## PRIVATE ROAD ACCESS EASEMENT and SHARED ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT for

## **NEW RIVER RANCH**

This Private Road Access Easement and Shared Road Maintenance Agreement for New River Ranch (the "Road Easement") is executed by Joseph F. Kassler and Catherine H. Kassler ("Kasslers"), to be indexed both as a Grantor and as a Grantee, as the current owner of the real estate being more particularly described on plat of survey, the legal description being attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (collectively, "Tracts 13, Tract 14A and Tract 14B"), and by each of the subsequent initial owners of said tracts respectively (herein sometimes referred to as the "Owner(s)", whether individually or collectively).

WHEREAS, Tracts 13, 14A and 14B are situated along a private road generally known as New River Ranch which serves as access to and from Grandma Branch Road, a State-maintained Road.

WHEREAS, Kasslers may hereafter convey all or part of the Tracts 13, 14A and 14B by one or more deeds to the different parties named in such deeds or named herein which will be subject to this Road Easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Kasslers hereby declares that, from and after the date of recording of this Road Easement, the Easement Corridor (as defined below) shall be subject to the easement and benefits and obligations described herein, and Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall be benefited by and subject to the covenants and obligations described herein, all in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Establishment of Easement: Easement Corridor. Effective as of the date of recording, the easement and obligations described in this Road Easement are hereby created, established, granted and reserved for the uses and purposes described herein with respect to a 50-foot wide easement corridor described and depicted in the attached Exhibit B (the "Easement Corridor").
- 2. Purpose and Nature of Easement. From and after the date of recording, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Road Easement, the Easement Corridor shall be subject to a perpetual, non-exclusive, private easement for the right of ingress and egress for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and for the installation, use and maintenance of Improvements and Utilities (as defined herein), all in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Road Easement.
- 3. Tracts 13, 14A and 14B. This Road Easement is solely for the benefit of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B existing at the time of recording of this document. New River Ranch is a private road which is the main access to and from Tracts 13, 14A and 14B and Grandma Branch Road, a State-maintained road. Each initial subsequent owner of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall be granted an easement to use New River Ranch in accordance with this Road Easement for ingress and egress over New River Ranch for access to and from (and for the benefit of) the tract of land such Owner purchases during the auction. Likewise, each Owner of any other of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall also be granted an easement to use New River Ranch in accordance with this Road Easement for ingress and egress over New River Ranch, which may be reserved in the deed from Kasslers to each Owner and shall benefit and/or burden the tract purchased by such parties.

All Owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B covenant and agree that each property owner along New River Ranch shall have the unobstructed right of ingress and egress over New River Ranch to and from their respective tracts.

- 4. Improvements. The Owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall have the right, individually or collectively, to construct, improve, use and maintain Improvements within the Easement Corridor. For purposes of this Road Easement, the term "Improvements" refers to improvements currently existing and/or hereafter constructed or installed within the Easement Corridor as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to enable or facilitate the passage of pedestrians and vehicles through the Easement Corridor. Within the parameters of the foregoing definition, the term "Improvements" may include without limitation: (i) an improved driveway or road within the Easement Corridor; (ii) improved road entrance(s) at the intersection(s) of the Easement Corridor and Grandma Branch Road (the public road); (iii) ditches crossing(s), culvert(s) and/or other drainage improvement(s) within the Easement Corridor; and/or (iv) leveling, clearing and/or other improvements to and/or maintenance of the land within the Easement Corridor. Improvements specifically excludes the construction of a gate or other barrier to the entrance from the public road.
- 5. Utilities. The Easement Corridor may also be used for the installation, extension, use, maintenance, improvement and/or replacement of utility lines and related improvements and facilities for the delivery of public utility and/or communication services to Tracts 13, 14A and 14B (subject to availability), including: (a) facilities owned and/or controlled by a public, quasi-public and/or municipal provider of utility and/or communication services (hereafter "Utility Company"); and/or (b) other facilities by which one or more owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B connected to and served by the facilities of a Utility Company (collectively, "Utilities"). Notwithstanding any other provision, any amendment to this Road Easement shall not operate to deprive any Utility Company, without its written consent, of the use of any part of the Easement Corridor that is being used by such Utility Company pursuant to this Road Easement at the time of such amendment.

## 6. Maintenance.

- (a) As used herein, the term "Maintenance" refers to work that is reasonably necessary to maintain New River Ranch and the Easement Corridor in a safe and passable condition for reasonably foreseeable uses by pedestrians and vehicles, subject to the provisions of Subsection 6(d) and Section 7 below. Within the parameters of the foregoing definition, Maintenance may include, without limitation, construction or installation of new improvements, maintenance and/or repairs of existing improvements and/or general maintenance of and/or improvements to the land comprising the Easement Corridor.
- (b) All Maintenance and other work shall be performed and completed in a good and workmanlike manner and as expeditiously as possible in accordance with good construction practice, taking all reasonable measures to prevent injury to person or damage to property. All Maintenance and other work shall be performed in a manner that minimizes, to the extent possible, the disruption of the use of New River Ranch and/or the Improvements in the Easement Corridor for the purposes described herein. All Maintenance and other work shall include the restoration of surrounding areas disturbed or affected by the maintenance, including grading and seeding and the removal and proper disposal of unused materials and displaced trees and brush. The private driveways of the Owners are not covered by this agreement and shall be the sole responsibility of each Owner.

- (c) The costs of any Maintenance shall be shared by the Owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B provided herein. The Owner(s) of each of the Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall be responsible for a share of the costs of any Maintenance equal to the total amount of such costs multiplied by the total number of the tracts owned by such Owner at the time the work is performed and divided by three (3). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Owner or such Owner's agent, contractor or invitee negligently or intentionally damages the Improvements, then such Owner shall be required to repair such damage at his or her sole cost.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Owners of a majority of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B may agree in writing that any particular work or proposed work does or does not constitute Maintenance and any such agreement shall be conclusive and binding on all parties (subject to the provisions of Section 7 below). In the absence of such an agreement, the buyer(s)/owner(s) of any one or more of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B may proceed with work at their own risk and expense, and may request the other Owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B to contribute to the cost of work upon a proper showing that the work is or was reasonably necessary to maintain the Easement Corridor in a safe and passable condition for reasonably foreseeable uses by pedestrians and vehicles.
- 7. Other Work. Work within the Easement Corridor that does not constitute Maintenance but is otherwise authorized pursuant to the terms of this Easement ("Other Work") may be performed by the Owner(s) of one or more of tracks, or their contractor(s), if such Owner(s) pay(s) or agree(s) to pay the cost thereof. The Owner(s) of any of the other Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall not be required to contribute to the costs of Other Work unless otherwise agreed by such Owner(s) in writing. However, after the performance of Other Work, the cost of thereafter maintaining the Easement Corridor, including any upgrades or improvements, shall be shared in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Easement. Notwithstanding any other provision, the construction or installation of a paved surface on a previously unpaved road or driveway shall constitute "Other Work" for purposes of this Easement and shall not constitute Maintenance.
- 8. <u>Effect of Easement</u>. This Road Easement shall be effective as of the date of recording, it shall be perpetual, it shall run with the land, and shall be binding upon the Owners and future Owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B., including, without limitation, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. The subsequent conveyances of the Tracts 13, 14A and 14B should include a reference to this Road Easement; however this Road Easement shall be effective automatically, as of the date of recording, with or without any such further reference and with or without any further grant or reservation in any deed. The Road Easement is not dedicated to public use.
- 9. <u>Amendment/Termination of Easement.</u> This Road Easement may only be amended or terminated by a written instrument executed by all of the Owners of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B. Kasslers reserve the right to amend, restate, terminate or otherwise modify this Easement at any time prior to the first date of recording, or thereafter prior to the conveyance of the first of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B to a subsequent Owner.
- 10. <u>Kassler's Responsibility</u>. Kasslers shall have no responsibility to contribute to the cost of constructing, maintaining New River Ranch, or making any improvements in the Easement Corridor. It is the intention of the parties hereto that each Owner of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall be individually responsible for performance of all duties and obligations hereunder.
- 11. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Road Easement may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be determined to be an original, and which shall constitute one and the same Road

Easement. Each party to whom Kasslers subsequently initially convey one or more of Tracts 13, 14A and 14B shall also execute this Road Easement, but this Road Easement is hereby declared to be legally effective and binding upon each Owner in the absence of such signature(s).

| Signed this day of     | , 20 |  |
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| COUNTY OF              | . )  | JOSEPH F. KASSLER  |
|                        |      | CATHERINE H. KASSLER   |
|                        |      | for said County and State, this day of n witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name |
| My commission expires: |      | Signature:   |
| County of Residence:   |      | Print:   |
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EACH BUYER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK SHALL BE ADDED TO THIS ROAD EASEMENT AS CLOSINGS OCCUR.

## **EXHIBIT** "A"

All that tract or parcel of and lying and being in Land Lots 209 and 240 of the 2nd Land District, being identified Tract 13, containing 80.95 acres; Tract 14A, containing \_\_\_acres; Tract 14B, containing \_\_acres; all being more particularly shown on plat of survey prepared by Statewide Surveying Company, certified by E. Kirby Holton, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2944, dated September 28, 2010, entitled "Survey for Monte R. Sharp " and recorded In Plat Book \_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_, Coweta County, Georgia records. Said plat and record thereof are by reference incorporated herein for a more complete description.