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NEW INTERN JOINS THE ENDOWMENT TEAM

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The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (the Endowment) continues its long tradition of partnering with Furman University (Greenville, South Carolina) to identify post-graduate interns to contribute to the Endowment's work. Over the last ten years, the organization has seen over a dozen Furman students or graduates come through its Greenville, South Carolina headquarters.

Elly Gay, a May 2017 graduate of Furman, marks the newest addition to this long history. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Elly holds a Bachelor of Science in Sustainability Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and International Affairs. In the role of Program Impact Intern, Elly will help the Endowment quantify and communicate the impact and reach of over ten years of work to advance systemic, transformative and sustainable change for the health and vitality of the nation's working forests and forest-reliant communities.

"We are thrilled to have an individual as experienced and passionate about our mission as Elly joining our team," said Cameron Tommey, the Endowment's Director, Legal & Program Compliance. "Furman has a long history of collaborating with the Endowment and we are excited to continue this deep and productive Greenville connection."

During her time at Furman, Elly held two fellowships at the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability. In these positions, she helped communicate initiatives between Furman's campus and the Greenville community, linking together different groups all focused on social and ecological sustainability.

Elly recently completed her senior thesis work entitled, "Understanding Campus Metabolism: Transformative Sustainability at Furman University." She was named the Wallace C. Fallaw Outstanding Senior Award by the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department and received the Leverette Sustainability Award from the Shucker Center for Leadership Development.

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