

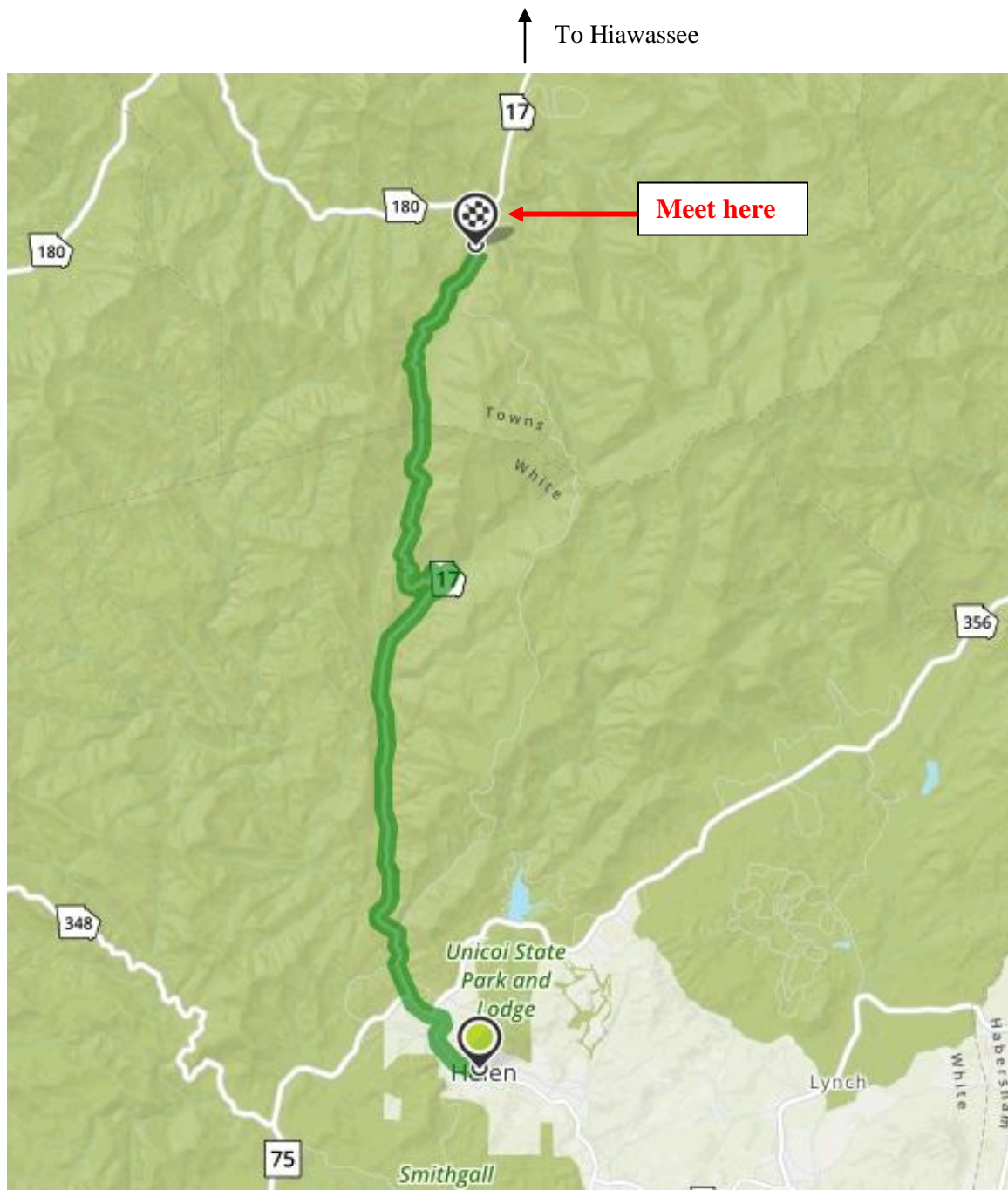
Hemlock Treatment Project Details for High Shoals HCA 52 & Corbin Creek HCA 48



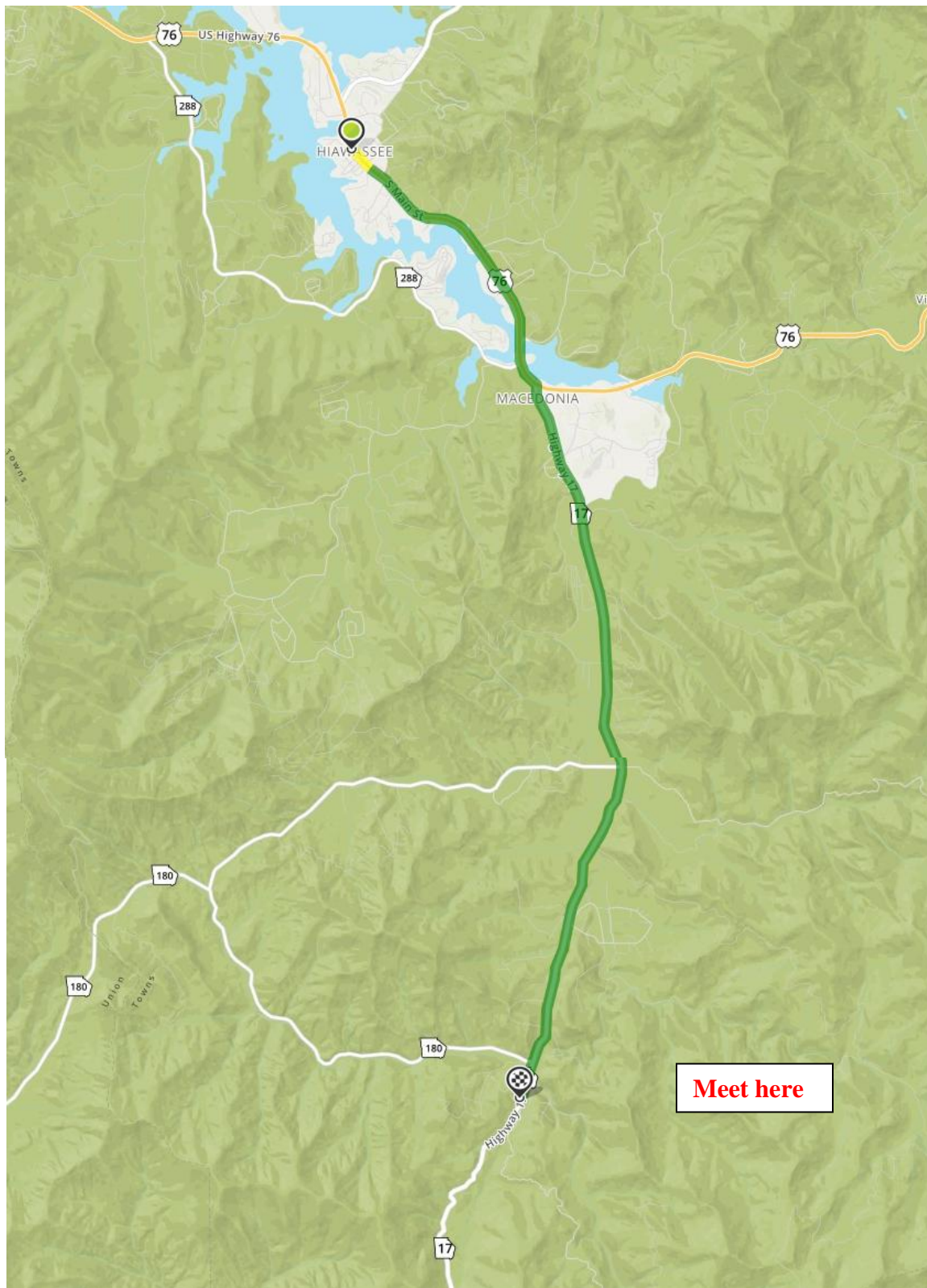
Date:	Saturday, June 27, 2020
Event:	Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project for Corbin Creek and High Shoals Hemlock Conservation Areas (HCAs) in Towns County.
Where to Meet:	High Shoals HCA is located off Hwy 17-75. Turn onto High Shoals Falls Road, aka Indian Grave Gap Rd., aka FS Rd. 283. GPS coordinates are: DMS: 34° 49' 0.012" N and -83° 43' 59.26436 W". DD: 34.81667 and -83.72401.
Notice:	As SGH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our volunteers at all events, we will be following CDC guidelines regarding the coronavirus pandemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have, or recently have had, a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign-up and do seek appropriate medical help. • All volunteers will be required to wear face covering. • We'll maintain 6-foot social distancing except for family units. • Total group size will be limited to 9 volunteers plus the project leader, so please sign up early.
Directions:	FROM DOWNTOWN HELEN: Start going west on N. Main St./GA-75/GA -17 toward White Strasse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue on GA-75/GA-17 due north for 11.3 miles. • High Shoals Falls Rd. / Indian Grave Gap Rd. is on the right. It is a very sharp right turn. This is our 9:30 a.m. meeting point. <i>See map on page 2.</i> FROM HIAWASSEE: Start by going south toward N Main St/US-76E//GA-75/GA-17/GA-2. Continue to follow US-76E/GA-75/GA-17/GA-2. Then 2.79 miles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn right onto Highway 17/GA-75/GA-17. Then 6.64 miles. • Turn onto High Shoals Falls Rd. / Indian Grave Gap Rd. on the left. This is our 9:30 a.m. meeting point. <i>See map on page 3.</i> SIGNS will be posted at the Hwy 17-75 intersection with High Shoals Falls Rd. (FS 283) at our meeting point. We will then caravan to our first treatment site. Parking will be available along the road in several places. NOTE: 2- or 4-wheel drive (preferably with high carriage) vehicles advised/suggested on High Shoals Falls Rd.
Project:	According to prior treatment logs, we expect to treat about 100 trees last treated in 2008.
Schedule:	9:30 a.m. – SGH Team Leaders report. 10:00 a.m. – Hemlock Helpers meet to receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You will be organized into small teams including one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment and supplies, be directed to your treatment site, and begin treating trees. 12:00 p.m. – Treatment teams will assemble at our meeting site to clean their equipment and come together for lunch. 12:30 p.m. - After lunch we will move to our next treatment site. By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m.
Terrain:	The terrain in the HCA project areas varies from moderately rolling to steep with heavy undergrowth in others. We'll make sure everyone is assigned where they can be safe and comfortable.
What to Wear:	Dress for the weather and the activity, including long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footwear with socks, waterproof boots if you have them, gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals. Hardhats will also be provided for your safety.
What to Bring:	Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle, and camera if you like. Your favorite hiking stick and a small day pack to carry things may come in handy. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage the situation.
Don't Bring:	This is an environmentally friendly, pack-it-in pack-it-out event, so please don't bring any glass or Styrofoam items. Also, as much as we love dogs, please don't bring them this time.
Registration:	Participants must sign up in advance by contacting Kim Wood at kimberlyraewood@gmail.com or 706-455-2313. If you have questions, please call or email <i>before</i> the morning of the project.



**Driving map from downtown Helen to intersection of GA Hwy 17 & High Shoals Falls Rd.
(about 11.3 miles north of Helen)**



Driving map from downtown Hiawassee to intersection of GA Hwy 17 & High Shoals Falls Rd. (about 9.4 miles south of Hiawassee)



↓ **To Helen**