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# Real Estate Office

**April 28, 2026**

**Brent Womack**

Potential Acquisition  
Bo Ginn Hatchery  
Jenkins County

25

Magnolia  
Springs SP

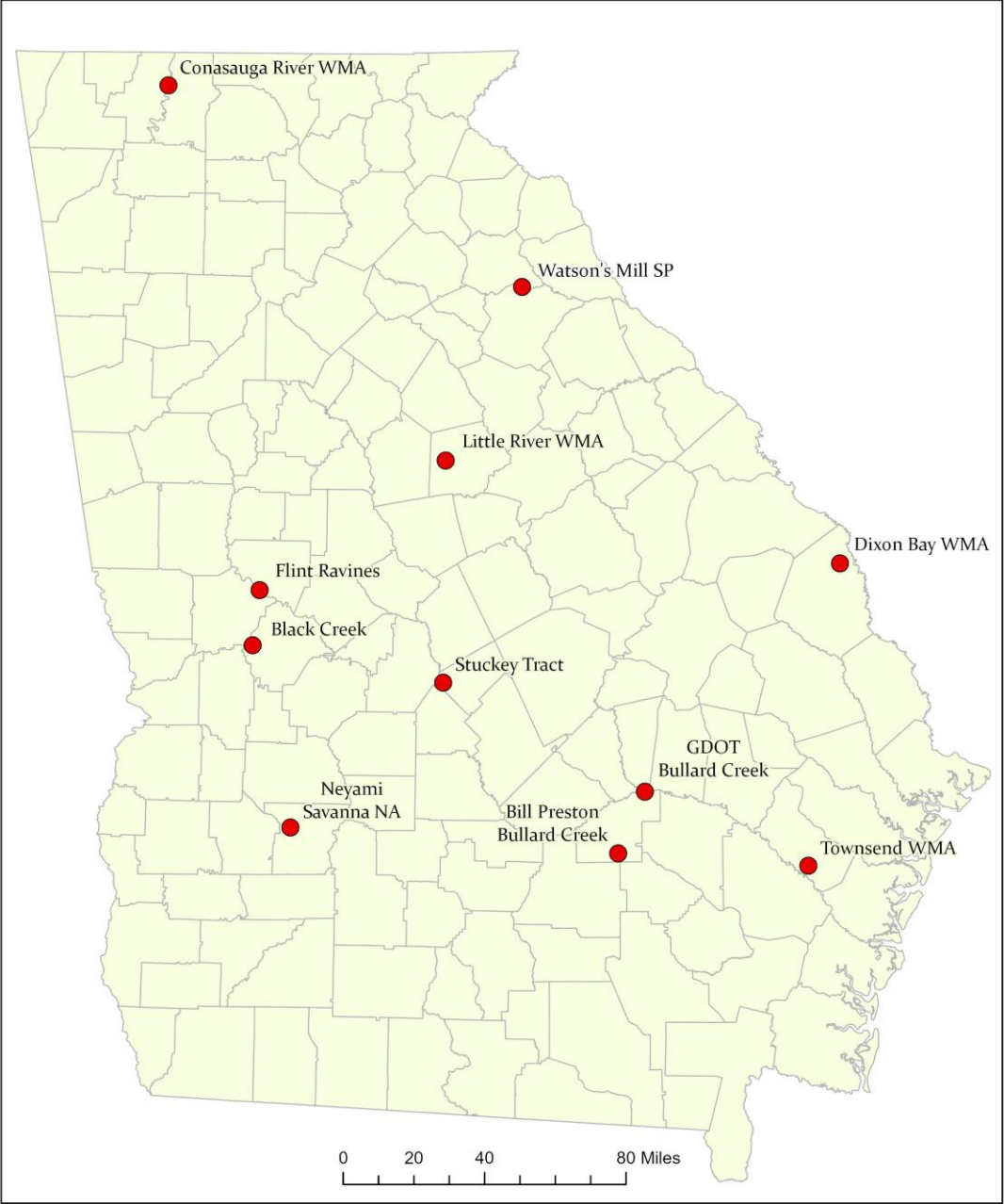
129 acres



0 0.13 0.25 0.5 Miles



# GDOT Properties





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# Parks & Historic Sites Update

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Angie Johnson , Director

# Georgia DNR Board Champions 2025 Meadow Link



# America 250 Celebration at Capitol



# National Association of State Park Directors Board Meeting





Little White House 80<sup>th</sup>  
Commemorative Ceremony





# Tanzania National Parks visits PHSD



# Hosting State Park Leadership School at Reynolds Mansion



# Elijah Clark Cottages

## Vogel Dam

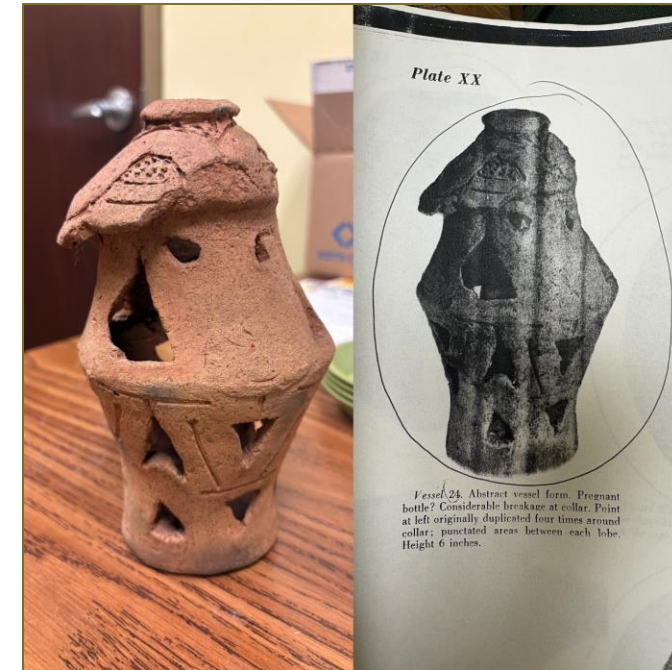


# Annual Georgia Power Meeting



Region 2 Mgr Matt Owens, Chief Graham, GA Power Clint Brown, GA Power Joey Charles, E&C Director Vendola, PHSD AD McLendon, GA Power Michael O'Rourke, PHSD Director Johnson, GA Power Lennie Brame, and Scott Hendricks

# Monumental Moment! Kolomoki Mounds Artifact Returned



..."I believe this belongs here, be careful with it, it's priceless....it's a long, long story and I don't know the half of it. I think y'all will be happy with it"....

# 2026 Preservation Award: Excellence in Rehabilitation



# Thank You



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**Bob White Quail – Kolomoki Mounds**



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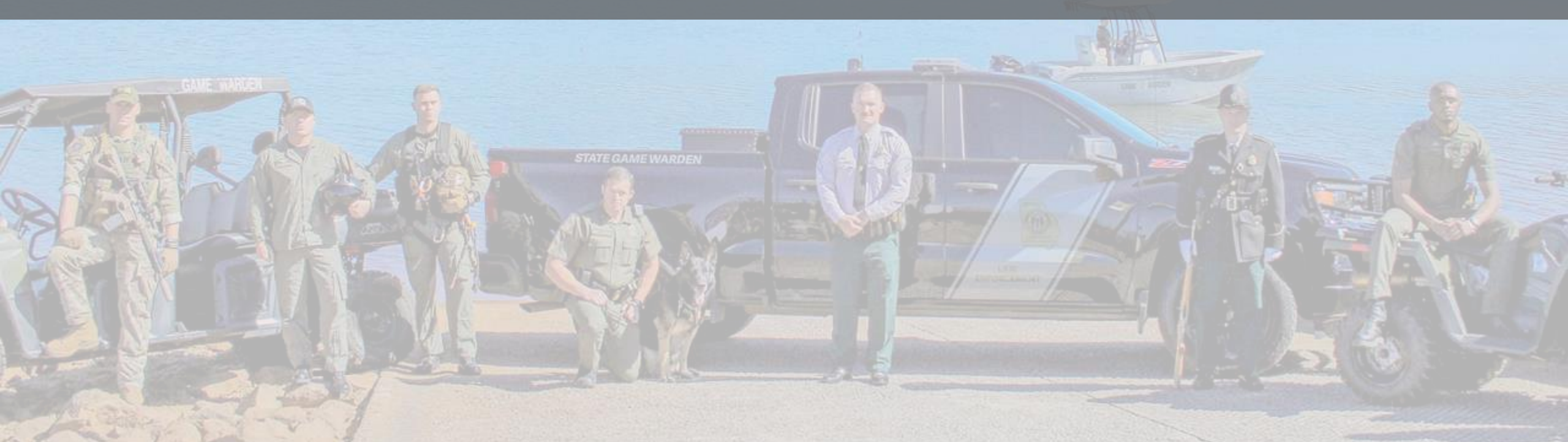


# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

South Georgia Wildfire Response; 40<sup>th</sup> Game Warden Academy Graduation; Turkey Season Overview; SOG Training; National Conservation Law Enforcement Leadership Academy



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# South Georgia Wildfire Response

- LED is supporting response efforts for the Pineland Road Wildfire in Clinch County and the Brantley County Wildfire
- Twelve Game Wardens are assisting the U.S. Forest Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, and local agencies with:
  - checking on the welfare of residents
  - monitoring property in affected areas
  - helping with evacuations when needed



# South Georgia Wildfire Response

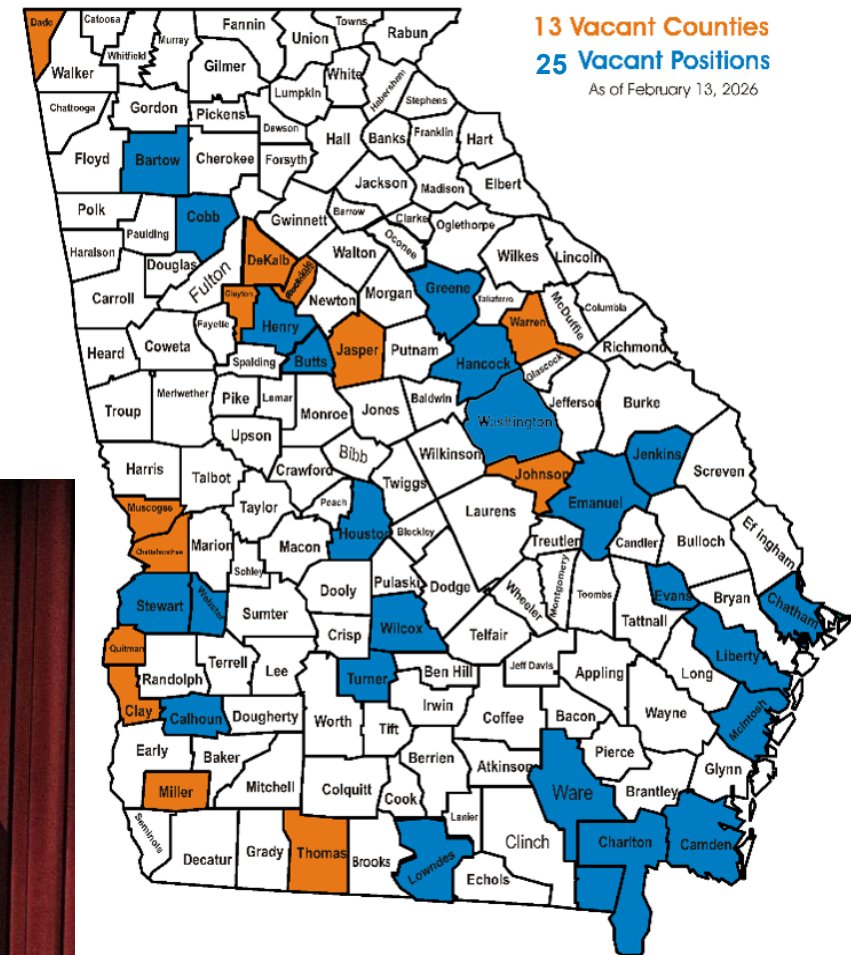
- From the air, the Aviation Unit is playing a critical role in fire suppression
- Utilizing three helicopters, the team dropped more than 75 buckets of water during the first two days to help contain the fires



# 40<sup>th</sup> Game Warden Academy Graduation

- 16 Cadets
  - 14 Male
  - 2 Female
- Game Warden Academy began on January 11, 2026
- Game Warden Academy Graduation – April 17, 2026
  - Governor Kemp – Keynote speaker
  - First Lady Marty Kemp also attended
- FTO – 4 months

## Law Enforcement Vacancies



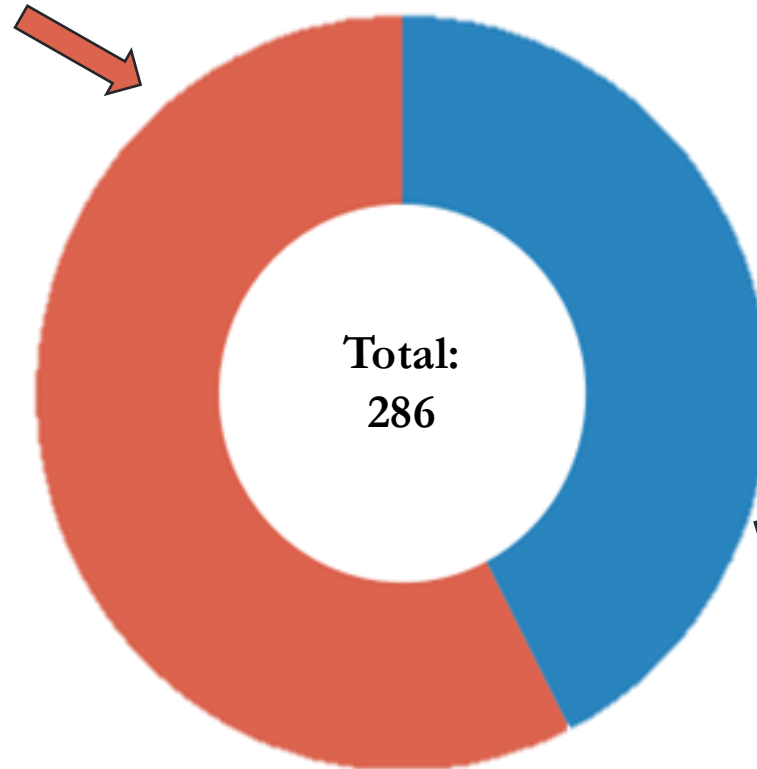
# 2026 Turkey Season Overview

## Turkey Hunting 2026

(March 1 - April 17)

Hunters checked - 955

Warnings: 163



# SOG Training – Tactical Man Tracking

- Five new members of the LED Special Operations Group recently received Tactical Man Tracking (TMT) training at Lake Russell WMA
- The 40-hour course focuses on the apprehension of dangerous suspects in a woodland environment
- TMT instructor, GW Matt Kiracofe, has provided this valuable training to approximately 30 GWs over the last 3 years



# 2026 National Conservation Law Enforcement Leadership Academy

- From March 1-14, Region II Captain Derek Dillard attended the 2026 National Conservation Law Enforcement Leadership Academy (NCLELA), a 2-week, 117-hour training course at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV
- 36 Executive level leaders from conservation agencies all over the nation and a few other countries
- Topics included relevancy in Conservation Law Enforcement, challenges to the Open Fields Doctrine, and many other challenges agencies are facing today
- The goal of the NCLELA is to prepare the next generation of conservation law enforcement executives to successfully carry out the conservation law enforcement mission in a rapidly changing world



# Questions



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