

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U. S. FOREST SERVICE

CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST

BLUE RIDGE RANGER DISTRICT

ORDER NUMBER CO—13-16

OCCUPANCY AND USE

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50 (a) and (b), the following prohibitions apply to the Whissenhunt Off Road Vehicle Area, located on the Blue Ridge Ranger District within the Chattahoochee National Forest. This closure order is effective from July 25, 2013 through July 25, 2023.

1. Driving, riding or possessing any kind of bicycle cart or any other form of mechanical transportation on developed trails, unless the trail is posted for that method of travel. 36 CFR 261.55 (b)
2. Being in the ORV area ½ hour after sundown or ½ hour before sunrise. 36 CFR 261.58 (I)

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from this order.

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue 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.



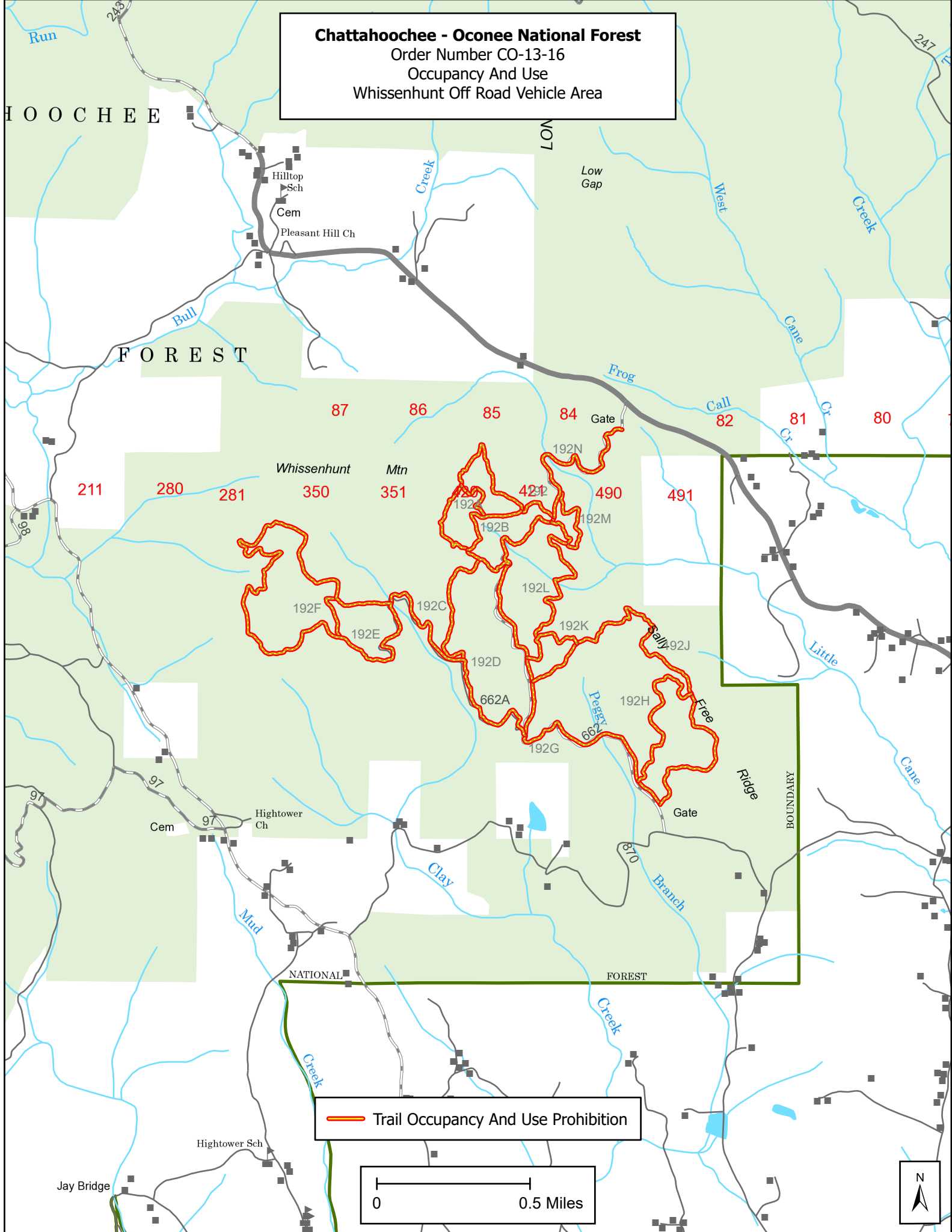
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Occupancy And Use

Whissenhunt Off Road Vehicle Area



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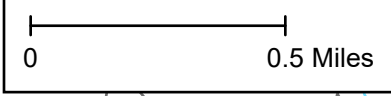
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Trail Occupancy And Use Prohibition



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Date: July 25, 2023

Route To:

Subject: Extension of Forest Closure Orders

To: Forest Leadership Team, Frontliners, Law Enforcement and Public Affairs

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following closure orders applicable to the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest are extended while undergoing analysis and review:

- CO-13-01 - Occupancy and Use - Morganton Point Campground and Recreation Area - Blue Ridge Ranger District (RD) - Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest (NF)
- CO-13-02 - Occupancy and Use - Davenport Mountain ATV Trail and Beasley Knob OHV Area - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-08 - Occupancy and Use - Desoto Falls - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-09 - Occupancy and Use - Dockery Lake and Dockery Lake Recreation Area - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-16 - Occupancy and Use - Whissenhunt Off Road Vehicle Area - Blue Ridge RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-17 - Anna Ruby Falls - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-20 - Currahee Mountain Electronic Site - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-21 - Lake Russell - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-22 - Raven Cliffs Climbing, Rappelling, and Camping - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-23 - Tallulah River Camping - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-25 - Occupancy and Use - Cottonwood Patch Campground, Iron Mountain Trailhead, and Forest System Road 16-A - Conasauga RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-28 - Songbird Management Area - Conasauga RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-32 - Town Creek Bike Trail - Oconee RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-33 - OHV Trails - Oconee RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-34 - Hitchiti Experimental Forest - Oconee RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-35 - Forest-Wide Closure Motor Vehicle Regulations - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-13-36 - General Forest Orders - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-14-05 - Developed Recreation Area - Rabun Beach Swim Area - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- CO-14-06 - Parking-Tallulah River Road - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- FMS-13-01 - Chattooga River Corridor - Chattooga River RD - Chattahoochee-Oconee NF

The original purpose and need for these closure orders have not changed, and no new conditions exist that fall outside the scope and range of effects in the original assessments.



These closures are effective from the original date signed by the Forest Supervisor until July 25, 2025, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Executed in Gainesville, Georgia, this 25th day of July 2023, and effective as of this date.

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Signed by: JUDY TOPPINS
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Forest Supervisor

Enclosure (1)

cc: Amanda Gee