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SW District Agent Retires

**James Johnson, *Virginia Tech Dept. of Forestry***

James R. Willis, Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Agent for the Southwest District of Virginia Cooperative Extension, retired in June. Jim joined the Extension family five years ago, after a 27-year career as a forester with Chesapeake Corporation. Jim was known for his outstanding educational work with loggers, forest landowners, and youth, and his poignant articles in local newspapers. Based in Russell County, Jim continues to reside in Abingdon, where he plans to pursue personal interests and forestry consulting. A search is underway for his successor.



Jim Willis