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March 3, 2017

Lumpkin County Commissioners
99 Courthouse Hill, Ste A
Dahlonega, GA 30533

Dear Lumpkin County Commissioners:

To assist your county's financial department in their fiscal year 2018 budget preparation, the Georgia Forestry Commission wishes to submit the below budget request. Georgia code 12-6-93 outlines the requirement that counties wishing to participate in the forest wildfire protection program provided by Georgia Forestry Commission shall pay to the State Forestry Commission ten cents (10¢) per acre of privately owned forestland in the county. The acreage shall be determined from the most recent U. S. Forest Service survey for Georgia.

Data available from the USFS fully completed FY11 Forestland Survey shows that your county has:

Survey 98,583 acres @ \$0.10/acre = \$ 9,858 annually

The above amount may be paid annually, quarterly or monthly. Annual payment is due on **July 01, 2017**, quarterly on the first day of quarter, or monthly on the first day of month.

If you would like to view this summary of the Forestland Survey Data, you can visit the Georgia Forestry Commission website:

<http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/forest-management/private-forest-management/forest-inventory/index.cfm>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see a file "Summary of 2011 Forestland Survey Data" in a PDF.

We wish to thank you for your county's continued support, and if you have any questions, I can be reached at (478) 751-3466 or thru email at mgray@gfc.state.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Michele Gray
Administrative Director

cc: Chief Ranger (1093)
District Office

