

PY25 GA 4-H State Forestry Field Day
Rock Eagle 4-H Center
Thursday, October 24, 2024

Site Evaluation Scenario

David and Judy Carter own 50 acres of woodlands in the Eatonton, Georgia area. The Carters are part of a large family whose grandfather owned over 2000 acres in Putnam County. The grandfather wanted each family member to have some land and left many heirs small tracts in his will. He stated that he wanted them to keep the land largely undeveloped, but each heir would have enough land for a home site or weekend cabin.

David and Judy live an hour away and enjoy coming to the property to hike, watch wildlife, enjoy fall colors, camp and hunt. This plot is representative of their entire property. The Carters want to do all they can to protect the forestland and pass it along to their children. Weekend trips to the property are highlights within their busy lives. Their two adult children love the property as much as they do. None of the family has a pressing need for income.

David read an article about loggers using mules to harvest old growth high value trees before the trees die. He is interested in the idea in order to avoid most land disturbance and possible erosion.

Current pine sawtimber prices are \$220 per thousand board feet. Current hardwood sawtimber prices are \$300 per thousand board feet.