



# Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

## Hallelujah for Tallulah



*Before and after installation of new vault toilets*

Tallulah River Campground lies on its namesake river at the base of the Appalachian Mountains at 2,080 feet. Its location makes it a popular destination for campers and anglers. This campground has 16 large, graveled RV and tent sites, each with picnic tables, grills and lantern poles, all in a wooded setting. To improve this campground, the Forest used \$63,000 in recreation fee funds to demolish two malfunctioning toilet buildings and replaced one of them with a lighted double vault toilet.

## Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



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## Support for the Guides

The Forest collects permit fees from outfitter guides and recreation event organizers to more efficiently administer and process permits. Funds also allow the Forest to better monitor permitted activities and prevent illegal ones. These permit holders provide incredible opportunities for visitors who are looking for challenging events or knowledgeable guides. In 2018, the Forest invested \$115,000 to better manage permits and increase patrols on weekends, holidays and during special events. In addition, the Forest improved 46 miles of roads used by these permit holders by blading, cleaning drainage structures, and filling in potholes using 2,000 tons of aggregate.



*Chattooga River Ranger District Road Repairs*

## All in a Days Work

Recreation fees paid for the daily upkeep of 14 day use areas and 21 campgrounds. The Forest spent about \$112,000 on activities like cleaning, mowing, plumbing, pumping toilets, updating signs and purchasing equipment and supplies.



*Oconee Ranger District Recreation Site*

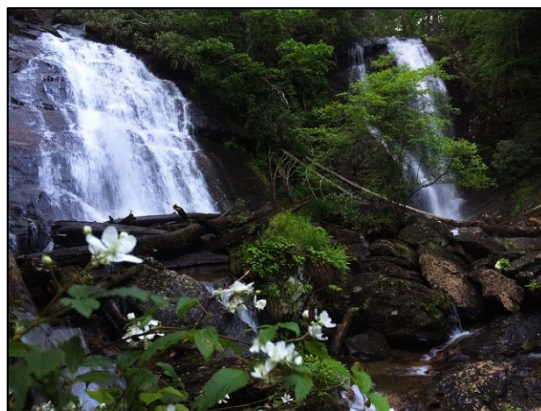
## Other Accomplishments

- Removed a toilet building.
- Improved and maintained developed recreation sites.
- Tested water and paid for supplies and lab fees to ensure State of Georgia water quality standards.
- Repaired and painted four kiosks.
- Replaced one recreation entrance sign.



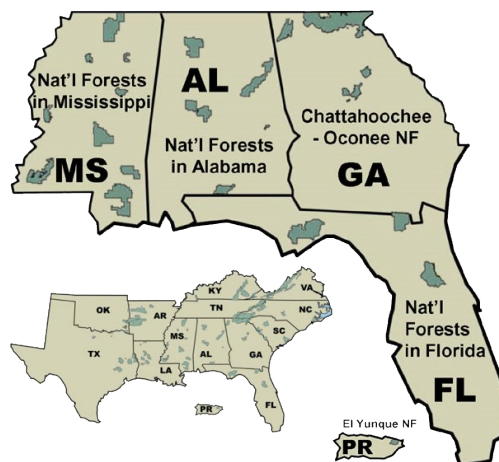
- Completed Phase 1 for Lakewood Landing Boat Ramp. Improved the existing concrete boat ramp and installed an accessible courtesy dock adjacent to the ramp.

*Lakewood Landing boat ramp repairs*



*Anna Ruby Falls, Chattooga River Ranger District*

## Regional Map



## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$431,684	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$110,700	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$28,550	\$248,638
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$570,935</b>	<b>\$8,313,961</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$382,711	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$0	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$38,552	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$208,514	\$1,354,533
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$629,777</b>	<b>\$9,604,908</b>

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