Hillsboro Lake and Mt. Gilead Pond

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts or omissions are prohibited at Hillsboro Lake and Mt. Gilead Pond located on the Oconee Ranger District within the Chattahoochee – Oconee National Forest. This closure is effective until terminated.

1. Fishing or possession of fishing equipment when the pond is signed as being closed to fishing. 36 CFR 261.58 (v)

2. Fishing or being on the pond after sundown or before sunrise. 36 CFR 261.58 (I)

3. Use of fish baskets, trotlines, limb lines, or jug fishing or possessing equipment for these activities. 36 CFR 261.58 (v)

4. Use of, or possession of, more than 2 fishing poles per person. 36 CFR 261.58 (v)

5. Possession of, or failure to release, largemouth bass less than 14 inches in length. 36 CFR 261.58 (v)

6. Keeping or possessing more than 5 bass, 10 catfish, and 20 bream per person. 36 CFR 261.58 (v)

7. Possessing a beverage, which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law on opening day of the kids fishing rodeo. 36 CFR 261.58 (bb)

8. Receiving, transporting, possessing, or consuming an alcoholic beverage into the designated areas on opening day of the kids fishing rodeo. 36 CFR 261.58 (bb)

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