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2017-2018 House Rural Development Council October 24-25 Agenda Waycross, Georgia

Transportation and Forestry

Wednesday, October 25th (Forestry)

Forestry: A Critical Part of Rural Georgia's Economic Vitality

- 8:00-8:30** Forestry: Driving Value Back to Rural Georgia's Economy
- *Andres Villegas, President and CEO, Georgia Forestry Association*
 - *Chuck Williams, Director, Georgia Forestry Commission*
- 8:30-9:30** Markets Underpin Jobs & Investment
- *Bob Izlar, Director, UGA Center for Forest Business (8:30-8:50)*
 - *Russell Gentry, Georgia Tech (8:50-9:05)*
 - *Tim Lowrimore, Interfor (9:05 – 9:15)*
 - *Clay Bethay, Mill Manager Rayonier Advanced Materials/GPFPA (9:15 – 9:30)*
- 9:30-9:40** Break
- 9:40-10:30** Competitiveness
- *Bob Izlar, Director, UGA Center for Forest Business*
 - *Dr. Joe Conrad, University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources*
 - *WestRock Fernandina and PCA Valdosta examples*
- 10:30 - 11:00** Forest Sector Investment Case Study – Willacoochee, GA
- *Wesley Langdale, President and CEO, The Langdale Company*
- 11:00 - 11:30** A Local Look: Waycross Success Story
- *Barry Parrish, Georgia Biomass, Waycross, GA*
- 11:30-12:00** Council Discussion and Next Meeting Information
- 12:00** Adjourn