CATCHMARK HONORED BY GEORGIA GOVERNOR DEAL AS 2017 FORESTRY FOR WILDLIFE PARTNER

ATLANTA – February 20, 2018 – Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal recently honored **CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (NYSE: CTT)** as a 2017 partner in the state's Forestry for Wildlife Partnership, a program administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division. Gov. Deal recognized the firm's "stewardship and land management practices benefiting Georgia's wildlife." See press release from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources here.

Administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, Forestry for Wildlife Partnership is a voluntary program that promotes sustainable forest and wildlife conservation in corporate forestry practices. Partners tailor guidelines to improve management for reforestation, harvesting techniques, recreation, sensitive natural sites and outreach.

Jerry Barag, President and CEO of CatchMark, said: "CatchMark is committed to sustainable timber practices to ensure protection of our environment. We believe our conscientious forest management program promotes a healthier environment and enhances the potential market value of timberland assets for our investors. We thank Gov. Deal and the State of Georgia for this recognition."

The Wildlife Resources Division recognized CatchMark for:

- Preparing wildlife conservation plans that detail natural resource inventories and outline management strategies that combine forest and wildlife aspects.
- Providing internal training opportunities for employees on how to blend forestland management with wildlife-friendly practices for multiple natural resource benefits.
- Incorporating wildlife management into land-use planning and timber management practices.
- Providing valuable data for Wildlife Resources Division research projects.
- Providing public recreational opportunities on corporate forestlands.
- Participating in partnerships with conservation organizations.
- Managing riparian forests for wildlife use and water quality protection.

With ownership interests in approximately 299,400 acres across Georgia (as of 12/31/2017), CatchMark has been a part of the Wildlife Partnership since 2011.

All of the conservation enhancement components and reporting procedures are compatible with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc., a voluntary approach in the forest industry to maintain high environmental standards on lands managed by corporate landowners.

About CatchMark

CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (NYSE: CTT) is a self-administered and self-managed, publicly-traded REIT that strives to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns for all stakeholders through disciplined acquisitions, sustainable harvests and well-timed sales. Headquartered in Atlanta and focused exclusively on timberland ownership, CatchMark began operations in 2007 and owns interests in approximately 520,800 acres* of timberlands located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. For more information, visit www.catchmark.com. From time to time, CatchMark releases important information via postings on its corporate website. Accordingly, investors and other interested parties are encouraged to enroll to receive automatic email alerts regarding new postings. Enrollment information is found in the “Investors Relations” section of www.catchmark.com.
*As of December 31, 2017.

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