Project Details for Hemlock Treatment Project

Plum Orchard Gap HCA 507

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Date:	Sunday, October 3, 2021
Event:	Service event to treat the hemlocks in newly approved Plum Orchard Gap HCA 507 south to bull Gap. We'll be applying Imidacloprid 2F (liquid) by soil injection.
Notice:	As SGH and GATC are 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. > 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:	Meet at the Dick Creek Gap parking lot on Ga Hwy 76 between Hiawassee and Clayton. See map following.
Schedule:	 9:00 a.m. – All volunteers report. 9:15 a.m. – Volunteers will receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. We'll be organized into small teams including one experienced person per team and receive our equipment and supplies. Following this orientation, we'll drive to Hector's house and walk up the gravel road to Blue Ridge Gap and then over to the shelter where we'll assign treatment sites and begin treating trees. 12:30 p.m. – Treatment teams will assemble at the shelter to clean their equipment and to have lunch together. 1:00 p.m After lunch we'll receive further instructions and complete site treatment. By 3:00 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:00 p.m. or earlier.
Terrain:	The terrain in the treatment area is gentle to hilly and may involve stream crossing. 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 footgear, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals. Work gloves and tall boots strongly recommended.
What to Bring:	Pack a sack lunch and bring it with you to the treatment site. Bring a 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. 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.
Registration:	Participants must sign up in advance by Pete Buak at 706-968-8979 or peterbuak@gmail.com . If you have questions, please call or email before project date as cell phone reception at the work site may be sketchy.

Dicks Creek Gap Trailhead parking lot on GA Hwy 76 between Hiawassee and Clayton

From Hiawassee: 10.5 miles, 14 minutes



