

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE
FRANCIS MARION and SUMTER NATIONAL FORESTS
CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS
NATIONAL FORESTS in NORTH CAROLINA**

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UPPER CHATTOOGA RIVER CORRIDOR RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), for protection of the public and natural resources the following act or omission are prohibited within the CHATTOOGA NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER CORRIDOR upstream of the Highway 28 bridge between the Sumter National Forest in South Carolina and the Chattahoochee National Forest in Georgia to Green Creek on the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina (Attachment A). This Order will expire two (2) years after execution.

Entering or being upon the lands within the upper Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River Corridor in groups larger than six (6) persons while camping; four (4) persons while fishing; or twelve (12) persons while hiking. [36 CFR 261.58(z)]


Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

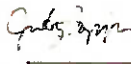
1. Groups camping within ¼ mile of Bull Pen Road and Highway 28 and within ¼ mile downstream of Burrells Ford Road.
2. Groups fishing or hiking within ¼ mile of Bull Pen Road, Burrells Ford Road, and Highway 28.
3. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.


These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR 261, Subpart A and any other prohibitions currently affecting the described area.

Executed in Columbia, South Carolina, Gainesville, Georgia, and Asheville, North Carolina, and effective 4/22/2025

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Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571)