

## **Job Description Georgia ForestWatch Co-District-Leader**

**This is a unique opportunity to learn from and have fun with passionate, knowledgeable people. Learn at your own pace. Do as much as you can, when you can. You are a volunteer, and we appreciate that you are doing what you can.**

- Pick a district
- Attend DL meetings
- Ask to be placed on list for scoping notices for your district via email and US Postal mail.
- Acquire knowledge of the area by spending time in the National Forest, on and off roads, on and off trails, not just in scenic areas but in overstocked pine plantations and other such unattractive places
- Get out in the field with GFW staff and volunteers as much as possible
- As much as possible, do not miss an opportunity to get out in the field with the Forest Service
- Pay attention to what you see and hear, and document it as necessary
- Be willing to learn what you need to know, for example:
  - How to read and use the technical tools (GPS units, topo maps and topo software)
  - Tree identification
- Read as much of the Forest Plan as possible (this takes time and determination), plus other relevant materials, such as
  - History of the Forest Service
  - Ecology of the Appalachians
- Participate in drafting of comments to scopings and environmental assessments, etc. If you choose to, attempt to draft your own response to a scoping and share it with your fellow DLs.
- Ask questions
- Have fun!

Basically, the idea is that if you go to enough DL meetings, hang out with GFW folks long enough, meet with Forest Service folks enough, and read enough, eventually you will start to figure out what is going on and actually contribute to the process.