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

FOREST-WIDE CLOSURE

FOREST ORDER

ORDER NUMBER: CO-08-03-127-22

Occupancy and Use Camping

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. This Order is effective from March 14th, 2022, to March 13th, 2025.

Camping or maintaining a campsite in develop and dispersed areas in excess of 14 days within any 30-day time period. After the camper(s) has accumulated 14 days within any 30-day time period, the camper(s) must leave that area/campground and move from Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest land before returning for another stay. 36 CFR Section 261.58(a).

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

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Gainesville, Georgia, this 14th day of March 2022.

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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).