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Georgia ForestWatch Seeks New Executive Director

Georgia ForestWatch is seeking a full-time Executive Director to lead the organization. Georgia ForestWatch (www.gafw.org) is a 501(c)(3), grassroots environmental nonprofit, now in its 31st year of operation. Our overall mission is to promote sustainable management that leads to naturally diverse and healthy forests and watersheds within the 867,000 acres of Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests; to engage and educate the public to join in this effort; and to promote preservation of this legacy, particularly roadless and old-growth areas, for future generations. ForestWatch reviews all proposed timber management projects on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests and submits detailed comments during public comment periods based on field surveys, research, scientific literature and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) compliance. The Executive Director and Forest Ecologist work with skilled volunteers, conservation and legal partners, and the U.S. Forest Service to improve projects and identify true restoration opportunities. Georgia ForestWatch is the only environmental nonprofit devoted exclusively to the protection of Georgia's national forests.

Responsibilities: The primary duties of the Executive Director are to provide leadership on environmental issues pertaining to the national forests in Georgia and watersheds therein, maintain funding for the organization, and implement the annual budget. The Executive Director also provides oversight on all programs, maintains a high level of communication with Forest Service staff and legal partners, directs the implementation of the strategic plan, and supervises staff and volunteers. The Executive Director reports directly to the Georgia ForestWatch Board of Directors.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will have a strong background in forest ecology or a related field, fundraising, grant writing and partnership building, as well as strong communication skills. Candidates should be creative and goal-oriented, with demonstrated leadership abilities. They should have significant experience with financial and administrative management of nonprofit organizations and supervisory skills, including skills in recruiting, motivating and delegating responsibilities to volunteers. Minimum of a BS degree in forest ecology, forestry, environmental sciences or related field is required, plus 3-5 years of experience in the field. Project management skills are desirable.

QUALIFIED candidates should email their resume with a cover letter and contact information for three references to gafwjob@gmail.com or mail to: Executive Director Position, Georgia ForestWatch, 81 Crown Mountain Place, Bldg C #200, Dahlonega, GA 30533-1627. Applications will be accepted through April 2, 2018, or until a qualified candidate is found. The preferred start date is June 2018, but this date is flexible. Salary is commensurate with education, experience and qualifications of the selected candidate.

Georgia ForestWatch is located in north Georgia at the southern edge of the Appalachian Mountains, and is within an hour's drive of Atlanta. Dahlonega is a dynamic small town, tourist destination, and home to the University of North Georgia. Its proximity to the Chattahoochee National Forest and state parks affords a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.

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