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Dear Matre Forestry Newsletter Subscribers,

I hope all is well. I wanted to take a moment to let my newsletter followers know that GP Cedar Springs Paper Mill in Early County GA has announced they will permanently shutdown. Following is copy of the official announcement (Source: https://news.gp.com/2025/05/georgia-pacific-to-close-cedar-springs-containerboard-mill?fbclid=IwY2xjawKRq0tleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHhDnAAhP-yDk08QU1BeuUR34q5q1b_I0B-fljnCsaiqAOlcrl-4NvfOpxsKg_aem_jyrDYBus2zWKplmtvCgDjQ):



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Georgia-Pacific to Close Cedar Springs Containerboard Mill

May 14, 2025

Atlanta - Employees at the Cedar Springs Containerboard mill in Georgia were told today that Georgia-Pacific plans to permanently close the operation later this year. Most positions will be eliminated by August 1, 2025. All jobs at the Cedar Springs mill will eventually be impacted.

Various factors influenced this difficult decision. Ultimately, we do not believe that the mill can competitively serve our customers in the long term. This decision has nothing to do with the quality of work of Georgia-Pacific's employees at the Cedar Springs mill.

Approximately 535 jobs will be impacted by this closure. Production will continue for a limited time as the site works to fulfill customer commitments.

Georgia-Pacific's focus in the coming weeks and months is to continue to safely operate while supporting our employees during the transition.

Georgia-Pacific is committed to treating all Cedar Springs employees with dignity and respect and

will work with them to provide access to local support agencies and job placement resources, including available opportunities within Georgia-Pacific or other Koch companies.

Please pray for all of the employees and all of us in the GP Cedar Springs wood basket that work in the timber/forestry sector, as well as all of the other businesses and industries that rely on this mill for their livelihood.

From a more technical forestry perspective, we need healthy pulpwood markets to properly manage timber, whether the objective is to maximize timber production or wildlife habitat, or a combination. Thinnings are a critical management tool, and 1st thinnings are primarily pulpwood, and many 2nd thinnings have a significant amount of pulpwood. Older timber sales are typically mostly sawtimber, but the topwood needs a pulpwood market to be used, and sawmills need a market for their chips. While the bigger money is paid for sawtimber, it is hard to manage for sawtimber without reliable pulpwood markets.

Southwest Georgia and Southeast Alabama has other markets for pulpwood, but the closure of this major mill will hurt, just as the Perry FL market was hurt by that GP paper mill closing. The pulpwood market has been struggling for the past couple of years, and prior to today's announcement of the GP CS, the outlook was that the struggles would continue for a while. That "a while" just got longer.

Hopefully a corporation will swoop in and buy the Cedar Springs mill, update it, and open it back up. It is an excellent location for a mill.

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