## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

## CHATTAHOOCHEE - OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

**ORDER NUMBER CO-12-05** 

## **Jacks River Area**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following act or omission is prohibited within the Jacks River Falls Area of the Cohutta Wilderness located on the Conasauga Ranger District within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. The Jacks River Area is defined as:

- a. The area within 300 feet of the Jacks River Falls.
- b. The area within 300 feet of Beech Creek, from the intersection of Beech Creek with Beech Creek Bottom Trail, downstream to the intersection of Beech Creek with Jacks River.
- c. The area within 300 feet of Jacks River Trail, from Jacks River Trails first river crossing above the Jacks River Falls to the Jacks River Trails first river crossing below the Jacks River Falls
- d. The area of land bounded by Beech Creek, Beech Creek Bottom Trail, and Jacks River.

This closure is effective from April 12, 2012 through April 12, 2017.

- 1. Camping in the Jacks River Falls Area, except camping at designated campsites in the Beech Bottom area from November 1 through March 31. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
- 2. Being in the Jacks River Falls Area after sundown or before sunrise, except from November 1 through March 31. 36 CFR 261.58(i)
- 3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a)
- 4. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by Georgia state law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

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

- 1. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves for the purpose of cooking and heating food.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or firefighter or organized rescue, U. S. Forest Service Employee or designee, or Military personnel engaged in the official performance of their duties.
- 3. Persons with a permit specially authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Prepared at Gainesville, Georgia this 12th day of April , 2012

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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 (6) months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

