

TIMBER HARVEST SECURITY FORUM

Friday, May 19, 2017
Forsyth, Georgia



A Three-Year Review of Georgia Timber Theft Legislation

- 8:15 AM** **Check-in**
Coffee and Light Breakfast Available
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Event Overview**
Andres Villegas, President and CEO, Georgia Forestry Association
Representative Chuck Williams, House District 119
Robert Farris, Director, State Forestry Commission
- 9:30 AM** **The Need and Purpose of the Timber Security Law**
Bill Guthrie, Interstate Paper
- 9:45 AM** **Enforcement Actions**
State Forestry Commission
- Summary of GFC Timber Theft Complaints
 - » Overview of complaints
 - » Statistics of number, types, resolutions, dollar values, acreages, criminal charges, etc.
 - » How complaints are investigated and laws enforced
 - Timber Complaint Examples
 - » Highlights of specific actual cases
 - » Unusual cases
 - » General non-specific discussion of ongoing major cases
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - » Obstacles experienced
 - » Industry and landowner expectations and complications
 - » Potential paths to improvement
- 10:40 AM** **Operational Adjustments**
Industry Perspective - Bill Booth, Georgia-Pacific
Forestry Perspective - John Bartlett, Landowner
- 11:40 AM** **Lunch**
- 12:40 PM** **Current State of Timber Harvest Notifications**
Gary White, State Forestry Commission
- 1:20 PM** **Addressing Opportunities to Improve Regulation, Compliance and Enforcement**
Group Discussion Moderated by Joe Parsons, Graphic Packaging
- 2:40 PM** **Adjourn**



This event will take place at the Georgia Forestry Association's headquarters in Forsyth, GA. Please use the address or directions below. If you have any questions, call Michele Dunham at 478-992-8110.

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Directions from I-75 S

- » Take exit 188 toward GA-42/ Forsyth
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- » Turn left onto GA-42 N
- » Sharp right onto N Frontage Rd
- » Turn left at the GFA sign

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