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Brasstown Ranger District

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File Code: 1950

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Dear Forest User:

The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests receive applications from individuals, groups and corporations requesting permission to use the National Forest for various purposes. The Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests direct the issuance of Special Use Permits on a case-by-case basis. A special use permit may be issued if the proposed use is not in conflict with the management objectives of that area or when it can be shown that the use cannot be served on private land. The Brasstown Ranger District has received a special use application from the Chatuge Gun Club. The Chatuge Gun Club has requested an amendment to their existing Special Use Permit in order to develop a pistol range at their site. The club would like to develop an area that is currently within their permitted area. The area is now in trees that would be removed. The pistol range would be approximately 50 yards long by 65 feet wide. Additional area around the new range would be cleared for a total of approximately an acre. A small access road to the new range would also be developed. The Chatuge Gun Range is in Towns County Georgia.

Developing this pistol range will improve the Gun Range service to the public. It will increase safety at the site by separating the users of firearms. The area they are requesting is inside their existing designated use area. All stream protection measures required by the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest will be adhered to. The site will be leveled, smoothed and maintained in grass after the pistol range is developed.

The Forest Service is currently in the process of determining the significant environmental issues and the public's concerns with the issuance of this amendment to the Chatuge Gun Club's permit. You may help us in completing our analysis by providing comments on this proposal. Your comments should be as specific as possible and contain the following information:

1. Your name and address.
2. The project you are commenting on: Chatuge Gun Club Amendment.
3. Your comments or concerns and the reason they should be considered.

You may respond by mail at the address shown above or you may provide your comments by e-mail to griddoch@fs.fed.us. We must receive your comments by June 30, 2005. Thank you for your time and interest in the management of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Alan Polk*

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