

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST

ORDER NUMBER CO—14-05

Developed Recreation Area—Rabun Beach Swim Area

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited at the Rabun Beach Recreation Area Swimming and Picnicking Areas on the Chattooga River Ranger District of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. This order does not include the boat ramp parking area or fishing pier area. The closure order is in effect until terminated.

1. Receiving, transporting, possessing, or consuming an alcoholic beverage into the designated areas. **36 CFR 261.58 (bb)**.

Note: “Alcoholic Beverage” as used herein is defined by OGCA 3-1-2(2)

2. For public health and safety it is prohibited to swim outside of designated swimming areas. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
3. For public health and safety it is prohibited to fish within 150 feet of swimming area. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
4. Being in the area after sundown or before sunrise. **36 CFR 261.58 (l)**
5. For public health and safety, it is prohibited to possess any food or drink on the designated beach area. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
6. Riding, hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation or posted instructions. **36 CFR 261.58 (aa)**
7. For public health and safety it is prohibited to possess any pet on the designated beach area. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
8. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 CFR 261.58 (m)**
9. For public health and safety, hunting or possessing hunting equipment is prohibited, within 150 yards of the area. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
10. Possessing or operating any boat or watercraft in or within 150 feet of the swimming area. **36 CFR 261.58 (n)**.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36 C.F.R, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the above prohibition:

- 1. Persons with a permit specially authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.**
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the official performance of their duties.**

Prepared at Gainesville, Georgia this 27 day May, 2014.

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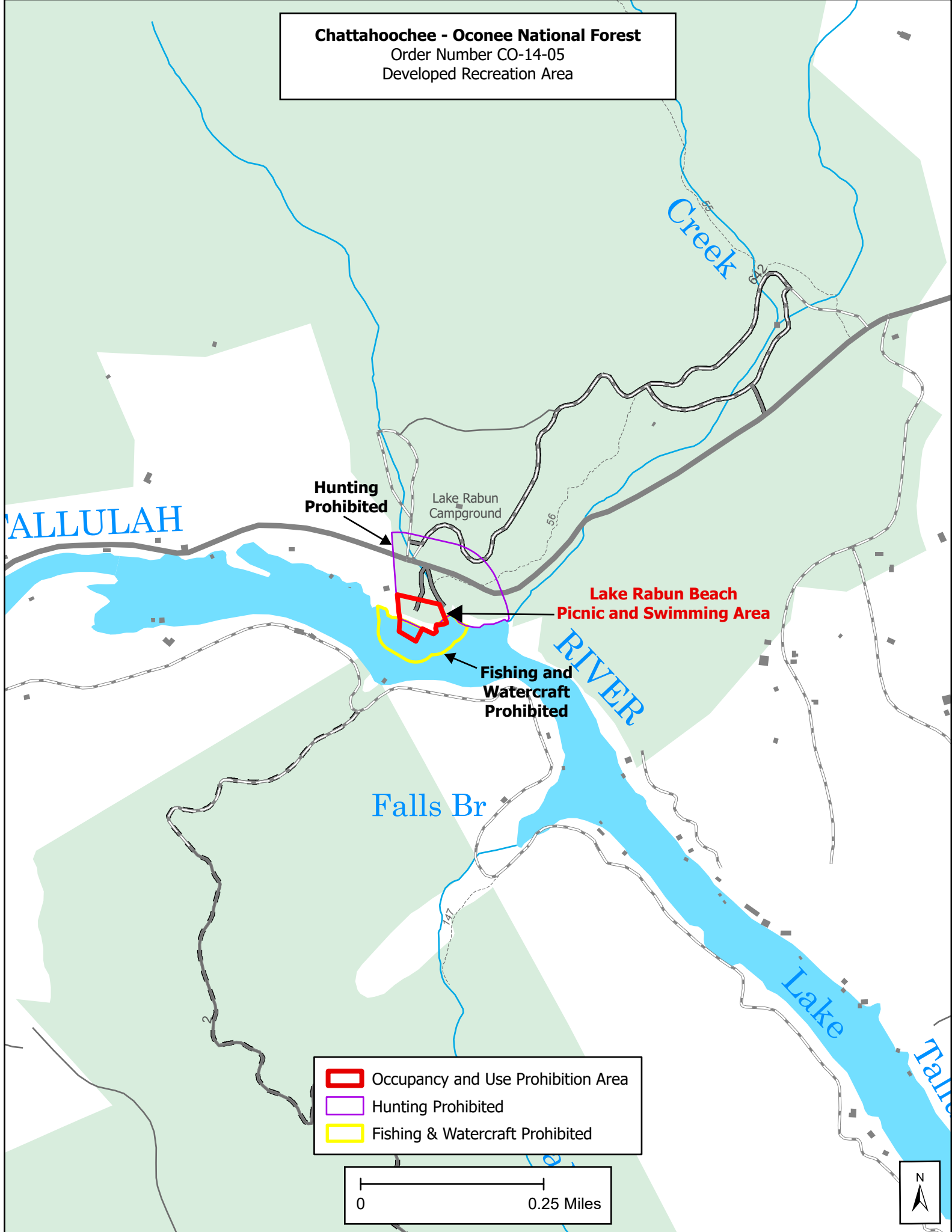
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



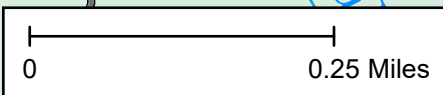
Violations of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

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-  Occupancy and Use Prohibition Area
-  Hunting Prohibited
-  Fishing & Watercraft Prohibited





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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