

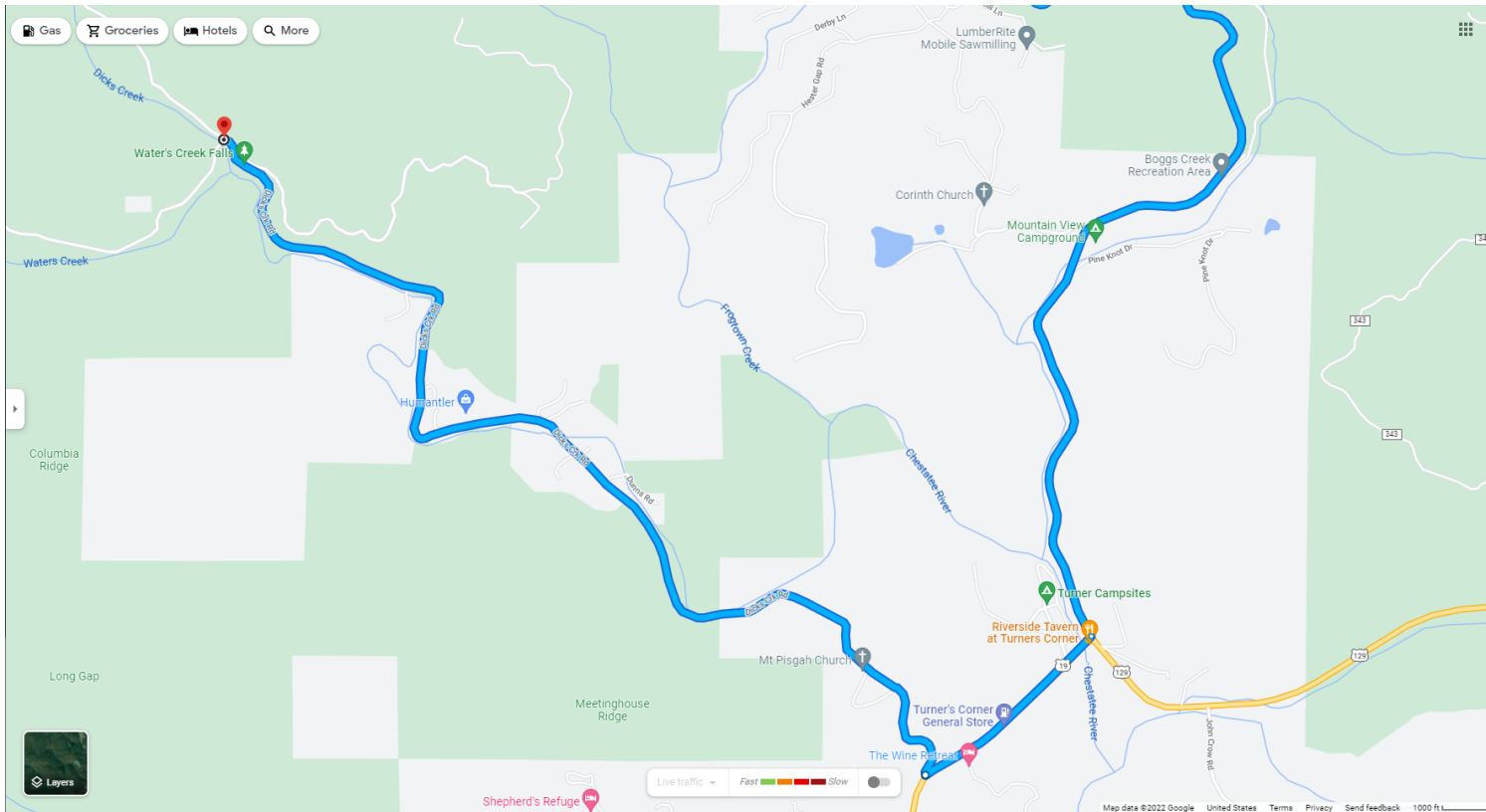
Project Details for Hemlock Treatment Project

Site Name: Dicks and Waters Creek

Date:	July 16, 2022
Event:	Service event to retreat the hemlocks in Dicks and Waters Creek in Lumpkin County. According to prior treatment logs, we expect to retreat 220 trees.
Notice:	<p>As SGH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our volunteers at all events, we will be following CDC guidelines regarding the <i>coronavirus</i> pandemic.</p> <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. > 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.
Where to Meet:	Waters Creek parking area on Dicks Creek Road (GPS 34.68055/-83.93723). Located on right across from bridge to Waters Creek. Signs will be posted along the way. See driving directions and map following.
Schedule:	<p>9:30 a.m. – All volunteers meet at Waters Creek parking area. 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.</p> <p>12:00 p.m. – Everyone will break for lunch. After lunch, we'll resume work.</p> <p>3:30 p.m. (or sooner) – We'll stop work, clean the equipment, caravan back to the meeting place, and head for home.</p>
Access	Access to the treatment sites is via Forest Service roads with 1 stream ford. Four-wheel drive is not necessary but will be crossing 1 stream ford and high clearance vehicles recommended.
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 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, gloves and sturdy footwear, and rain gear in case of light rain. Two of the sites involve crossing a stream, so if you have waders or high-top waterproof boots, bring them! Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals. On USFS projects, hardhats will also be provided and required to wear 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 also 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.
Registration:	Participants must sign up in advance by contacting Jim Wentworth at 706-897-0645 or wentwrth@windstream.net. If you have questions, please call or email before project date.



Map showing location of Project Site



Driving Directions

From Cleveland:

- Take U.S. 129 north for 10.5 miles to Turner's Corner.
- Turn left on US 19 and go 0.5 miles
- Turn right on Dicks Creek Road (sign to Chestatee WMA) and go 2.8 miles to parking area on right (across from bridge to Waters Creek).

From Dahlonega:

- Take Highway 9 North for approximately 8 miles.
- At traffic circle (Stonepile Gap) take 1st exit on Highway 19 N and go 4.8 miles.
- Turn left on Dicks Creek Road (sign to Chestatee WMA) and go 2.8 miles to parking area on right (across from bridge to Waters Creek).

From Blairsville:

- Take US Highway 19/129 south for approximately 20 miles
- Turn right on US 19 and go 0.5 miles
- Turn right on Dicks Creek Road (sign to Chestatee WMA) and go 2.8 miles to parking area on right (across from bridge to Waters Creek).