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Jason -

As you know, **The Nature Conservancy** has been a big participant in attempts to restore Torreya to its historically native range via their own lands adjacent to Torreya State Park.

Understandably, the **Orion Magazine article on Torreya** assisted migration controversy back in 2008 had TNC quotes (from onsite staff, David Printiss) that were hostile to the assisted migration idea: <https://orionmagazine.org/article/rescuing-species/>

Since then, TNC has done a lot of thinking about "**climate adaptation**" overall, and its work with private forest owners in n. Minnesota is exemplary in this regard. Prior to climate-shift awareness, boreal species (white spruce and balsam fir) were planted by TNC routinely after fires in n. Minnesota; in the past few years they have been sourcing seeds from the closest savannah stands of red oak and planting those instead. <https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/minnesota/explore/minnesota-climate-change-adaptation.xml>

I have had no contact with TNC Minnesota staff, and I have no idea how the TNC lands adjacent to Torreya State Park are being managed now. But I do have periodic contact with **TNC's new Chief Scientist, Hugh Possingham** (he began work there in Nov 2016). Hugh and I know each other precisely because of the assisted migration controversy globally (as he hails from Australia). Go to this Assisted Migration Scholarly Links webpage and do an internal "find" for Possingham: <http://www.torreyaguardians.org/assisted-migration.html> There you will encounter 4 instances of his early work on the theory, followed by his practical applications

QUESTION: I think it is important to let Hugh Possingham know about the Torreya Symposium directly. Please let me know if you (or one of the other symposium organizers) would like to contact him. Otherwise I plan to do that myself.

Know that I have cc'd **Leigh Brooks**, an early participant in Torreya assisted migration dialogues back in 2004, who has worked with TNC, as I recall. I just learned that **she now lives 1.5 miles from the entrance to Torreya State Park** (and part of her home rents as an Airbnb, so possibly several attendees could opt for that housing). Here is what Leigh wrote to me in part:

I moved this summer and now live on Torreya Park Rd about 1.5 miles from the entrance to Torreya State Park. Part of my home rents on Airbnb, <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/15007538?s=51>. The Friends of Torreya State Park hasn't been in the loop on the Torreya Tree of Life event since the park is currently without a manager. But we did learn of the web site and I have inquired about attending. It turns out the event is by invitation only. Will you be attending?

For Torreya,
Connie