



# ForestWatch Faces

Get to know the folks who make it happen

Welcome to a new web feature that spotlights some of the special folks behind the scenes of Georgia ForestWatch. If you'd like to nominate someone for ForestWatch Faces, please contact our office by clicking the e-mail link below.

## **Meet Honor Woodard: Co-District Leader, Chattooga River Ranger District**

Honor has an unerring sense of place for the forested highlands of northeast Georgia, and Rabun County in particular -- an uncanny ability to find the perfect spot in the wild woods of the Chattahoochee National Forest and, most importantly, how to find one's way back to the trailhead.

During the summers of her youth in Rabun County, Honor and a friend "explored every logging road [they] could find." Of her urban life, Honor says, "for every city I lived in, from St. Louis to Glasgow, I always found a place in the woods to keep me grounded." With a love of native plants, this helps her and fellow hikers and explorers navigate to long-forgotten home sites, waterfalls and, literally, fields of native flowers.

Now 30-something, with a New York big-city photography career somewhat behind her, she makes her way as an artist and editorial freelancer. As an avid hiker Honor said, "I feel most at peace and at home in the woods."

In 2001, having moved into a relocated, restored 1800s log cabin in Lakemont, she started attending community meetings on forest protection and local zoning issues, and, from there, was signed on as a co-district leader with Georgia ForestWatch.

"I've got to tell you I feel a lot more comfortable on a deer trail through the woods than reviewing paperwork for a Forest Service project," she said. "But I really appreciate what ForestWatch accomplishes, and I feel good about helping in whatever way I can."

Thanks to Honor, the forests of northeast Georgia are a bit safer.