UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

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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 May 23, 2007 to May 23, 2012.

1. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f)

2. Driving, possessing, parking, or leaving a motorized 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)

3. Using a Forest Development Road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization. 36 CFR 261.54(c)

4. Driving, riding, parking, or leaving any kind of transportation on developed trails, which have been closed to motorized vehicle by sign, gate, earthen mound or physical barrier. 36 CFR 261.55(a)

5. Shortcutting a switchback on Forest Development Trails. 36 CFR 261.55(e)

6. Hunting from or constructing a permanent tree stand. 36 CFR 261.58(v)

7. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted signs and/or instructions. 36 CFR 261.58(g)

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

9. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j)

10. Camping in a prohibited area and are so posted. 36 CFR 261.58(e)

11. Operating a motor vehicle in violation to State law. 36 CFR 261.54(d)

12. 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)

13. Operating a bicycle, motorbike, or motorcycle on a Forest development trail unless designated and posted for this use. 36 CFR 261.55(b)

14. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any person under 21 years of age, in violation of State Law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

15. Providing any person under 21 years of age with alcoholic beverages, in violation of State Law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

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. 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.

21. 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 23 day of May, 2007.

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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.

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