



# News Release

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## **GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION** **RECOGNIZES JEFFERSON COUNTY'S TOMMY NEW**

Jefferson County Commissioner Tommy New has been presented with an Outstanding Service Award from the Georgia Forestry Commission for his tenure on the agency's Board of Directors.

"Tommy New has provided invaluable leadership to the citizens of Georgia during his ten years of dedicated service on our board," said Robert Farris, Director of the GFC. "His direction and guidance have been invaluable, and he will be missed," Farris said, as he presented New with a plaque of recognition.

"I feel honored to have represented Georgia landowners during my time on the GFC Board of Directors," said New, who retired from International Paper after 33 years of service and is now a consulting forester. New is known statewide as a champion for Georgians who own a smaller number of forested acres, and for supporting the GFC's role in protecting landowners from the ravages of wildfire. "My time on the GFC Board has been the highlight of my professional career," New said.

Commissioner Farris added, "While Tommy is leaving our board, we look forward to his continued engagement in the activities of the GFC, promoting wise forest stewardship of the state's 24 million acres of forestland."

The Georgia Forestry Commission provides leadership, service, and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources. Healthy, sustainable forests provide clean air, clean water, and abundant products for present and future generations.

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