

ORDER NO. 08-04-01/03-402

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

River Restriction

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (a), it is hereby ordered that the prohibitions hereinafter set forth apply to the Ocoee River Gorge Area between Big Creek boating takeout site and Ocoee #3 Dam, Ocoee/Hiwassee District, within the Cherokee National Forest, shown on the attached map.

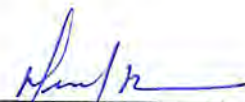
1. Entering or using the Ocoee Whitewater Center developed area after hours or during the closed season. The area includes the West Gate to Legacy Bridge. **36 CFR 261.58(b)**
2. For public health and safety, possession of any glass container or glass bottle within 300 ft either side of the riverbanks. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
3. Operating any motorized vehicle on the Old Copper Road Trail. **36 CFR 261.55(b)**
4. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal on the Old Copper Road Trail, Rhododendron Trail, and any Tanasi system Trail. **36 CFR 261.58(aa)**
5. Hunting within the portion of the Ocoee River corridor, 300 ft either side of the riverbanks between the Lower Bridge and the Blue Hole adjacent to the Ocoee Whitewater center. **36 CFR 261.58(v)**
6. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun within this portion of the Ocoee River corridor referenced above. **36 CFR 261.58(m)**
7. Fishing within the portion of the Ocoee River between the Lower Bridge and 100 ft east (upstream) of the Blue Hole adjacent to the Ocoee Whitewater Center. **36 CFR 261.58(v)**
8. Camping in the restricted area within 300 ft either side of the riverbanks. Excluded from this order is the Thunder Rock Campground. **36 CFR 261.58(e)**
9. Possession of a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law, 300 ft either side of the riverbanks. **36 CFR 261.58(bb)**
10. For public health and safety, entering or being in a body of water (**no swimming**) between Ocoee # 3 Dam to Ocoee #2 Dam anytime during a water release. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**

The above-prohibited act is set forth in Title 36 C.F.R. Section CFR 261.53 and 261.52.

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

1. Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Cleveland, Tennessee, this 23 day of May, 2016.


Derrick JaSal Morris
Forest Supervisor
Cherokee National Forest

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

