

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

CHATTAHOOCHEE – OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST

OCONEE RANGER DISTRICT

ORDER NUMBER CO—13-34

Hitchiti Experimental Forest

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts or omissions are prohibited at the Hitchiti Experimental Forest located on the Oconee Ranger District within the Chattahoochee – Oconee National Forest. (See attached map.) This closure is effective from July 25, 2013 through July 25, 2023.

1. Use of any type of traffic or mode of transportation other than foot travel on the Hitchiti Trail, Brender Trail, and Double Bridges Trail. 36 CFR 261.55(c)
2. Riding, hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal except on open system roads. 36 CFR 261.58(aa)
3. Bicycle use except on open system roads. 36 CFR 261.56
4. Use of horses on open system roads during designated deer or turkey season. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
5. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire without a permit. 36 CFR 261.52(a)
6. For public health and safety, discharging a firearm, air rifle, gas gun, bows or crossbows for other than the purpose of taking legal game during designated hunts in designated areas. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
7. Camping without a permit. 36 CFR 261.58(e)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from this Order.

1. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
3. Registered Participants of the Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo.

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

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or firefighter or organized rescue, U. S. Forest Service Employee or designee, or Military personnel engaged in the official performance of their duties.
2. Persons with a permit specially authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

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



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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 (6) months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

