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GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION SEEKS OPINIONS ABOUT TREES

The Georgia Forestry Commission is asking citizens to provide input for a survey regarding issues affecting the state's forests.

"We're requesting our stakeholders to participate in an easy, online survey," said Robert Farris, Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC). "The results will provide important information about forest-related conditions, trends, threats, and opportunities that will be included in a comprehensive analysis of rural and urban forest landscapes."

To participate in the survey, residents should log onto the GFC website at GaTrees.org and click on the Homepage link that says "Web-based Survey – Forest Resource Assessment."

The survey is a building block for Georgia's "State Forestry Assessment and Resource Strategy" effort, which was called for in The 2008 Farm bill. It requires states to develop long term plans for investing federal, state, and other resources to manage identified priority landscapes while addressing national, regional, and state themes or guidance. The report will be submitted in June 2010.

"We appreciate people taking time to answer these questions," said Farris. "This input will guide the GFC as we continue to strategically manage the state's forestry resource for the benefit of Georgians today and tomorrow."

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