

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
CHATTAHOOCHEE – OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

FOREST-WIDE CLOSURE

ORDER NUMBER CO—13-35

MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 U.S.C., Section 551 and Title 36 C.F.R, Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following prohibitions apply to “Motor Vehicle Operations” within the boundaries of the Chattahoochee – Oconee National Forests. “Motor Vehicle” means any vehicle which is self-propelled or any vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from batteries, but not operated on rails (36 CFR 261.2). This closure is effective from July 25, 2013 through July 25, 2023.


Prohibitions

1. Operating a motor vehicle on a National Forest System Road carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property (36 CFR 261.54f).
2. Operating or using any motor vehicle in violation of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Title 40, Motor Vehicles and Traffic laws. (36 CFR 261.54d)

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 specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission; and,
- (2) Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or firefighter or organized rescue, or Military personnel engaged in the official performance of their duties.

Prepared at Gainesville, Georgia this 12th day of June, 2013.


Betty A. Mathews
Forest Supervisor
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Violations of the above prohibition are 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 (6) months or both. Title 16 U.S.C. 551 and Title 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.

Chattahoochee - Oconee National Forest

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Motor Vehicle Regulations

Tennessee

North Carolina

Cleveland

South Carolina

Dalton

Clayton

Dahlonega

Chattahoochee-Oconee
National Forest

Chattahoochee-Oconee
National Forest

Rome

Gainesville

Athens

Georgia

Atlanta



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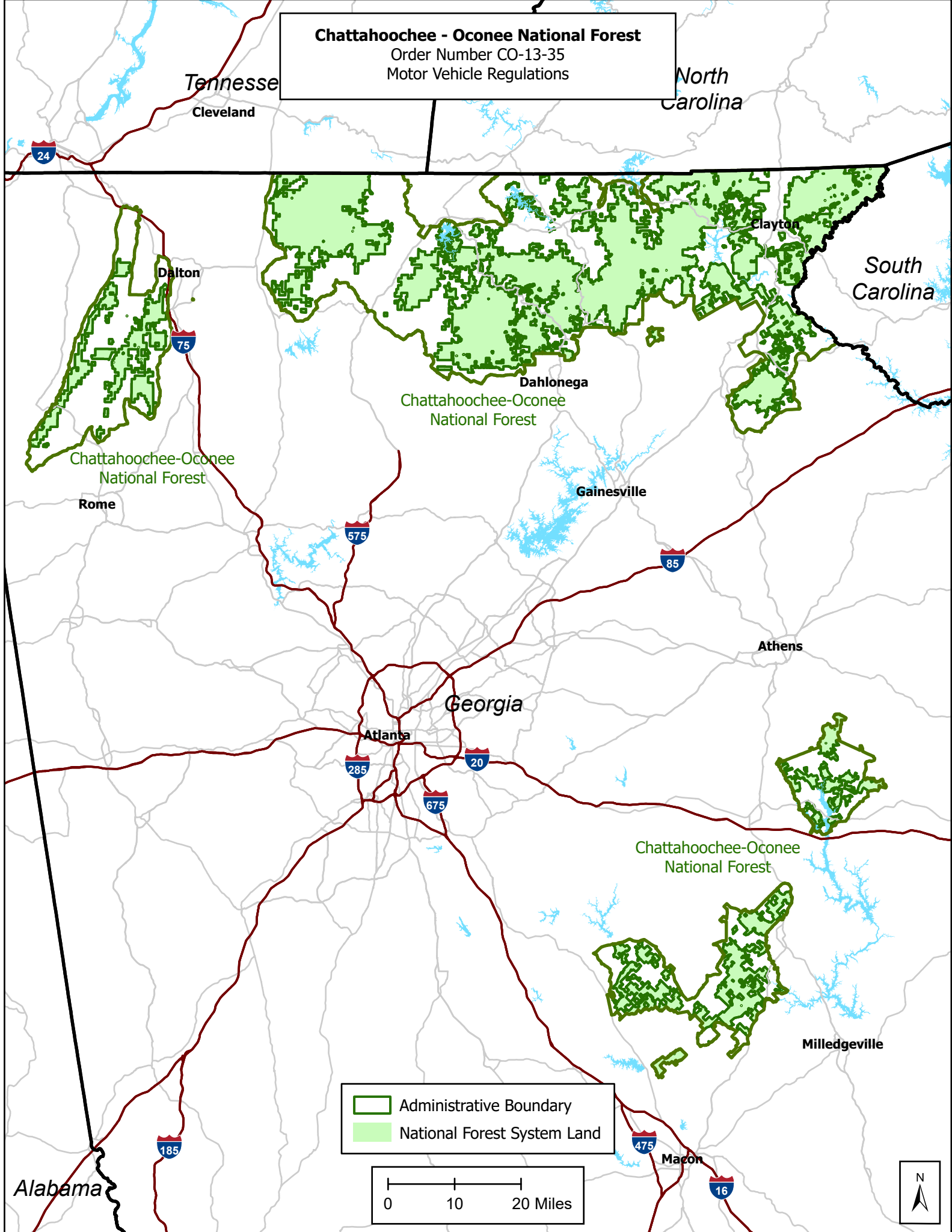
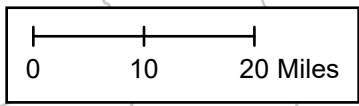
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Alabama

Macon

Legend:

-  Administrative Boundary
-  National Forest System Land





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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