes hereof, shall mean allowing such horse to graze any area of a Tract such that dirt areas are visible. For purposes hereof, overgrazing shall constitute a nuisance and shall be deemed to be an unsightly or unkempt condition in violation of the provisions of this Declaration.

SECTION 13. HOUSE TRAILERS, CAMPERS, TRUCKS, BUSES, BOATS,

MACHINERY. No house trailers, utility trailers, flat-bed trailers, horse trailers, campers, trucks, buses, or transfer trucks over forty (40') feet in length shall be permitted to be parked, placed, or located on any Tract. The measurement of forty (40') feet shall apply to each item individually. House trailers, utility trailers, flat-bed trailers, horse trailers, campers, trucks, buses, boats, and transfer trucks that are under forty (40') feet in length are permitted upon a Tract of the Property, but shall be parked and stored in garages, basements, or carports at all times. No machinery shall be placed, or stored upon any Tract of the Property except such machinery as is usual in the maintenance and upkeep of a private residence. Any machinery allowed herein shall be stored or parked in garages, basements, carports.

SECTION 14. PARKING; MOTOR VEHICLES; TRAILERS; BOATS. All automobiles and transportation vehicles owned or used by owners or occupants of Tracts other than temporary guests and visitors shall be parked within garages, and garages shall not be used for storage or otherwise so that they become unavailable for parking vehicles therein. Such vehicles shall otherwise be parked on the Tract within the approved parking areas or on the driveway. The Board shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to govern or prohibit the outside storage or parking upon any Tract. No owner or other occupant of any Tract of the Property shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind upon or within any Tract, except (i) within an enclosed garage, and (ii) for emergency repairs, and then only to the extent necessary to enable the movement thereof to a proper repair facility. No vehicles shall be parked or stored on blocks or other such devices within the Property. The Declarant or Board is expressly authorized to remove, by towing or other methods, at the owner or occupant=s expense, any unlawful or prohibited vehicle in violation hereof. Without prior written approval and authorization of the Declarant or the Board, no boats, boat trailers, campers, canoes, motorcycles, mopeds, all terrain vehicles, vehicles used primarily for recreational purposes, vehicles primarily used for commercial purposes, abandoned vehicles, vehicles which are either dismantled, partially dismantled, inoperative, discarded, or one which does not have a valid license plate attached thereto, shall be stored, allowed to remain overnight, or repeatedly parked on any Tract or any portion of the Property subject to this Declaration. No vehicles shall be parked so as to obstruct the fire lanes or roadways within the Property, if any. If permitted, boat trailers, boats, campers, motorcycles, mopeds, all terrain vehicles, vehicles used primarily for recreational or commercial purposes, travel trailers, or inoperative motor vehicles are to be stored out of view from any street or public right of way or any other Tract and shall not be stored on driveways. The Board is expressly authorized to remove, by towing or other methods, at the owner or occupant=s expense, any unlawful or prohibited vehicle in violation hereof.

SECTION 15. CLOTHES LINES; GARBAGE CANS; WOODPILES, ETC.. Outdoor clothes lines, garbage cans, woodpiles, and other similar items must be screened by landscaping or fencing, or placed in a location not visible from any street or public right-of-way or any other Tract of the Property.

SECTION 16. MAILBOXES. Mailboxes shall be in keeping with the architectural style of the residential dwelling located on the Tract of the Property for which such mailbox shall serve.

SECTION 17. ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS. If the owner of any Tract of the Property shall violate or attempt to violate any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and

easements contained herein, any other owner of any portion of the Property (or the Declarant as long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property) or any other Tract of the Property may enforce the provisions of this Declaration, at the election of the party enforcing this Declaration, by (i) proceedings at law against such person or persons violating or attempting to violate such covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, or other provisions, (ii) injunction or restraining order in equity to enforce compliance herewith, (iii) suit for damages, and/or (iv) any appropriate proceeding at law or equity against the Tract of the Property upon which the owner in violation hereof or attempting to violate the provisions hereof resides or the owner or occupant thereof to enforce any obligation arising by virtue of this Declaration. Failure of Declarant or of any owner of any other Tract of the Property to enforce said covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements or other provisions when, in such party's reasonable opinion, such waiver or variance will not be detrimental to the Property or any other Tract of the Property, shall in no event be deemed a waiver of its rights to enforce said covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements or other provisions thereafter. All remedies provided in the Declaration or at law or equity shall be cumulative and not exclusive.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, DURATION. This Declaration shall run with and bind the Property and each Tract thereof for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. Declarant hereby expressly reserves the right to unilaterally amend or modify this Declaration for a period of three (3) years from the date this Declaration is filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, Georgia, and further reserves the right to amend or modify this Declaration, in whole or in part, until Declarant no longer owns any portions of the Property. Furthermore, Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of encumbering additional real property, by one or more amendments hereto, to the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Declaration so that such additional real property shall be deemed a portion of the Property as if originally described as such as of the date of the filing of this Declaration. Said additional real property added to the Property and subjected to the terms and conditions of this Declaration shall be contiguous to the Property, although for purposes hereof, separation of said additional real property by a street, road, stream, creek, or branch shall be considered "contiguous" for purposes hereof. Any amendment or modification which shall further restrict the Property or any Tract thereof must be executed and agreed to by the owner of each Tract of the Property, although for purposes hereof, an amendment which adds additional real property to the Property and subjects said additional real property to the terms and conditions of this Declaration shall not be deemed to "further restrict the Property or any Tract." Any amendment or modification of this Declaration shall be recorded.

SECTION 19. EFFECT OF INVALIDATION. If any provision of this Declaration is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Declaration; and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements contained herein shall be deemed to be severable, each from the other, without qualification.

SECTION 20. CLEARING; REMOVAL OF TREES. The owner of any Tract of the Property shall not clear, cut, or otherwise remove, or cause to be cleared, cut, or otherwise removed, any trees except such trees which must be removed from such Tract to permit the construction of the

primary residential dwelling on such Tract, a driveway, a permanent grass pasture on such Tract, or any other structures permitted by this Declaration to be constructed on such Tract. Prior to the clearing, cutting, or removal of any trees, the owner of such Tract shall obtain written approval from the Architectural Committee.

SECTION 21. SOIL EROSION CONTROL; DRAINAGE; DRIVEWAYS. It shall be the responsibility, obligation, and duty of the owner of each Tract of the Property to strictly adhere to all soil erosion control and driveway installation guidelines, regulations, laws, and rules, whether promulgated by Declarant or any state or local governmental entity, and further, to ensure that all actions necessary to adhere to such erosion control and driveway installation guidelines, regulations, laws, and rules are taken. Natural drainage of Tracts or roadway ditches will not be impaired by any owner of any Tract. Driveway culverts, if necessary, will be of sufficient size to afford proper drainage of ditches without backing water upon into a ditch or diverting flow. Declarant or the Board may remove any culvert that obstructs the flow of water through ditches, if any. The Declarant or the Board may enforce reasonable drainage and erosion measures promulgated by the Board as rules and regulations. Declarant assumes no responsibility for soil erosion on any Tract after title to such Tract has been conveyed by Declarant to any other party. No ditches, culverts, or other drainage facilities located on the Property or any Tract thereof shall be moved, altered, or damaged without the prior written consent of the Declarant or the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of each Tract of the Property to properly and fully maintain, at such owner's sole cost and expense, any ditch, culver, or other drainage facility located thereon.

SECTION 22. GARDENS; BASKETBALL GOALS, ETC. No vegetable garden, hammocks, statuary, or play or recreational equipment, including, but not limited to basketball goals, may be placed, erected, or allowed to be maintained upon the front or side yard of any Tract of the Property except as may be approved by the Architectural Committee.

SECTION 23. SWIMMING POOLS. Swimming pools are allowed on any Tract within the Property if approved in writing by the Architectural Committee, provided that any such swimming pool constructed on any Tract is completely and entirely enclosed by privacy fencing approved and allowed pursuant to this Declaration so that any such swimming pool is not visible from any streets or public right of way or any other Tract. Above-ground swimming pools shall be strictly prohibited from any part of the Property.

SECTION 24. ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE. Declarant hereby creates an Architectural Control Committee (the "Architectural Committee") to oversee the construction of improvements upon all Tracts within the Property. Until such time as the Board is formed, Architectural Committee shall mean and refer to Dale Turner or such other person(s) as appointed by Declarant. From and after the formation of the Board, the Architectural Committee shall be deemed to be the Board. No structure shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto, or permitted to remain on any Tract, nor shall any existing structure upon any Tract be altered in any way which materially changes the exterior appearance thereof, unless and until a set of plans and specifications has been submitted to the Architectural Committee and be approved in writing thereby. Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and contain such information as the Architectural Committee

shall reasonably require in order to determine the compliance of the proposed improvements with the terms and conditions of this Declaration, including, without limitation, (i) a site plan showing the location of all proposed and existing structures on the Tract, (ii) floor plans of all proposed structures on the Tract, (iii) exterior elevations of all proposed structures and exterior elevations of all structures proposed to be altered, (iv) specifications adequately showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, basic exterior finishes, and colors of all proposed structures, and (v) landscaping and other exterior improvements to the Tract. The Architectural Committee shall have the right to approve or disapprove of any structure or improvement to any Tract in its sole and absolute discretion; provided, however, that the Architectural Committee shall provide its written consent or denial of any plans and specifications within sixty (60) days of submittal to the Architectural Committee.

SECTION 25. RECITALS. The recitals contained herein are incorporated into this Declaration by reference thereto as if fully set forth as a covenant or restriction in this Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Big Sky Land & Cattle, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, has caused this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements to be executed the day and year first above-written.

By:_

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

DECLARANT: BIG SKY LAND & CATTLE, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

Witness

_____(SEAL)

Dale Turner, Manager

Notary Public

(SEAL)

Exhibit A

Legal Description of the Property