

Hemlock Treatment at Mulky Creek and Coopers Creek Project Details

Date: Saturday July 24, 2021

Event: Service event to complete the hemlock treatment on Mulky Creek and Coopers in Union County south of Blairsville.



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:

- >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.
- >We will maintain a 6-foot social distancing except for family units
- >Face Coverings will not be required but will be available for those wishing to wear them
- >Group size will be limited to 12 volunteers plus the project leader so please sign up early

Where to Meet: Cooper Creek WMA Check Station, 8653 Mulky Gap Road, Suches, GA 30572. See maps on last 2 pages. Directional signs will be posted. GPS 34.770985/-084.068063

Schedule:

9:30 a.m. – All volunteers meet at Cooper Creek WMA Check Station. First, you'll receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You'll be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team and receive your equipment and supplies. Then we'll caravan in as few vehicles as possible to the access point for each treatment site and begin treating trees.

12:30 p.m. – Everyone will break for lunch. After lunch, we'll resume work.

3:00 p.m. (but probably sooner) – We'll stop work, clean the equipment, caravan back to the check station, and head for home.

Access: Access to the treatment sites is via the Forest Service roads. Four-wheel drive is not necessary.

Terrain: The terrain at the work sites is flat in some places and hilly in others but not dangerously steep anywhere. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a site 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.

What to Bring: Pack a personal water bottle, sack lunch, hiking stick, and camera if you like. **Two of the sites involve crossing a small stream, so if you have waders or high-top waterproof boots, bring them!** If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage. We'll provide extra bottled water and snacks.

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.** Contact Jim Wentworth, 706-897-0645 or wentwrth@windstream.net. Please provide both your phone number AND email address.

If you have questions, please call or email *before* you get to the area as phone service is sketchy there.



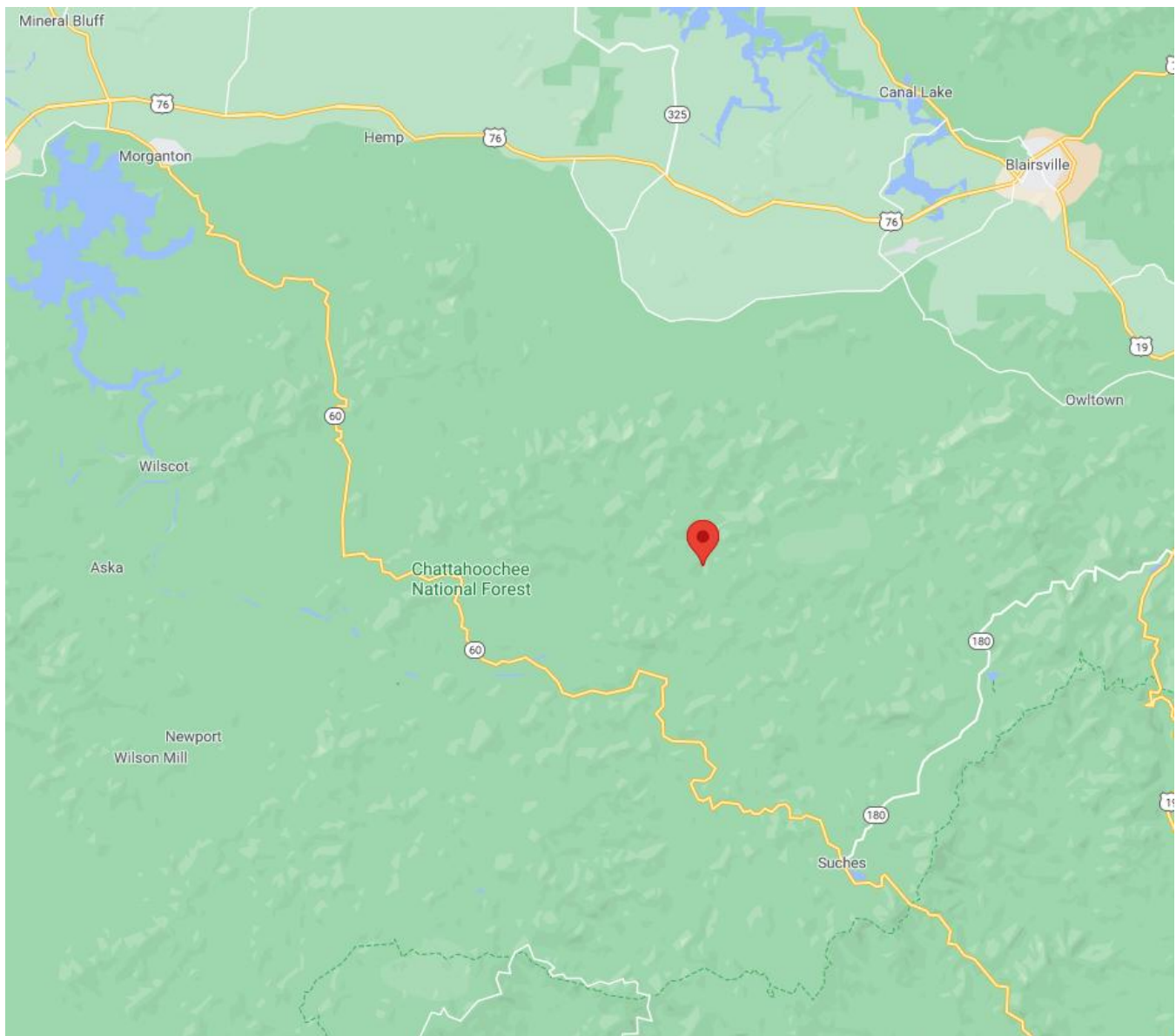
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Driving Directions

From Dahlonega Take GA HWY 60 north 26 miles to jct. of Coopers Creek Road. (across from Cooper Creek Store). Turn right and go 5.6 miles to check station on right. Note: road name changes to Mulky Gap road (FS #4) in Union County.

From Blairsville Take Old Blue Ridge HWY west 5 miles to Mulky Gap Rd.; turn left and travel 8.5 miles to check station on left.

From Morganton Take GA HWY 60 south for 16 miles to jct. of Cooper Creek Road (across from Cooper Creek Store). Turn left and go 5.6 miles to check station on right. Note: road name changes to Mulky Gap road (FS #4) in Union County.



See close-up map on next page.



