

Project Details for High Shoals HCA 52 Hemlock Treatment Project (USFS Blue Ridge District- Towns County)



Date:	Saturday, September 14, 2019
Event:	Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project of High Shoals Hemlock Conservation Area (HCA) in Towns County.
Where to Meet:	High Shoals HCA is located off Hwy 17-75. Turn onto High Shoals Falls Rd, aka Indian Grave Gap Rd and FS Rd 283. GPS coordinates are: DMS: 34° 49 31.8282" N and 83° 43' 59.5842 W" DD: 34.825508 and -83.733218
Directions:	<p>From Helen, GA: Start out going west on N. Main St./GA-75/GA -17 toward White Strasse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to follow 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 meeting point. See maps attached. <p>From Hiawasse, GA: Start by going south on Franks St toward N Main St/US-76 E/US-76 W/ GA-75/GA-17/GA-2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take first left onto N Main St/US-76E/GA-75/GA-17/GA-2. Continue to follow US-76 E/ GA-75/GA-17/GA-2. Then 2.79 mi. Turn right on HWY 17/GA-75/GA-17. Then 6.64 miles. High Shoals Falls Rd / Indian Grave Gap Rd. is on the left. This is our meeting point. See maps attached. <p>Signs will be posted at the Hwy 17-75 intersection with High Shoals Falls Road (FS 283) at our meeting point. Parking is along the road in several places. Thereafter, caravan to our first treatment site.</p> <p>Note: Four-Wheel drive (preferably high carriage) vehicle is required from this point.</p>
Project:	According to prior treatment logs, we expect to treat about 120-150 trees last treated in 2012.
Schedule:	<p>9:00 a.m. – SGH volunteer Team leaders report.</p> <p>9:15 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.</p> <p>12:00 p.m. – Treatment teams should assemble at our meeting site to clean their equipment and to come together for lunch.</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - After lunch we will caravan to our next treatment site.</p> <p>By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m.</p>
Terrain:	The terrain in the High Shoals HCA project areas varies from moderately rolling in one site to steep with heavy undergrowth in others. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site or job assignment 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, 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 a 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 Donna Shearer at 706-429-8010 or donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org . If you have questions, please call or email.

