

Exploring the Connection Between Georgia's Forests and Drinking Water

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Abstract. This session will provide an overview of recent efforts to bring together the forestry and drinking water sectors in Georgia to enhance communication, seek common ground, explore creative watershed management solutions, and develop collaborative projects. We will discuss the ways that forests and drinking water are interrelated, give a summary of issues facing each sector, and review the collaborative actions listed in the recent Georgia Forests and Drinking Water Forum Final Report.