Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited at the Rabun Beach Recreation Area Swimming and Picnicking Areas on the Chattahoochee-Oconee Ranger District of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. This order does not include the boat ramp parking area or fishing pier area. The closure order is in effect until terminated.

1. Receiving, transporting, possessing, or consuming an alcoholic beverage into the designated areas. 36 CFR 261.58 (bb).

   Note: “Alcoholic Beverage” as used herein is defined by OGCA 3-1-2(2)

2. For public health and safety it is prohibited to swim outside of designated swimming areas. 36 CFR 261.53 (e)

3. For public health and safety it is prohibited to fish within 150 feet of swimming area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

4. Being in the area after sundown or before sunrise. 36 CFR 261.58 (l)

5. For public health and safety, it is prohibited to possess any food or drink on the designated beach area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

6. Riding, hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation or posted instructions. 36 CFR 261.58 (aa)

7. For public health and safety it is prohibited to possess any pet on the designated beach area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

8. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58 (m)

9. For public health and safety, hunting or possessing hunting equipment is prohibited, within 150 yards of the area. 36 CFR 261.53 (e)

10. Possessing or operating any boat or watercraft in or within 150 feet of the swimming area. 36 CFR 261.58 (n).
Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36 C.F.R, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the above prohibition:

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

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the official performance of their duties.

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Violations of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5000.00 for an individual and $10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.