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GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION OPENS FIRE-RECOVERY CENTER

The Georgia Forestry Commission has opened a “one-stop shop” in Waycross to help landowners recover from the effects of recent devastating wildfires in south Georgia. The office is expected to remain open until late July, with hours from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

“People affected by these historic fires have lots of questions and we can provide the answers,” said Frank Green, Associate Chief of Forest Management for the GFC and Coordinator for the Recovery Center. “We are offering assistance on damage assessment, timber harvesting, pest control, and reforestation. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service will be on hand, as well, and will have information on tax relief, soil erosion, Best Management Practices and much more. We want to make it easy for the people who are struggling from the after-effects of these destructive wildfires to get help.” Green said representatives from the Georgia Forestry Association and the University of Georgia will also be on hand to assist landowners with wildfire recovery questions.

The Recovery Center is located in the old train depot in downtown Waycross at 315 Plant Avenue. For directions and information, call 866-380-9966 or visit the Georgia Forestry Commission website at www.gatrees.org.

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