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We hope you will attend our holiday gathering and open house at the GAFW office on Thursday, December 12. Light refreshments will be provided.

Enjoy a festive evening and the camaraderie of fellow forest lovers!

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GAFW Fall Retreat Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2024 Georgia ForestWatch Annual Retreat at Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega. We truly appreciate all our event sponsors, volunteers, speakers, auction donors, board and staff, and activity leaders. We are excited to announce that we raised $8400 at the event.

We sincerely hope those who attended enjoyed the event and the beautiful fall weather. If you did not attend, we look forward to seeing you next year and ask that everyone please hold **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, on your calendars.

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GAFW Announcements

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We are excited to announce that we have contracted with Green Leaf Ecological Consulting to aid in the work that is so mission-critical to GAFW – scientific engagement to help preserve and protect Georgia's national forests.

Green Leaf is owned and managed by Jess Riddle, a Southeastern forest ecologist, conservation specialist, and a long-time partner of GAFW. Green Leaf is already providing boots-on-the-ground analysis of proposed forest management projects and will be a key partner for us as new projects are proposed.

You can reach Jess with questions and comments at **forestecologist@gafw.org**.

Please join us in welcoming new GAFW Board Members Johnna Tuttle and Angela

Butler-Hackett.

Johnna is the Director of Environmental Stewardship & Preservation at the **Sautee Nacoochee Center**. Angela is the owner of **Aging is Not 4 Sissies** in Dahlonega and will serve as the GAFW Board Treasurer. You may recognize her name—she was GAFW's bookkeeper until she retired in October. We're honored that Johnna and Angela are willing to serve our organization in these roles!

The board of directors is delighted to announce that Maria Klouda has been appointed Acting Executive Director of Georgia ForestWatch. With a deep commitment to our mission of preserving Georgia's forests and a proven track record of leadership, communications, operations, and fundraising, Maria has already helped guide us through an important transitional year and will continue to do so in 2025.

We are confident that Maria's expertise and passion will continue to drive our efforts to protect and restore our region's unique ecosystems. Please join us in welcoming Maria to this vital role.

For questions or to offer support, contact us at **info@gafw.org**.

Upcoming GAFW Outings & Outreach

Thursday, December 12 - Join Us! GAFW Holiday Open House

Monday, February 10-11 - Outing! Hike Inn

RSVP for GAFW Outings

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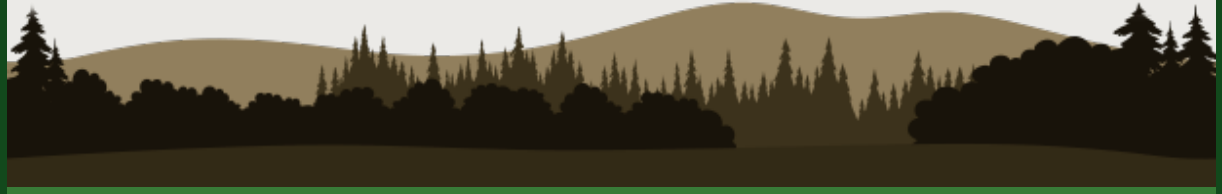
Please support our mission by ensuring your **membership is up to date** and providing **additional support** as you are able.

On behalf of our entire national forests in our beautiful state, we thank you for your support.

Our Mission

Our mission is to preserve and protect our national forests.



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