



Forest Service

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Date: March 16, 2022

Subject: Termination order listed as #10 in the General Order No. CO-13-36

To: Forest Leadership Team, Public Affairs, Frontliners and Law Enforcement

TERMINATION ORDER
CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 261.50(a) the prohibition listed as #10 in the General Forest Order No. CO-13-36 (attached), applicable to the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, dated June 12th, 2013, and signed by Betty A. Mathews is hereby rescinded and terminated. Please post a copy of this Termination Letter in your Special-Order notebooks, on your public bulletin boards, and in your files. A news release for the public will be published.

Executed in Gainesville, Georgia, this 14th, day of March 2022 and effective as of this date.

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Signed by: EDWARD HUNTER

EDWARD HUNTER, JR
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure (1)

cc: Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow, Nicholas Baggett, Weldon Young



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS
ORDER NUMBER: CO-13--36
FOREST WIDE**

GENERAL FOREST ORDERS

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all lands and waters, which comprise the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. This closure is effective from July 25, 2013 to July 25, 2023.

1. Driving, possessing, parking, or leaving any kind of vehicle on a road, which is closed, by sign, gate or barricade, including earthen barricades extending the width of the road. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
2. Using a Forest Development Road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization. 36 CFR 261.54(c)
3. Driving, riding, parking, or leaving any kind of vehicle on developed trails, which have been closed by sign, gate, earthen mound or physical barrier. 36 CFR 261.55(b)
4. Entering on or upon any road, trail, or area which has been posted as closed to public access. 36 CFE 261.53(f)
5. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted signs and/or instructions. 36 CFR 261.58(g)
6. Operating a motor vehicle in violation of State law. 36 CFR 261.54(d)
7. Operating a bicycle on a Forest development trail unless designated and posted for this use. 36 CFR 261.55(b)
8. Shortcutting a switchback on Forest Development Trails. 36 CFR 261.55(e)
9. Camping in a prohibited area and is so posted. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
10. Establishing, maintaining, or using a dispersed campsite shall be limited to a period not to exceed 14 consecutive days. Upon vacating a site, all personal property will be removed. A new campsite may not be re-established within 1 mile of the vacated campsite for a period of 7 days. 36 CFR 261.58(a)
11. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any person under 21 years of age, in violation of State Law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

12. **Providing any person under 21 years of age with alcoholic beverages, in violation of State Law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)**
13. **Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j)**
14. **Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic or explosive device. 36 CFR 261.52(f)**
15. **Riding, hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instruction. 36 CFR 261.58 (aa)**
16. **Hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal closer than fifty (50) feet from a stream or body of water. 36 CFR 261.58(aa)**
17. **Hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in a manner that causes damage to live trees, vegetation or soil. 36 CFR 261.58(aa)**
18. **Failure to properly store food or refuse to prevent access by wildlife. 36 CFR 261.58 (cc)**
19. **Placing, leaving, depositing any food, bait or refuse in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals.36 CFR 261.58 (cc).**
20. **Hunting from or constructing a permanent tree stand. 36 CFR 261.58(v)**
21. **Failing to remove a tree stand after hunting. 36 CFR 261.58(v)**
22. **For public health and safety, the transportation of a loaded long gun or cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle is prohibited. 36CFR 261.53 e.**

NOTE: A firearm is considered “loaded” if a round of ammunition is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present in the frizzen pan. A “Long gun” is a firearm with an extended barrel, usually designed to be fired braced against the shoulder. It shall include all rifles, shotguns, carbines, muzzleloaders, and/or other such weapons.

23. **For public health and safety, the possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law, while hunting is prohibited. 36CFR 261.58 bb.**

NOTE: “Hunting”, as defined at OCGA 27-1-2 (39), means pursuing, shooting, killing, taking or capturing wildlife or feral hogs.

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the above prohibitions:

Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer of firefighter or organized rescue or military personnel engaged in the official performance of their duties.

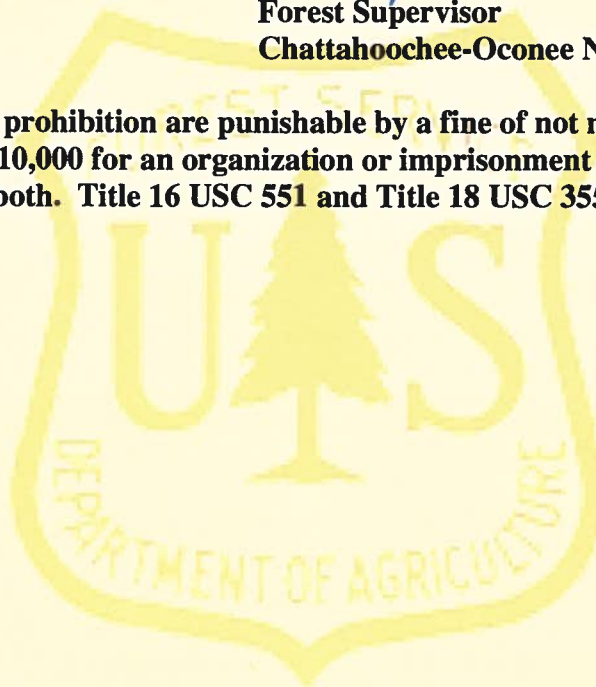
Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Prepared at Gainesville, Georgia this 12th day of June, 2013.



**Betty A. Mathews
Forest Supervisor
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.



Chattahoochee - Oconee National Forest

Order Number CO-13-36

General Forest Orders

Tennessee

North Carolina

Cleveland

South Carolina

Dalton

Clayton

Dahlonega

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

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Rome

Gainesville

Athens

Georgia

Atlanta



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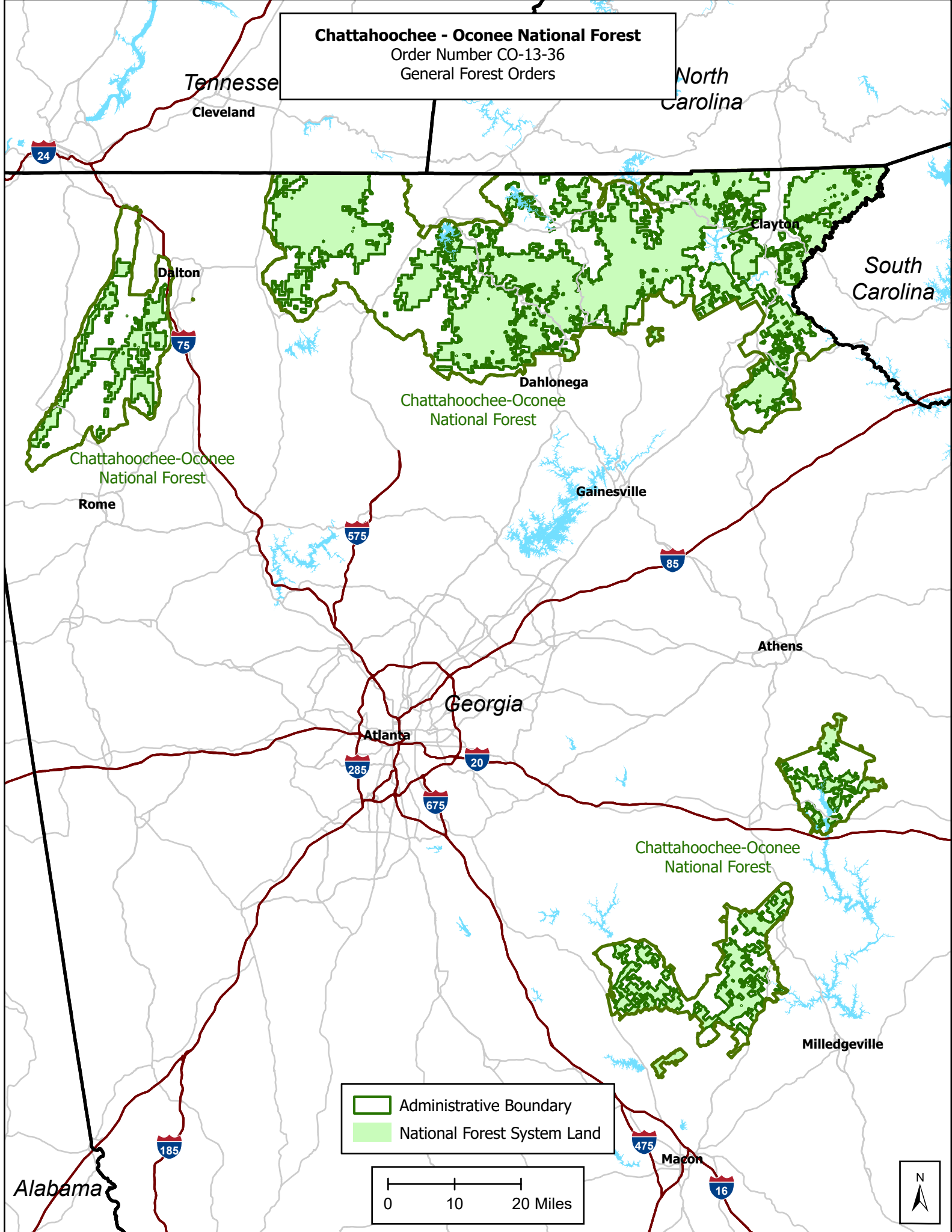
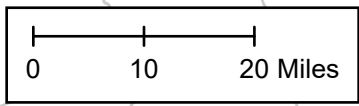
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Alabama

Macon

Legend:

-  Administrative Boundary
-  National Forest System Land





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Subject: Extension of Forest Closure Orders

To: Forest Leadership Team, Frontliners, Law Enforcement and Public Affairs

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following closure orders applicable to the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest are extended while undergoing analysis and review:

- CO-13-01 - Occupancy and Use - Morganton Point Campground and Recreation Area - Blue Ridge Ranger District (RD) - Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest (NF)
- CO-13-02 - Occupancy and Use - Davenport Mountain ATV Trail and Beasley Knob OHV Area - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-08 - Occupancy and Use - Desoto Falls - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-09 - Occupancy and Use - Dockery Lake and Dockery Lake Recreation Area - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-16 - Occupancy and Use - Whissenhunt Off Road Vehicle Area - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-17 - Anna Ruby Falls - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-20 - Currahee Mountain Electronic Site - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-21 - Lake Russell - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-22 - Raven Cliffs Climbing, Rappelling, and Camping - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-23 - Tallulah River Camping - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-25 - Occupancy and Use - Cottonwood Patch Campground, Iron Mountain Trailhead, and Forest System Road 16-A - Conasauga RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-28 - Songbird Management Area - Conasauga RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-32 - Town Creek Bike Trail - Oconee RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-33 - OHV Trails - Oconee RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-34 - Hitchiti Experimental Forest - Oconee RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-35 - Forest-Wide Closure Motor Vehicle Regulations - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-36 - General Forest Orders - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-14-05 - Developed Recreation Area - Rabun Beach Swim Area - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-14-06 - Parking-Tallulah River Road - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- FMS-13-01 - Chattooga River Corridor - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF

The original purpose and need for these closure orders have not changed, and no new conditions exist that fall outside the scope and range of effects in the original assessments.



These closures are effective from the original date signed by the Forest Supervisor until July 25, 2025, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Executed in Gainesville, Georgia, this 25th day of July 2023, and effective as of this date.

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Signed by: JUDY TOPPINS
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Forest Supervisor

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cc: Amanda Gee