Haywood Community College’s student chapter of The Wildlife Society has participated in various volunteer opportunities and professional events since our last state chapter meeting. Our Annual Brook and Beast Feast garnered a healthy turnout from the public at more than 500 attendees and a profit of $7000.00 for our chapter. At the Southeastern Student Conclave hosted at ABAC, we placed fourth along with several students placing first in their individual events.

Our involvement with North Carolina Resource Commission continued with our participation in North Carolina deer check stations, “simmunitions” training with the enforcement division, red spruce plantings on Black Balsam, and REMF Elk Fest in Maggie Valley.

Through Georgias Department of Natural Resources, we had students complete work crews in the DI-Lane plantation management area and Georgia deer check stations.

The chapter also was involved in the Haywood Waterways Association with Big Sweep, a stream clean-up initiative and kids in the creek, a children’s education event. Our annual “Fish Fest” a youth fishing clinic, had a great turnout with many happy kids enjoying fishing with their relatives. At the Cradle of Forestry Timbersports Event, our chapter facilitated the quiz bowl competition. Lastly, we had students work with The Hemlock Restoration Initiative helping with their greenhouses.

The chapter was fortunate to receive a $3000.00 Forest Jarrett Wildlife Conservation Award to be used in the upcoming 2020 Student Conclave we are co-hosting with Western Carolina University. We would also like the thank the state chapter of the TWS for their generous financial support of the 2020 Student Conclave.