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Comments: I have added a link below to a 35 year old publication of mine which minimally cites a number of publications describing the criteria of such forests. The criteria were very much the standard of the day required for justification of status. It's too bad that this particular forest in southeast Louisiana is not on National Forest lands, but the study still may be helpful. I will add that as far as I know, at least the core area of the forest still exists but, access I've heard is a bit tougher. It was not easy back then. The estate owners simply were not particularly accomodating. The larger property is, I believe, still in the possession of the Zemmurry family; the premiere Chiquita banana magnate. They made millions! Btw, I've been a member of ESA since the 1970s.

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If you desire, I will gladly mail a number of original reprints.

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