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24.8 million acres of woodlands in Georgia and they cover 65 percent of the state's landscape

500,000 woodland owners in Georgia

single largest age group is those between 65-74 years at 33.8 percent

The University of Georgia is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Pass Land to Heirs – 85 percent

percent say they are unlikely to sell in the future

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The top future planned activity was improvement of wildlife habitat at 49 percent

Seventy-four present of the owners have not received forestry advise in the past five years

The top-five topics owners are interested in are:

More Favorable Tax Policies – 73 percent Transfer Land to Next Generation – 55 percent Advice on Forest Management – 54 percent Stronger Timber Markets – 44 percent Cost Sharing – 53 percent The major concerns that family woodland owners have are:

High Property Taxes – 92 percent Keep Land Intact in Future – 89 percent Misuse of Woodland (dumping) – 83 percent Wildfire – 83 percent Trespassing and Poaching – 83 percent Insects and Disease – 73 percent

Landowners still prefer having written materials as the best way for receiving forestry information