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DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAMED AT GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION

The Georgia Forestry Commission has promoted Gary White to the position of deputy director. White will oversee a diverse range of support, operations and program activities for the state agency, and assist the director in management functions of the GFC.

“Gary brings exceptional knowledge and experience to this position,” said Georgia Forestry Commission Director Chuck Williams. “He’s a person known in the field and within the GFC as one who thoroughly understands the value of the forest resource we work to conserve and protect. Gary has been and will continue to be an essential asset to us all as we manage the challenges facing Georgia forests,” said Williams.

In his previous position as Forest Management chief, White guided program development, supervised staff foresters, set policy and training for field foresters, and led budget adherence and accurate federal spending. In a GFC career that has spanned nearly 30 years, White served in a variety of roles of increasing responsibility, from county ranger to urban forester overseeing the agency’s Sustainable Community Forestry Program. He has worked extensively in partnership development and helping communities mitigate their risk of wildfires. White has proficiency in grant and contract management, organization efficiency, and human resources.

White earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa. White lives with his wife, Katrina, in Hart County.

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