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LOCAL FORESTRY PROFESSIONALS HONORED

A group of Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) employees who work in 23 area counties have been honored for their work with the commission's Chattahoochee District, which was recently named "District of the Year 2017."

"The Chattahoochee team's can-do attitude consistently results in actions that surpass our agency's goals," said Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission Chuck Williams. "These professionals are active in a variety of services and events that promote forestry and protect Georgians from wildfire. They are the best of the best."

The GFC's Chattahoochee District is managed by Jeffrey Sibley, who oversees units that make up the district. The group was honored for its achievements by the Georgia State Legislature at the state capitol on February 7, 2018. In recognizing their distinction as "GFC District of the Year," district employees were commended for their high productivity, reforestation success and landowner services during 2017. The district sent employees on 67 separate out-of-district assignments to incidents including the northwest Georgia mountain wildfires, Hurricane Matthew, the Okefenokee spring fires, and wildfires in Oklahoma, Florida and Utah.

"We're honored to be named GFC District of the Year," said Sibley. "It's a recognition that gives each of us great satisfaction and pride."

For more information about the Georgia Forestry Commission's services and mission, visit GaTrees.org.

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NOTE: Counties served by the Chattahoochee District are: Butts, Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, South Fulton, Haralson, Harris, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Muscogee, Newton, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, Talbot, Troup, and Upson.

PHOTO CAPTION:

Georgia Forestry Commission Director of Field Operations Devon Dartnell, far left, and Georgia Forestry Commission Director Chuck Williams gather at the state capitol, where GFC District of the Year employees were honored for their achievements in 2017.