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TIMBER SALE WARNING ISSUED FOR GEORGIA FORESTLAND OWNERS

The Georgia Forestry Commission is alerting area landowners about a possible timber buying scam in the east-central Georgia area. According to GFC Law Enforcement investigators, an individual claiming to be a timber buyer has been contacting landowners by unsolicited mail, and may attempt to swindle them when meeting in person.

The Georgia Forestry Commission recommends sellers always verify the identity of prospective buyers and conduct research on their company before any agreement is reached. Multiple quotes or bids should be sought, and the use of a registered forester is also recommended. Landowners should obtain a written contract, and be sure to retain a copy of it when the document is signed.

Additional information can be found on the GFC web page, under Timber Selling. Sample contracts are available, as well as a directory of registered foresters:

<http://www.gatrees.org/forest-management/private-forest-management/timber-selling/index.cfm>.

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