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LANDOWNER MEETINGS SET FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY

The Georgia Forestry Commission is leading the effort to help landowners recover from recent wildfires that devastated almost half a million acres in south Georgia. A series of landowner meetings has been scheduled to promote understanding of the assistance available in the evaluation, management and restoration of damaged timberlands. In addition, a Resource Center is being established in Waycross that will provide "one-stop" recovery information to affected landowners.

The landowner meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, July 10 – Jesup, GA., Altamaha Tech
- Wednesday, July 11 – Waycross, GA., Ware Co. High School
- Tuesday, July 17 – Statesboro, GA., Bulloch Co. Agriculture Ctr.

All meetings are scheduled from 5-8:30 p.m. At each session, professional foresters will be on hand to answer questions and schedule tract-specific follow-up assistance for individual landowners. Dinner will be served at each session, and reservations must be made by calling 1-800-GA-TREES by noon on Monday.

The Waycross Wildfire Recovery Resource Center is scheduled to open July 11, with operating hours slated from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. This "one-stop shop" is designed to provide landowners with information about the range of recovery options currently available, including cost-share programs, seedlings, vendors, and much more. It will be staffed by resource professionals drawn from GFC Foresters and other resource professionals.

For information about landowner meetings and the Waycross Resource Center, including directions, visit the Georgia Forestry Commission website at www.gatrees.org or call 1-800-GA-TREES.

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